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THE CHURCH AND ITS MISSION

OUR MISSION PART 3 • JOHN 17:20-24

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JOHN 17



When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

JOHN 17:1-5



I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

JOHN 17:1-5



Glory of God

The magnificent attributes, brilliance, and essence of God, including His manifest character, perfection, and actions.

**FOR ETERNITY PAST,
GOD HAS BEEN GLORIFYING GOD
WITHIN THE TRINITY.**



JESUS: FULLY MAN AND FULLY GOD



Jesus Prays for His Disciples (John 17:6-19)

- *Holy Father, keep them in your name...*
- *...that they also may be sanctified in truth.*
- *...that they may be one...*
- *I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.*
- *...so I have sent them into the world.*



I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word...

JOHN 17:20



I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one...

JOHN 17:20-21

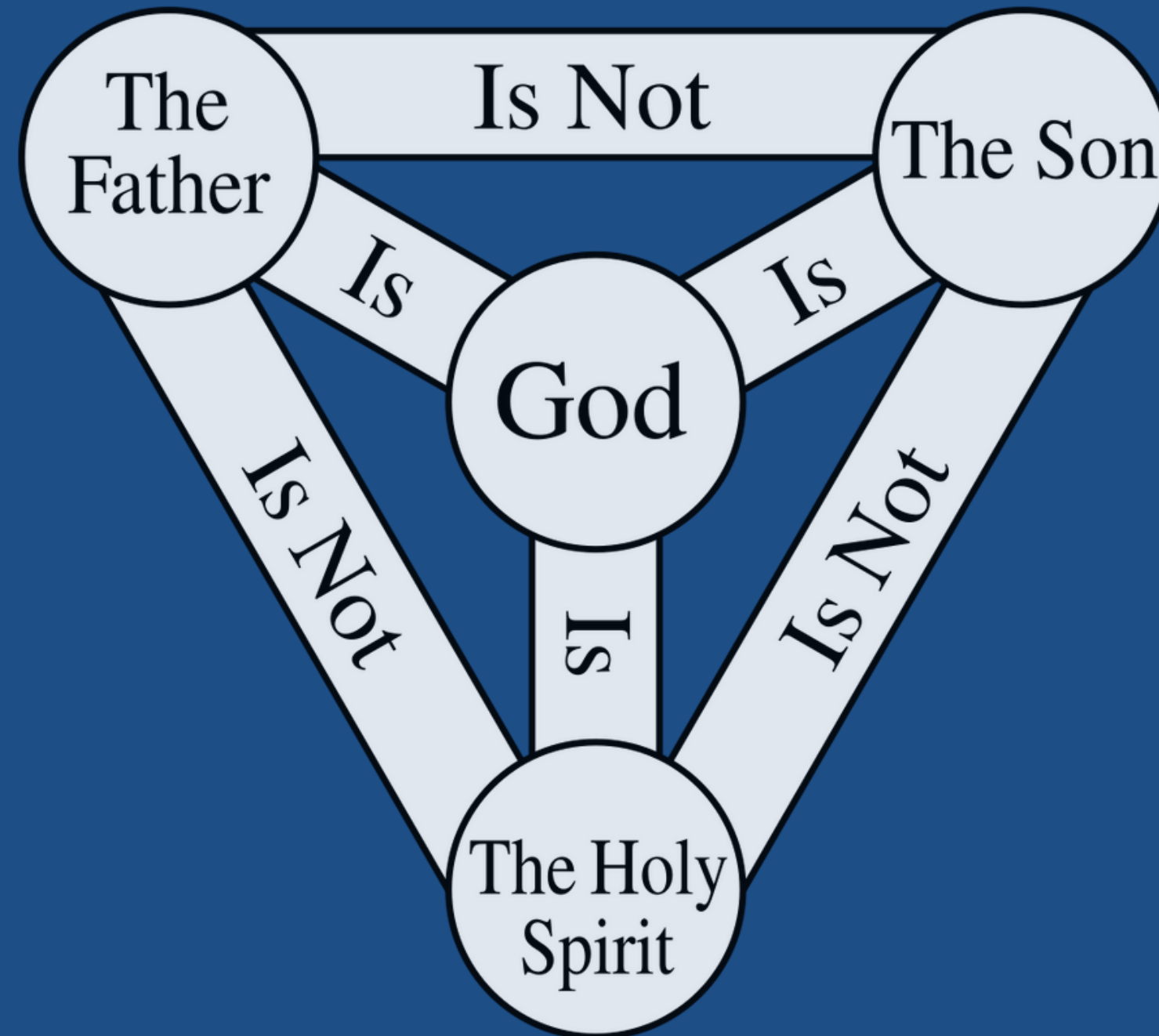


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JOHN 17:20-21



One God in Three Persons



The Triune God in the Work of Salvation

1. The Father accepted the atoning sacrifice.
2. Jesus (the God-man) was the atoning sacrifice.
3. The Holy Spirit applied the work of redemption to those who are saved.



**THE ONENESS OF THE CHURCH
SHOULD REFLECT THE ONENESS OF
THE TRIUNE GODHEAD.**



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JOHN 17:20-21



I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

JOHN 17:20-21



The glory that you have given me, I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one...

JOHN 17:22



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JOHN 17:22



The glory of Jesus is the revelation of the Triune God, that He has brought salvation, in Person, into the midst of our broken world.



...I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

JOHN 17:23



And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

II CORINTHIANS 3:18



Questions for Reflection

1. Put biblical unity into practice.

- *How can I give up MY will in order to be unified in God's will for His Church?*
- *How can I be who God has uniquely designed me to be, to display the unity of the Church?*

2. Keep beholding the glory of God.

- *How can we behold the glory of God in every phase of life, so that we display His glory more and more?*

3. Remember that Jesus wants the world to know that the Church is loved by God.

- *How can we display how awesome it is to be loved by God?*



Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

JOHN 17:24

