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## God's Purpose in Marriage (6)

### God's Triunity is Revealed in the Incarnation

- God's plurality begins to be revealed in the birth of Jesus:

**Matt 1:18-21** *Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the **Holy Spirit**. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins*

- This child will save God's people by forgiving their sin—but only God can forgive sin.
- The Triune Persons at Jesus' baptism:

**Matt 3:16-17** *And when Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; 17 and behold, a voice [God's] from heaven said, "This is my **beloved Son**, with whom I am well pleased."*

- This Divine Son of God (the Angel of YHWH) took to Himself a human body and soul in order to manifest God's Triunity in His people (**Gen. 1:26-28**).

**John 17:5-6** *And now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed. 6 "I have **manifested Your Name** to the people whom You gave Me out of the world...*

- Jesus manifested the Name of the Father:
  - Through His *Words*: He explained His co-eternal and co-equal Divine status with the Father, being empowered by the Spirit.

***John 14:24** ...the word that you hear is not Mine but the Father's Who sent Me...*
  - Through His *deeds*: He demonstrated His co-eternal and co-equal Divine status with the Father, being empowered by the Spirit.

***John 14:9** Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father*
  
- In the Incarnation, God's purpose as stated in **Gen. 1:26** is fulfilled in the Divine Son Who is the *image (Gen. 1:26) of the invisible God (Col. 1:15)*.
  
- Then, in His resurrection and exaltation, the Rise and Ruling Divine Heavenly Man sends the Spirit of YHWH to collect His people into His Kingdom and to confer upon them His Royal status (**1 Peter 2:9**) by making them *partakers of the Divine Nature (2 Peter 1:3-4)*.
  
- And now, God's Royal people are being *conformed to the image of His Son (Rom. 8:29)* by the indwelling power of His Spirit.

