

TRIUNITY

Eight Weeks in Romans Eight



The Greatest Chapter on Earth

THIS AIN'T HUGH JACKMAN'S VERSION OF THE GREATEST THINGS

In December 2017, a box office musical featuring Hugh Jackman, Zendaya, Zac Efron, Michelle Williams, and many others took the country by storm. It was the telling of P.T. Barnum's rise to fame and the circus, and people, that got him there. The movie and songs claimed this was the greatest show on earth.

The book of Romans is by no means a show, but chapter 8 of Romans certainly is known as the greatest chapter in the Bible... probably the greatest chapter in all of literature. Many pastors, teachers, and theologians have made this claim, even at the risk of being contradicted.

Whether or not it is the "greatest" chapter, it certainly is a theologically and formatively rich chapter for the Christian. Over the next eight weeks, our church and Life Groups will journey through this chapter to see just how good our God is and our place in His story.

Schedule & Announcements

JAN 9 - FEB 27 | SERIES

JAN 13 - FEB 24 | CURRICULUM

ADULT MINISTRIES |

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES
SUN, TUES, WED - JAN-MAY

MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES
THURS - FEB

PLAYDATES FOR MOMS
FRI - JAN-MAY

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AT LEGACYCHURCH.ORG

Three in One, One in Three

ROMANS 8:1-39

This week, we will look at Romans 8 as a whole and see what it teaches regarding the Trinity. Other Scripture and extra-biblical texts will be used for a more holistic understanding.

The topic of God as Trinity is a robust and weighty topic. Christians have sought to explain and teach this doctrine for centuries. Please do not feel like you need a seminary education to walk through this with your group. Utilizing free online resources such as Blue Letter Bible and Got Questions? is a great way to gain accessible answers to questions of the Trinity.

Scott R. Swain, in his study called "The Trinity: An Introduction," concludes that "God the Father manifests his glory in God the Son and, through him, communicates his blessings in God the Spirit because the triune God alone is supremely worthy of showing, and supremely worthy of sharing with others. [P. 133]"

How often do you think about God as Trinity? When was the first time you remember hearing about God as Trinity? What was your reaction?

How have you heard the Trinity described? Why might some attempted descriptions fall short? How would you describe or explain the Trinity? (*Simple definition is God is three Persons in one essence.*)

Take a moment to reread Romans 8. Mark in your Bible or Bible app every reference to a Person of the Godhead (Father, Son, Spirit)

What new (or reinforced) understanding of God comes about from reading Romans 8? Does it surprise you that Romans 8 declares the Persons of the Trinity? Why or why not?

Read John 1:1-5. What references to Persons of the Godhead do you see? Why are they important?

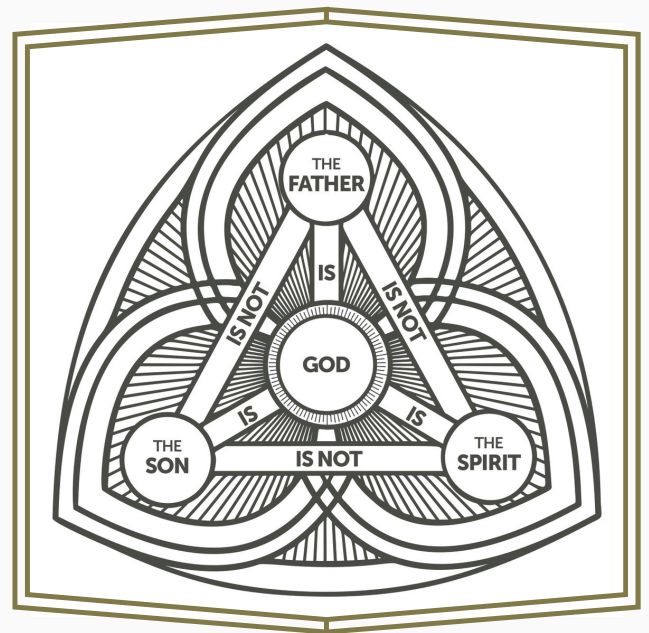
Now, read John 10:22-40. What references to Persons of the Godhead do you see? Why are they important?

Finally, read John 14:15:31. What references to Persons of the Godhead do you see? Why are they important?

Why are these observations important to our study? Do these passages help you know God more deeply?

Utilizing the following page, read the Nicene Creed together. Does the creed help you understand the Persons of the Trinity any better? Why or why not? In what ways does the creed help us articulate basic, orthodox biblical faith? How might you use the creed and the Scripture discussed today to teach others about God?

What difference does the doctrine of the Trinity make to your everyday faith?



"It is commonly said that the Trinity is a mystery. And it certainly is But it is not a mystery veiled in darkness in which we can only grope and guess. It is a mystery in which we are given to understand that we will never know all there is of God It is not a mystery that keeps us in the dark, but a mystery in which we are taken by the hand and gradually led into the light ..." - Eugene Peterson in Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places

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THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.



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