

Living in God's Smile

The Smiling Trinity

Genesis 1:1-3

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Luke 1:34-35

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Luke 3:21-22

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 10:21

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

Matthew 28:18-19

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

John 14:23

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Message notes:

You can't know God without knowing that God is a _____ –three that are one.

In the center of the universe there is a _____ between God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit..

We want you to have a fresh understanding of how _____ our God is.

Nobody smiled more easily or more often than _____ did.

When Christ became human, He didn't lose his _____ with the Father.

If you don't get Jesus _____, you'll never get the Trinity _____.

In our _____, God comes to us in Trinity.

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Additional notes:

Discussion Questions:

Why is it important to know that God didn't create the universe out of loneliness?

Why do you think that Jesus smiled often and experienced great joy in His life?

How does your level of faith impact your level of joy?

As you've experienced new life in Jesus, how is that changing the ways that you used to live?

Is it possible to have joy from God without understanding everything about God?

Is the concept of the trinity still confusing to you? Are there any questions that we can talk about as a group?

Ministry Time Questions:

Are you struggling with the reality that the Trinity smiles over you?

Is anyone have a difficult time with walking away from old parts of your life from before you began your relationship with Jesus?