

Why Study the Trinity

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The doctrine of the Trinity is admired and defended but otherwise ignored by most Christians when it should be the most important and powerful truth that we have.

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*Because the God who is Trinity created all things, rules all things, and will restore all things, **the Trinity is the context for everything.***

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*Unhealthy emphases on pragmatism
and individualism have been killing the
church for a long time.*

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5. Churches will fail in their primary task of showing the world who God really is and who human beings can be.

The consequences for the world

The world loses

**its only hope for a good society of free
people.**

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Diversity without division

Equality with distinctions

Excellence without rivalry

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Infused and empowered by the love of God

Led by His Spirit

Founded upon the truth in His Word

The problem with just saying “love”

Misunderstood by those who think they understand

Holy love
or
Trinitarian love

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The Way Back

The Prayer of Jesus

“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

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Living as a community in the image of the Trinity

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Step One: Accepting the revelation of God as Trinity

Step Two: Seeing the relevance of the Trinity

**Step Three: Understanding what it means to be
Trinitarian**

Step Four: Living in the Trinity

The Importance of the Trinity

Without the cross, we cannot know the Trinity.

Without the Trinity, there is no cross.

The cross is the full revelation of who God is.

The Trinity is who God is.

The cross is our starting point.

The Trinity is our destination.