## **Everything in the Spirit of the Trinity**

Unity without uniformity Diversity without division Equality with distinctions Excellence without rivalry Freedom without chaos Order without tyranny

THE TRINITY'S VISION FOR THE WORLD

# The Trinity's vision is impossible for us to do on our own.

# Only those born of God can love as God loves.

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

## Our love is possible because God sent His Son to pay for our sins.

<sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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## Our love for one another is possible because we confess that Jesus is the Son of God sent by the Father to be the Savior of the world

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<sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. **Ephesians 4:3-5** 

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. **1** Corinthians 12:12-13

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

<sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. IN THE SPIRIT OF THE TRINITY

<sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."<sup>20</sup> To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. **Romans 12:9-12** 

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

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Humility, servant-hearted Patience, gentle, kind Cooperative Unity in motivation, attitude, process, goal Focus on community and individuals

What does living in the spirit of the **Trinity not feel like?** Unilateral action Insisting on one's way Divisive, selfish Competitive **Territorial** Passive-aggressive peace

# How do we do these things in the spirit of the Trinity?

Missions Evangelism Worship Decision making Preaching Discipleship