

THREE IN ONE

The Trinity, Part 1

It was the evening of the Passover feast, and the disciples were gathered around Jesus in the upper room. God had sent Jesus, His

Son, to earth to tell of the good news of salvation and eternal life. But in order for Jesus to complete His mission,

Jesus would need to die for the salvation of mankind. Knowing this, He told His disciples: "My children, I will

be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I

tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come" (John 13:33 NIV).

THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM
THE FATHER WILL SEND
IN MY NAME...

Jesus' disciples had left all that they had to follow Him, and now He was going to leave? Jesus, understanding the turmoil His words had caused in the hearts of His faithful disciples, went on to promise, "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you" (John 14:18 NIV). And "The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you" (John 14:26 NIV).



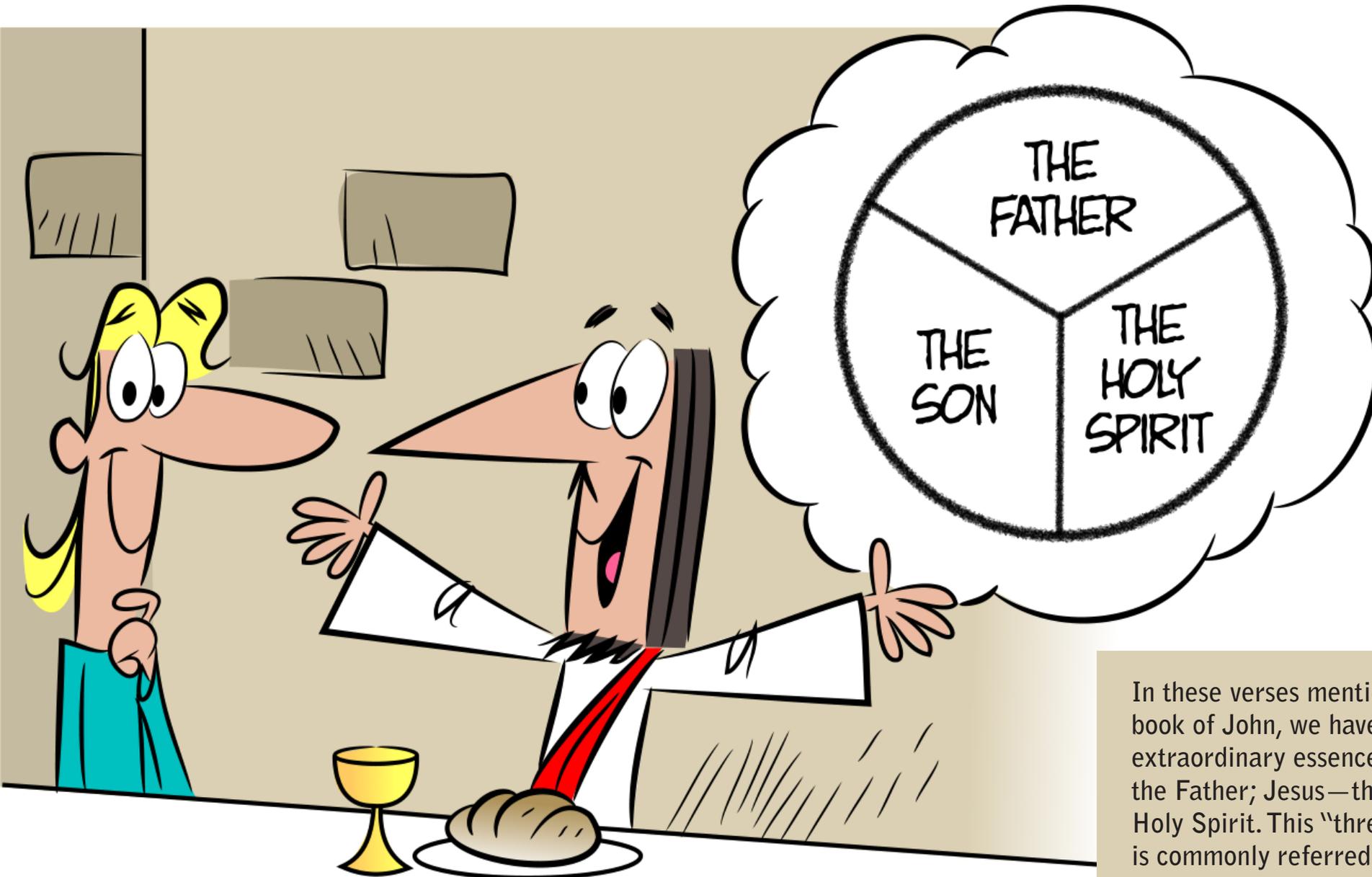
This Holy Ghost that Jesus was talking about is promised to all those who believe

in Him. Jesus said this about the Holy Ghost: "[When] the Spirit of truth comes, he will

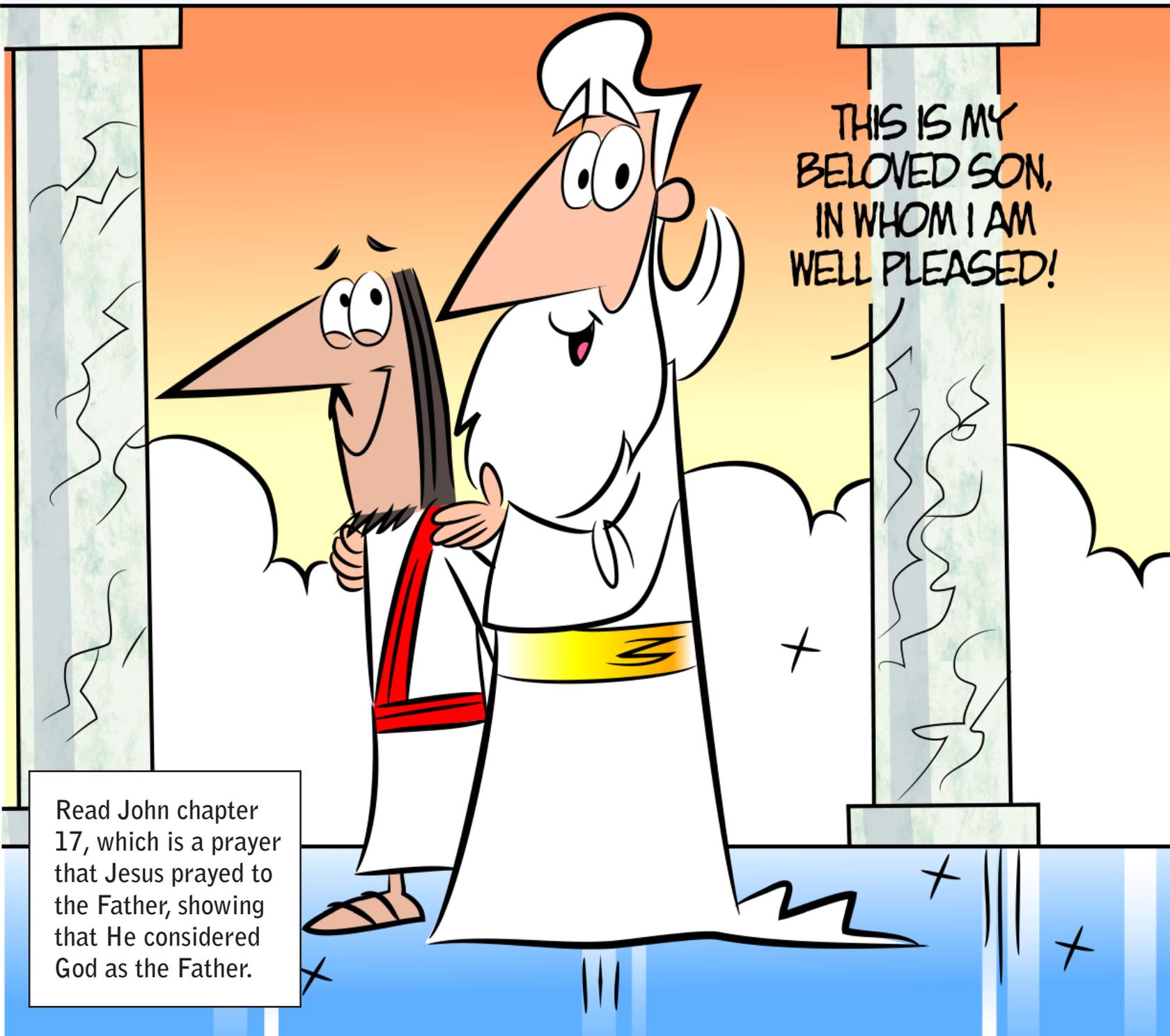
guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he

will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and

making it known to you" (John 16:13–14 NIV).



In these verses mentioned from the book of John, we have a glimpse of the extraordinary essence of God: God—the Father; Jesus—the Son; and the Holy Spirit. This “three in one” concept is commonly referred to as the Trinity.



THIS IS MY
BELOVED SON,
IN WHOM I AM
WELL PLEASED!

Read John chapter 17, which is a prayer that Jesus prayed to the Father, showing that He considered God as the Father.

The Father is God

The following Bible verses express that the Father is God:

- Thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer; Thy name is from everlasting. (Isaiah 63:16 KJV).
- You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation. (Psalm 89:26 ESV).
- For He received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the excellent glory, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (2 Peter 1:17 KJV).
- And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. (John 17:5 NIV).

The Son is God

The following verses express that Jesus is God:

- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. (John 1:1–3 ESV).
- He [Jesus/Son] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him



and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the

firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on

the cross. (Colossians 1:15–20 NIV).

- For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form. (Colossians 2:9 NIV).

The Holy Spirit is God

In the book of Acts, Peter says that lying to the Holy Spirit is lying to God.

- Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your

heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't

the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God.” (Acts 5:3–4 NIV).

Here's another verse describing the Holy Spirit's divine nature:

- These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything,

even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. (1 Corinthians 2:10–11 ESV).



This next verse shows that the Holy Spirit was present from before the creation of the world, and played a role in some manner:

- 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 (Genesis 1:2 NIV).

Psalm 139 shows that the Holy Spirit is omnipresent, something that only God is.

- Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol,¹ You are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. (Psalm 139:7–10 ESV).

¹. Sheol: (Hebrew) the abode of the dead in early Hebrew thought. ("Sheol." Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. 11th ed. 2008. Print.)

Our God is one God.
He is Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit. Three
distinct, co-equal,
co-eternal Persons,
who exist in perfect
unity and perfect love,
each with the same
essence, the same
divine nature.— Three
Persons, one God.
Incredibly wonderful!

