



How Do We Pray To The Trinity?

Episode #141

Introduction

I. Today's Question

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God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are one yet distinct as persons of the Trinity. Does that mean we can/should pray to any of them? Or are we to pray to God in Jesus name?

II. The Nature of the Trinity

- a. Trinity refers to the revelation of God.
- b. There are three eternal distinct persons in the one divine essence, God.
- c. The three distinct eternal persons are God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- d. They are coeternal and coequal.

- e. **They each have a distinct role, especially in the life of the believer.**

Scripture Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

¹³ In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

III. Who Do We Pray To?

- a. **The scripture allows for prayer to all three persons of the Godhead.**
- b. **This is because when we pray, we pray to all three since they are one.**
- c. **Primarily, our prayers are to God the Father.**
- d. **Prayers to Jesus and the Holy Spirit should be guided by their roles.**
- e. **The main issue is that we pray to God.**

IV. Praying In The Name of Jesus

Scripture John 14:13

And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

- a. It has become a ritualistic statement that Christians use in prayer.
- b. It is not the “magic word” to get an answer to your prayers.
- c. The statement reflects the basis for our prayers.
- d. The basis of our prayers that we have access to God because of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross.

Conclusion