

"Satisfaction in the Sovereign Source of Our Salvation" (Part 9)

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1 Peter 1:2 and Selected Scriptures

1 Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ, to the chosen strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, 2 [Chosen] according to the foreknowledge of God the Father by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled

with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in fullest measure.

- 1 Peter 1:1-2, As translated from the Greek New Testament by T. Bartolucci.

Introduction

- I. Hope in The Sovereign Source of Our Salvation (1:2)
 - A. Selected by the Father (1:2a)
 - B. Sanctified by the Spirit (1:2b)
 - C. Saved for Service by the Son (1:2c)
 - D. Parenthesis: Satisfaction in the Trinity
 - 1. What do we mean by "Trinity?"
 - a. The word "Trinity" is from the Latin Trinitas meaning "Threeness"
 - b. A better word that "Trinity" would be "Triunity"
 - c. Our main idea:



If our Hope is Found in the Triune God then we must know and love Him in His Triunity. If we must know and love Him in His Triunity then we must know about His Triunity. If we must know and love Him in His Triunity then we must believe in His Triunity.

In Short - <u>True believers will love and embrace the Triune God in all His fulness</u>.

d. The Trinity Defined:

"God is One as to Essence, Three as to Person."

- 2. Three Essential Elements of the Triunity of God (three pillars of the faith)
 - a. Pillar #1 God is One as to Essence (God is One in Unity)
 - b. Pillar #2 God is Three as to Person (God is Three in Distinction)
 - (1) Not Three Manifestations of One God, but Three Distinct Persons
 - c. Pillar #3 Each Person is Fully God (God is Complete in Each Person)
 - (1) The Father is Fully God; The Son is Fully God; The Spirit is Fully God
- 3. The Three Are One God and Work Together in Unity
 - a. A Partial List of Activities Common to All Three Persons of the Trinity:
 - (1) Work of Creation [Father: Psa. 102:25; Gen. 1:1; Son: Col. 1:16; John 1:3; Spirit: Gen. 1:2; Job 33:4]
 - (2) Baptism of Jesus [Matthew 3:16]
 - (3) Atonement or Salvation
 - (4) Resurrection of Christ
 - (5) Trinitarian Outline in Ephesians 1 [Father: vv.3-6; Son: vv.6-12; Spirit: vv.13-14]
 - (6) Salvation as a Work of all Three [1 Peter 1:2]
 - (7) Giving of Scripture is the Work of all Three
 - b. By virtue of their common essence, what one Divine Person performs each may be said to perform (the principle of *perichoresis*).
 - (1) Implications as to our Prayer:

"Each *person* is in each *person*, and all *three persons* are in each *person*, and each *person* is in all *three persons*, and all *three persons* are one being." [Augustine, On The Trinity, 6.10]

- c. What About Illustrations?
- d. Ontological Trinity vs. Economical Trinity
- 4. Hairsplitting or Heresy? (Arianism and Modalism and Confusion, Oh My!)

Conclusion