

## Considering Our Confession (Wise reflections on the faith we affirm)

The doctrine of the Trinity is difficult and perplexing to us.... Trinity does not mean tritheism, that is, that there are three beings who together are God. The word *Trinity* is used in an effort to define the fullness of the Godhead both in terms of His unity and diversity.

The historic formulation of the Trinity is that God is one in essence and three in person. Though the formula is mysterious and even paradoxical, it is in no way contradictory. The unity of the Godhead is affirmed in terms of essence or being, while the diversity of the Godhead is expressed in terms of person.

Though the term *Trinity* is not found in the Bible, the concept is clearly there. On the one hand the Bible strongly affirms the unity of God (Deut. 6:4). On the other hand, the Bible clearly affirms the full deity of the three persons of the Godhead: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The church has rejected the heresies of modalism and tritheism. Modalism denies the distinction of persons within the Godhead, claiming that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are just ways in which God expresses Himself. Tritheism, on the other hand, falsely declares that there are three beings who together make up God.... All persons in the Godhead have all the attributes of deity.

There is also a distinction in the work done by each member of the Trinity. The work of salvation is in one sense common to all three .... Yet in the manner of activity..., the Father initiates creation and redemption; the Son redeems the creation; and the Holy Spirit regenerates and sanctifies, applying redemption to believers.

The doctrine of the Trinity does not fully explain the mysterious character of God. Rather, it sets the boundaries outside of which we must not step. It defines the limits of our finite reflection. It demands that we be faithful to the biblical revelation that in one sense God is one and in a different sense He is three.

(Sproul, R. C. *Essential Truths of the Christian Faith*. Wheaton: Tyndale, 1992.)

# Riverbend Bible Church

Worshiping on Our Lord's Day, January 16, 2022

Call to Worship (Psalm 11:4-7)

“O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer”

“Almost Home” (words on-screen)

Prayer Adoring God

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:22-35 (p. 873)

Revelation 2:18-29 (p. 1029)

Prayer Confessing Sin

Confession of Faith: Riverbend Bible Catechism, Q #3

(words on-screen and a related article on back of the bulletin)

“Lord, from Sorrows Deep, I Call” (words on-screen)

“There Is a Fountain”

(*Trinity Hymnal*, #253 and words on screen)

God's Word Preached: “Seek the Lord, All You Humble”

(Zephaniah, pp. 788-90)

Fellowship at the Lord's Table

“O the Deep, Deep Love” (words on-screen)

Pastoral Prayer / Silent Prayer

“All My Ways Are Known to You” (words on-screen)

Departing Blessing

## “Seek the Lord, All You Humble”

Zephaniah, pp. 788-90

### Three Basic Themes:

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Marvelous \_\_\_\_\_

Mighty \_\_\_\_\_

### The Man Zephaniah:

## Church Life Notes

### Historic Faith

- **Make the Faith Personal:** Do you have questions about the Bible, faith, or something you heard here today? Just ask. We would love to talk with you. Take a copy of “Two Ways to Live” as you leave to understand the gospel better. If you need a Bible, take one from the bookshelf as our gift.
- **Next Week:** Pastor Bob continues in Zephaniah on the problem of pride.
- **Correction: Institute Begins February 13:** “How to Study the Bible” with Joe Bridgman at 5:30 p.m. Prayer together at 6:30.

### Honest Fellowship

- **Lunch Immediately after Worship** in the fellowship room. Plan to stay even if you did not bring anything. We’ll have plenty.
- **Keep Current:** Receive Pastor Bob’s weekly update “The Current” in your inbox. Email him (address below) to request. Look in it for spiritual encouragement and details for upcoming events.

### Humble Service

- **Grace in Giving:** We do not take an offering during our service. Those who brought a gift as an expression of worship may leave it in the secure box on the wall outside the restrooms at the SE corner of the building.
- **Loving the Children:** Serve once/month in the nursery during the second half of the worship service. Share the blessing and the burden. Contact Amanda to learn more (913-426-5141).
- **Congregation Care Connectors:** We continue to seek members (especially men, several women have already volunteered), who would help the elders build stronger relationships with those who identify Riverbend as their church. Training begins January 30. Interested? Speak to one of the elders listed below.
- **Childcare:** Today – Emma Ramirez; back-up Lynn Flack; Next Week – Miranda Tull; back-up Addy Schrader

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*Riverbend Bible Church seeks to build a Christ-centered community by: delighting in the historic faith founded in the Christian Scriptures; practicing honest fellowship with God and each other through covenant membership; and offering humble service by displaying and declaring the gospel in the Atchison area and to the ends of the earth.*