

INVITED INTO GOD

1 Peter 1:1-12 (p. 1886)

June 10, 2018

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope*
1 Peter 1:3

Trinitarian greetings from Peter

*To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered . . .
who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father
through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood.
Grace and peace be yours in abundance.*
1 Peter 1:1-2

Where have you seen God's tri-unity revealed in creation? _____

The Father

. . . chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father
1 Peter 1:2

When have you most powerfully experienced God's favor? _____

The Spirit

. . . through the sanctifying work of the Spirit
1 Peter 1:2

What is the Spirit's current holiness project in you? _____

The Son

... for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood. 1 Peter 1:2

How is God revealing Jesus' lordship to you? _____

Heartfelt Trinitarian worship

Bring an offering and come before him; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

1 Chronicles 16:29 (see also Psalm 96)

- 1) CELEBRATION of our Trinitarian faith
- 2) CONVERSATION with the Triune God
- 3) Invitation to share the Triune NATURE and MISSION

Further study of Peter's introduction to Trinity

Bob Deffinbaugh sermons on Peter at <https://bible.org/seriespage/1-preparation-peter>

Joan Huyser-Honig's "Trinitarian Worship" article at <https://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/trinitarian-worship-this-doctrine-makes-a-difference-in-how-you-worship/>

Belgic Confession, Article VIII, "God is One in Essence, Yet Distinguished in Three Persons". See also the Heidelberg Catechism's commentary on the Trinitarian structure of the Apostles' Creed, Lord's Day 7-8.

Timothy Keller's The Reason for God (Riverhead Books, 2008). Chapter 14 is wonderfully titled "The Dance of God".

C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity (Macmillan Publishing, 1952).

Part IV is titled "Beyond personality: or First Steps in the Doctrine of the Trinity." This is required reading!

Paul Fromont's "Rublev's Icon: Contemplating the Trinity" at http://prodigal.typepad.com/prodigal_kiwi/files/paul_fromont_rublevs_icon_contemplating_the_trinity_inwardly_and_outwardly.pdf

"Donall and Conall meet St. Patrick" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQLfgaUoQCw>

Louis Berkhof's *Systematic Theology, Part 1: The Doctrine of God* (Eerdmans, 1938), pp. 82-99. This is the classic Reformed explanation of the Trinity with lots of Scriptural support.

Scott Horrel's "The Self-Giving Triune God, The Imago Dei And The Nature Of The Local Church: An Ontology Of Mission" at <https://bible.org/article/self-giving-triune-god-iimago-dei-and-nature-local-church-ontology-mission>

Cornelius Plantinga's "The Perfect Family" in *Christianity Today* (March 4, 1988) pp. 24-27, and "Social Trinity and Tritheism" in Ronald Feenstra's *Trinity, Incarnation and Atonement*.

Alexander Maclaren's introduction to 1 Peter at <https://www.studydrive.org/commentaries/mac/1-peter-1.html>

C. S. Lewis' final point in *Mere Christianity*

You may ask, "If we cannot imagine a three-personal Being, what is the good of talking about him?" Well, there isn't any good talking about him. The thing that matters is being drawn into that three-personal life, and that may begin at any time – tonight, if you like. [p. 142]

Lectio Divina

*For you have been born again . . .
through the living and enduring word of God. 1 Peter 1:23*

This week our readings invite us into the second movement of *Lectio Divina*, meditation on God's Word. These passages focus on how God's people respond to him in worship.

Monday: Psalm 96, From David's song in 1 Chronicles 16

What are the different responses to God's glory in this psalm? Which response is reflected in your worship this week?

Tuesday: Isaiah 63:7-64:12, Calling out to God

For what does the prophet cry out? Is Isaiah confident God is listening? For what have your prayers been asking God?

Wednesday: Ezra 6:13-22, Getting ready to worship

How did God's people prepare for the dedication of the temple (see also Ezra 3:7-13)? How is God preparing you for your next adventure in worship?

Thursday: John 4:1-26, Spirit and Truth

What were Samaritan woman's misconceptions about worship? How did she express her worship in her brand new relationship with Jesus? How has your worship matured since you first met Jesus?

Friday: 1 Corinthians 14:26-40, Orderly worship

How is the tension between the ecstatic and prophetic gifts still being worked out in the church? How is God preparing you for both expressions in your worship?

Saturday: Revelation 5, Worship before the Throne

Every creature is worshipping! How does this picture inspire your worship? your involvement in God's mission?