

MATTHEW 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

COMMENTARY: The Trinity is formulated for the first time in Scripture. This means that somewhere in the first sixty or so years of Christianity, the understanding was clear that Jesus was indeed one with God. God's work among us comes from God as Creator or Source and therefore Father. God becomes flesh in the person of Jesus to make clear the Way, Truth and Life. Finally the Spirit of God comes to us to ensure our faith leads us to God. This means we ought to find our faith to be exciting, full of discovery and life-giving.

Liturgy of The Word

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.
By his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and it came to be.
He commanded; it sprang into being.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.
Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

DEUTERONOMY 4:32-34,39-40

Moses said to the people: ‘Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?’

‘Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.’

COMMENTARY: Moses is clear: God is full of wonder and faithful. It is by observing what God is doing that enables Moses understand this. He therefore encourages the people to take to heart what he has discovered and they will find happiness, even when life is full of fear.

We can only imagine how easily Moses might have accepted the doctrine of the Incarnation, God entering humanity in the person of Jesus. Nothing would have surprised him because he knows the wonder of God.

ROMANS 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son or daughter of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons and daughters, and it makes us cry out, ‘Abba, Father!’ The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

COMMENTARY: Paul reminds the Christ believers in Rome just what has happened because of Christ. They needed this encouragement because there was every chance of being martyred for their belief. So, just as children identify with their parents, we too, because of our faith in Christ, identify with the nature of God.

If knowing who I am is necessary on a human and emotional level, how much more is it required on the spiritual plain? The above text needs to be pondered on again and again.