

The Divine Trinity in Matthew Chapter 28

Series:
The Gospel
According to
Matthew

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The Name

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Triune

- Although our God is one, there is something mysterious about Him. He is three-one, or “triune” (in Latin, “tri” means three and “une” means one). That is why we call Him the “Triune God.”

There is something about His name

- In Matthew 28:19 the Lord Jesus says, “Baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Here the Lord speaks clearly of the three—the Father, Son, and Spirit. But notice that the word “name” is singular. You may even say that the name of our God is “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.”
- Because of Bible verses like these, we can see that our God is one-yet-three and three-yet-one.
- The one name for the Divine Trinity is the sum total of the Divine Being, equivalent to His person.



- When did you first hear about the Divine Trinity?
- What does baptism look like?

Baptizing

Termination and Germination

- Baptism brings the repentant people out of their old state into a new one by terminating their old life and germinating them with the new life of Christ that they may become the kingdom people.
- The water, signifying the death of Christ with His burial, may be considered a tomb in which the baptized ones' old history is ended.

Visible and Invisible

- This baptism has two aspects: the visible aspect by water and the invisible aspect by the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38, 41; 10:44-48). The visible aspect is the expression, the testimony, of the invisible aspect, whereas the invisible aspect is the reality of the visible aspect.
- Without the invisible baptism by the Spirit, the visible baptism by water is vain, and without the visible baptism by water, the invisible baptism by the Spirit is abstract and impractical. Both are needed.
- The points on this slide come from a footnote for **Matthew 28:19** in the Recovery Version of the Bible.



- This slide talks about the old life and the new life. What are these?

The Name Denotes the Person

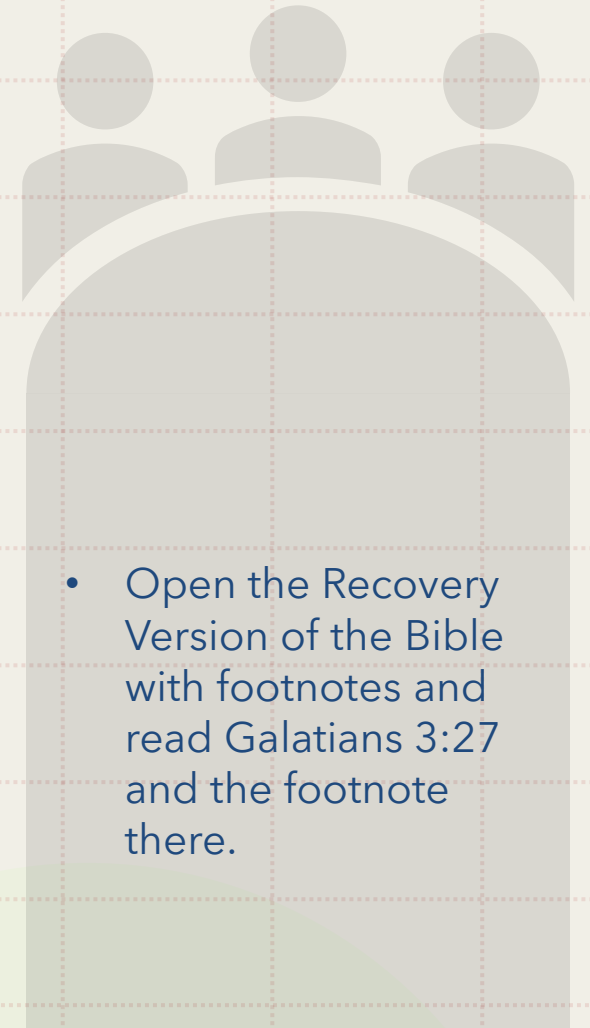
Acts 8:16 For He had not yet fallen upon any of them, but they had only been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 19:5 And when they heard this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

- To be baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus is to be baptized into the person of the Lord, to be identified with the crucified, resurrected, and ascended Christ, to be put into an organic union with the living Lord.
- In Matt. 28:19 the Lord charged the disciples to baptize the believers into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. But later, in practice, the believers were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus, here and in 19:5, and into Christ, in Rom. 6:3 and Gal. 3:27.

What all this indicates

- (1) To be baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus is equivalent to being baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, because the Lord Jesus is the Triune God, the embodiment of God Himself (Col. 2:9)
- (2) To be baptized into the name of the Triune God or into the name of the Lord Jesus is equivalent to being baptized into the person of Christ.
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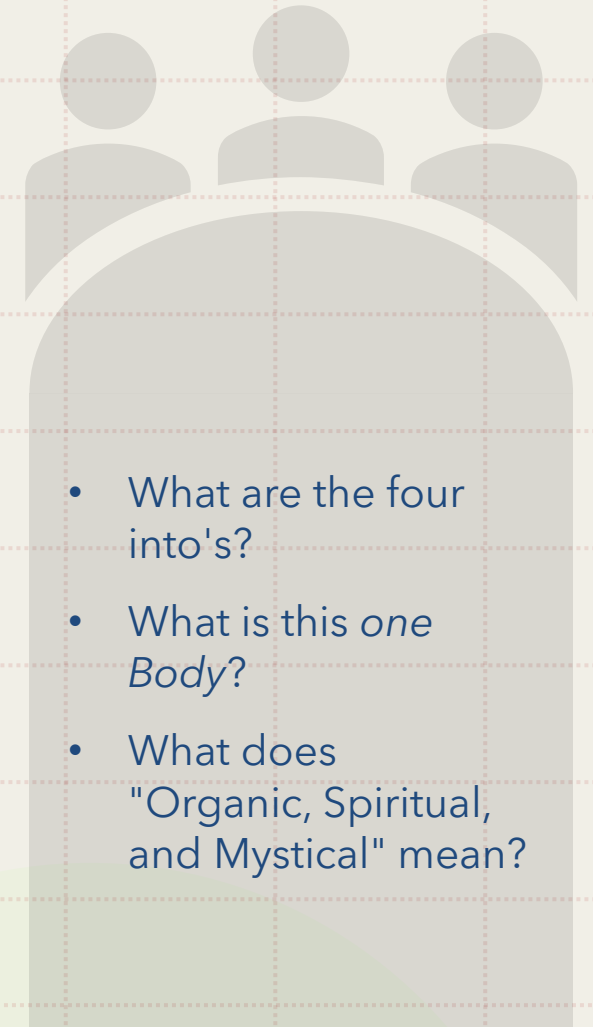
- Open the Recovery Version of the Bible with footnotes and read Galatians 3:27 and the footnote there.

Intro

Into indicates Organic, Spiritual, and Mystical

- To baptize people into the name of the Triune God is to bring them into an organic, spiritual and mystical union with Him.
- **Matthew 28:19** Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them **into** the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **Galatians 3:27** For as many of you as were baptized **into** Christ have put on Christ..
- **Romans 6:3-4** Or are you ignorant that all of us who have been baptized **into** Christ Jesus have been baptized **into** His death? **4** We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.
- **1 Corinthians 12:13** For also in one Spirit we were all baptized **into** one Body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.

When we baptize people, we **immerse** them into all that the Triune God is. We do this by faith. These verses tell us that we baptize people into the reality of all that the Triune God is, and this is baptizing them into Christ, into the death of Christ, and into the Body of Christ. We should tell all the new ones we baptize about these four *into's*. Matthew 28:19 says that we baptize people into the sum total of the Divine Trinity. Galatians 3:27 and Romans 6:3-4 say that we baptize people into Christ and into His death. And 1 Corinthians 12:13 says that we baptize people in one Spirit into one Body. (*Crystallization Study of Matthew, Vol. 1, Message 4, Ed Marks*)



- What are the four into's?
- What is this *one Body*?
- What does "Organic, Spiritual, and Mystical" mean?