

PCPC NEWSLETTER

JULY

Know What You Believe & Why by David C. Mauldin

You should know what you believe and why. You should be able to define and explain your basic beliefs. (A good test is trying to explain them to a six-year-old!) I want to make sure you can. That's why this month I write about an essential truth all Christians cherish. This truth is mysterious and beautiful. I am talking about the doctrine of the Trinity.

The doctrine of the Trinity has a reputation for being difficult to understand. Not true! It is difficult to conceptualize. That is, you can't form a mental image of it. But it is not hard to understand. Allow me to take you on a guided tour. I hope by the end, you have a better understanding of the doctrine and a deeper appreciation for God. That's the point here: knowing God, worshipping God, and reveling in the beauty and love of God!

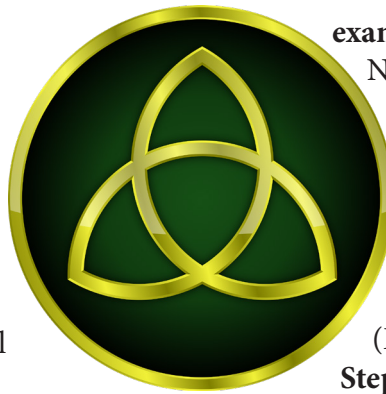
What is the doctrine of the Trinity? God is One in Being and Three in Person.

Come again?

There is only one God, but God exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In contrast, I am one in being and one in person. I am one what (a human being) and one who (David Mauldin). God is one what (God) and three whos (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

That seems odd to me because there is nothing else in my experience like that. Can you give me another



example?

No. God is utterly unique. No one and no thing is quite like God!

How did we arrive at this doctrine?

Step 1: There is only One God.

Deuteronomy 6:4 says, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one." (ESV)

Step 2: Jesus is divine. He claimed to be God.

He forgave sins. He accepted worship. In the stories he told, he consistently equated himself with Israel's God. He was condemned for blasphemy.

Step 3: Jesus is different from the Father. Jesus called God his Father. Jesus prayed to the Father. In one sense, Jesus and the Father are one (John 10:30), and yet they can be differentiated. They are the same God, but not the same person.

Step 4: The Holy Spirit is God, yet distinct from both the Father and the Son. For example, the Holy Spirit is distinct from Jesus, yet he is how Jesus is present with us.

So you see, we do not arrive at the doctrine of the Trinity by starting with philosophical reflections. We start with our experience of God as he has revealed himself. This leads us to the doctrine of the Trinity.

Why do we believe this doctrine?

Because we believe Jesus is fully human and fully divine. If Jesus is God, then you end up with the doctrine of the Trinity. If he is not, Christianity fails altogether.

Consider: If Jesus is God, then on the cross, God took your sins upon himself. If Jesus is not God, how would

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- Sign up for weekly e-blasts by calling our church office (772-286-9958) or emailing janet@palmcitypres.org.
- Read the newsletter. Our newsletter is posted on our website under "Resources." Hard copies are available in the church office, Sanctuary narthex, HFCL lobby and Langill Hall lobby.
- Visit our website: palmcitypres.org.



- Like us on Facebook. On Facebook you will find previews of the upcoming sermon; photo and video coverage of church events/activities; upcoming events, classes, bible studies and VBS; and inspirational posts.



PCPC Youth

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SAVE THE DATE

- WHEN:** August 4th at 4:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Huizenga Family Life Center and surrounding area
- WHAT:** Family cookout to welcome our new Director of Children's Ministry, Sarah Butler

Check our weekly e-blasts, bulletins and Facebook page for more details in the coming weeks. Invite your friends!

PCPC MOPS



THIS IS MOTHERHOOD

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

PCPC MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) registration for fall is now open to new members: all moms with children from pregnancy to school age! Meetings are at PCPC every 2nd and 4th Monday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. throughout the fall, winter and spring. Children up to age 5 are welcome to come to the meetings and enjoy playtime in our childcare room. Fun playdates are offered on the 1st and 3rd Mondays, and Moms' Night Out options are often available to moms who want to have extra opportunities to fellowship with MOPS moms.

To register, go to www.mops.org/join and add the PCPC MOPS registration code: Z5P9. (Once you have registered for MOPS International, you can go back into your account and update your child's information.)

ANGEL OF THE MONTH

by Janet Sallman



to our head angel to keep her up to date on the patient they are seeing. I must say on a personal note that in all my dealings with the parish nurses, everyone is a special angel. They are truly awesome and giving

How many of you remember the line from the movie Ghostbusters that says, "Who ya gonna call?" That's my reaction whenever I receive notification that one of our members is in the hospital or needs medical assistance. I call on the coordinator of our parish nurses, our angel for this month.

Our angel takes the information I have given her about our member and assigns the case to herself or one of our team of parish nurses. Then they not only attend to the medical issues but also give emotional and spiritual support. They continue to stay in touch with that person for as long as they are needed. Each nurse reports back

individuals for all the time, devotion, and especially the love they put into this service.

The whole team is an invaluable asset to our church, and I've received wonderful feedback from members who have received their care. They are such a blessing to our church, and we are indeed so thankful for all they do.

The coordinator of all these angels and our angel of the month is Mrs. Pat Stuart.

We're in the Bible App.

- Follow along
- Take notes
- Reference the Bible



Download the latest version of the Bible App.

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HOW TO FIND US.

- 1) Make sure location settings are 'on'
- 2) Click the 'more' tab
- 3) Select 'events' to

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“We can't wait for next year!”






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Drama Camp musical production.**

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his death help you? Even if he could bear your sins, God would be pushing them off on an innocent third party. How would that be just? Thus, for the cross to work, Jesus must be God.

Consider also: Jesus was condemned on a charge of blasphemy. If the Father raised him from the dead, that vindicates Jesus. He was who he claimed to be! Thus, if Jesus rose, he is God. If he did not, Christianity is bankrupt of all truth.

Where do we see the doctrine of the Trinity taught in the Bible?

As I said, all of Jesus' claims to divinity are relevant here. We can also point to numerous New Testament passages:

- Jesus told his disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19 ESV)
- Paul gives a trinitarian blessing at the end of 2 Corinthians: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 Corinthians 13:14 ESV)
- At the Last Supper, Jesus spoke of the three divine Persons in one sentence, "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever." (John 14:16 ESV)

There are also indications in the Old Testament that the One God is plural in Person:

- The very first verse of the Bible mixes a plural noun with a singular verb: "In the beginning, God [the word God here is plural] created [the verb created is singular] the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1:1 ESV)
- Later in Genesis 1, God speaks of himself in the plural: "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.'" (Genesis 1:26 ESV)
- Even in Deuteronomy 6:4, there is an indication: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one." The word one here is *ehad* in Hebrew. It refers to a composite one — for example, the one-flesh union of husband and wife or a cluster of grapes.

Of course, I don't have room here to give you more than just the tip of the iceberg. Suffice it to say, the doctrine of the Trinity is solidly biblical.

But the word Trinity is not in the Bible. Is that a problem?

No, because the concept is there. The doctrine is there. The word Trinity is simply a convenient label we put on it.

Do we have to use Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Can't we substitute other words?

We use these words because they are the names God gave us. Jesus teaches us to call God our Father. Scripture teaches us many names for God: the Lord, God Most High, God who Hears, and more. Scripture gives us many images for God: our rock, our refuge, and more. The Holy Spirit is called the Comforter and the Counselor. Jesus is called the Prince of Peace and the Lion of Judah. We have many ways, therefore, to address God. When we define the Trinity, we want to be faithful to the words God has given us. God has revealed himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That's why we use those words. They are his words, not ours.

Does the doctrine of the Trinity make any practical difference?

Absolutely! If the God who created us has made himself known, we want to know him rightly. Also, consider this: If God is triune, then God is love, as the Bible says he is. If God is strictly singular—One in Being and in Person—then love may be something God can do, but it cannot be who he is. Why? Because love requires two: One who loves and a beloved.

Because God is triune, God is love. The Father loves the Son and the Spirit. The Son loves the Father and the Spirit. The Spirit loves the Father and the Son. God is an eternal community of love. God does not have to create something in order to love. God is eternally perfect love. That's important—and a uniquely Christian understanding.

Bottom line:

Know truth. Love truth. Live truth. Share truth.

Know God. Love God. Delight in God. He is more beautiful and mysterious than you are capable of comprehending!

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YOUTH NEWS, July 2019

-Jason Pridmore

UPCOMING SUMMER PROGRAMMING:

July 8-15 **Puerto Rico Mission Trip**

NO youth group this week.

PCPC is sending our youth team of 12 missionaries to Puerto Rico to continue the work we started last year. We are partnering with the 2nd Union Church of San Juan (and Pastor Bob Z.) to offer our services cleaning up and repairing schools, sea walls, and camps. We will also be reaching out to the community to forge new relationships. Please consider keeping our team in your prayers as well as the people of Puerto Rico; asking God to do good things through us, in His name. We will also be trying to raise funds for our students for building/repair projects in Puerto Rico. These mission trips are never just about those who are sent, but often, and even more so, they are about those who do the sending. Thank you for your participation in this trip, which is designed to do good in Puerto Rico, but will also present the opportunity for God to work within our students.

*Any contributions or donations should be sent to the church office, attn.: Puerto Rico Youth Mission

July 17-22 **Wyldlife Summer Camp for Middle School**

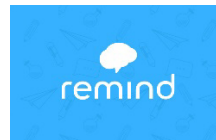
For more information, contact Youth Director Jason Pridmore.

July 31 - August 3 **“Camp Surf” \$100** **Sign up deadline: July 22**

A weekend retreat at a beach house. Yes, there will be surfing (and lessons if you want), but more so, it will be a time of fellowship, team building and leadership preparing for our upcoming year of ministry.

Space is limited. More information TBA.

For more information regarding ongoing and upcoming youth events and activities:



text “@pcpcyo” to the number “81010”



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[@pcpc_youth](https://www.instagram.com/pcpc_youth)

To connect with Jason or to receive parenting resources and youth updates via email, please contact him directly.

Email: Jason@palmcitypres.org

Call or Text: (714) 809-5065

Our August newsletter will feature photos from our summer activities.

School Supply Drive

Support one of our local missions, **House of Hope**,
by donating school supplies!

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- **#2 Pencils**
 - **Colored Pencils**
 - **Washable Markers**
 - **Collared Shirts (New—Any Size)**
 - **Youth Scissors**
 - **Pens**
 - **Binders**
 - **Subject Dividers**
 - **Crayons**
 - **Pencil Box**
 - **Glue**
 - **Hand Sanitizer**
 - **Highlighters**
 - **Rulers**
 - **Calculators**
 - **Paper (Lined and Plain)**
 - **Notebooks (Spiral and Composition)**

Drop donations off to **Palm City Presbyterian Church** between **June 23, 2019** and **July 19, 2019**.

Thank you for your support!



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2700 SW Martin Highway, Palm City
Monday—Thursday—9am-4:30pm
Friday—9am-1pm
Sunday—during worship services
8:30am, 9:30am, and 11am

Series: Live Free

A series on the biblical understanding of freedom



July 7

John 8:31-38

Freedom Without, Freedom Within

- No government can make you free if your heart isn't free. The greatest freedom comes from the gospel.



July 14

Judges 2:6-12

The Danger of Freedom

- Unchecked freedom destroys itself. American society has historically been protected by biblical worldview and morals. Our freedom in Christ is protected by love.

July 21

Galatians 5:13-15

Free to Love

- The greatest freedom is not unlimited license to do what I want. The greatest freedom is the power to become who I am. God created us for relationships of love. Therefore, the power to love is the greatest freedom.

July 28

2 Samuel 13:1-11

Healing from Sexual Abuse

- The news today is full of reports of sexual abuse. The statistics are staggering 1:4 women and 1:6 men. This sermon is not about policies or laws. It speaks a word of hope and healing to the person who has suffered sexual abuse.

July Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00p Walk Aerobics 6:45p Walk Aerobics	2 10:00a Staff Meeting 6:00p Youth Financial Series	3 6:00p Walk Aerobics 6:45p Walk Aerobics 8:00p Cornerstone	4 HAPPY 4TH! Office Closed 6:30a Men's Bible Study	5	6
7 9:30a Pre-K to Elem SS 10:30a Linger Longer	8 6:00p Walk Aerobics 6:45p Walk Aerobics	9 10:00a Staff Meeting	10 6:00p Walk Aerobics 6:45p Walk Aerobics 8:00p Cornerstone	11 4:00p P&A Committee	12	13
14 9:30a Pre-K to Elem SS 10:30a Linger Longer	15 6:00p Walk Aerobics 6:45p Walk Aerobics	16 10:00a Staff Meeting	17 12:00p Prayer Committee 3:15p Stephen Ministry 6:00p Walk Aerobics 6:45p Walk Aerobics 8:00p Cornerstone	18	19	20
21 9:30a Pre-K to Elem SS 10:30a Linger Longer	22 "Camp Surf" Sign Up Deadline NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23 10:00a Staff Meeting	24 7:00p Session 8:00p Cornerstone	25	26	27
28 9:30a Pre-K to Elem SS 10:30a Linger Longer	29 6:00p Walk Aerobics 6:45p Walk Aerobics	30 10:00a Staff Meeting	31 "Camp Surf" begins 6:00p Walk Aerobics 6:45p Walk Aerobics			

Birthdays

07/01 Thomas Loomer
07/03 Bill Bangley, Wade Hersperger, Carol McCarthy
07/04 Pat Douglas, Priscilla Prose
07/05 Diana Rew
07/06 Diane Graczyk, Tacie Kehlhem
07/07 Lori Albright, Brooke Belding, Tom Brown,
Bob Jones, Ann Elise Kadela, Tina Moore
07/09 Rob Johnson, Janice King, Louise Larsen,
Bill Miller, Hardy Mowry
07/10 Rose Lillich
07/11 John Bernstiel, Philip Frey, Tom King
07/12 Sean Birkett
07/13 Esther Wagner
07/14 Ryder LaBar, Cly T Welling
07/15 Carolyn Benninger
07/16 Buffy Kadela, Megan Schoner
07/17 Carolyn Herman
07/18 Joseph Mauldin, Marian Neff, Jim Nordine,
Shirley Terwilliger
07/19 Jeremy Gould, Laura Thorsen
07/20 Nancy Jones
07/22 Frances Andre, Debby Artman, Taunya Bryant,
Peggy Frazier, James Hill, Kim Johnson
07/23 Dottie Kohl
07/24 Luke Bartnick, Shirl Elliott,
Matthew Gutschmidt, Doris O'Connor,
Rick Stewart
07/25 Jean Eldridge
07/26 Sandy Ebling, Yvonne Finch, Tom Lytle,
Lillian Robberts, Audrey Titcomb,
Lucia Trantham
07/28 Laura Duke
07/29 Bob Shubert, Bill Stob
07/30 Dorothy Hill, Willa Southard, Jordan Wagner
07/31 Kelly McIntyre



Anniversaries

07/01 Steve & Elaine Gable
07/06 Kirk & Pam McLean
07/07 Joshua & Maria Robberts
07/08 Derek & Laura Duke
07/13 John & Julie Hockey
07/14 Dick & Robin Anderson, Noel & Becky DaSilva
07/17 Scott & Missy Zimmerman
07/19 Charles & Mary Rosseau
07/28 David & Rosalyn Soo Mauldin

Have something for the next newsletter? Email it to our editors, Amy Kitchell and Andrea Wood: newsletter@palmcitypres.org by the deadline indicated on this newsletter's calendar.



Worship Times

Traditional
8:30 Chapel
11:00 Sanctuary

Contemporary
9:30 HFLC

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