

## TRIUNE WONDER

2Peter 1:12-21

V. 16: “We [Jesus’ Disciples] did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses to His majesty.”

St. Peter speaks urgently in his message. The emergency is our salvation. One can almost hear him beg listeners, “Hear what I’m saying; believe it’s true, for I was there!” He’s got me on the edge of my seat. May I introduce you to the One supreme Being, who is known simply as “I am” to the universe that He called into creation?

One God. Three persons. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are equal in every way. That’s why God is often referred to as the Triune God, or Holy Trinity. Tri-means 3; one- means one. Just like unity, union—being of one voice. (Ephesians 4:3-6).

1God=3 persons.

Why three persons? Because they have different jobs.

The Father’s job is to **initiate** (in-ISH-i-ate means to get the ball rolling). The Son’s job is to **implement** (IMP-li-ment means to make real the Father’s will). The Holy Spirit’s job is to **energize**. Like the Energizer Bunny, the Holy Spirit never stops. All three were involved in creation. All three are occupied with our salvation.

Jesus, from eternity past, returned to earth through birth—from a virgin—which makes Him God-man. He is the human element of the deity, our connection. His

sinless life, sacrificial death, bodily rise, and ascension prove that He's the first son. That makes us—believers who know that Jesus is the Father's Son—Jesus' siblings. As it is in every family, the oldest kid gets to do stuff first.

The Holy Spirit is the power source. When people accept the Father's gift of salvation, that is: believing that Jesus died for our sins, the Holy Spirit dwells in our beings. Immediately, we're plugged in: plugged into the Father, plugged into Jesus, and plugged into supernatural power. The Holy Spirit transforms believers into the likeness of Jesus, counsels us by teaching God's truth, convicts us of sin urging repentance, and strengthens us.

The Triune Wonder is the source who's waiting for you to get plugged into salvation. Peter is jumping up and down, yelling at you, and pointing to heaven.

### **Take Home Nugget**

What a great name for God Almighty—I AM! Of course He is! Don't you agree that He can be called anything He wants? Moses wondered what to tell the Israelites who sent him to rescue them. God said, "Tell them, 'I AM sent me to you'" Exodus 3:14. Any more questions?

*Plug into the Triune Wonder—our power source. We came from Him, and after salvation, we return to Him.*

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