

## # CLC BIBLE STUDY MEETING NOTES

**\*\*Date:\*\*** December 3, 2025

**\*\*Topic:\*\*** The Doctrine of the Trinity

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### ## MEETING SUMMARY

#### ### Quick Recap

The meeting began with a brief discussion about computer access issues before transitioning to general greetings and casual conversation among participants. The main focus was a comprehensive study of the doctrine of the Trinity, where Pastor led discussions and Bible study sessions exploring various scriptural references and teachings about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The group examined multiple biblical passages, discussed salvation and sanctification, and explored how the Trinity manifests in both salvation and daily spiritual transformation, concluding with a review of key scriptures and prayers for various members.

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### ## ACTION ITEMS & NEXT STEPS

| Person/Group | Task | Deadline |

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| Shedrick | Look into Matthew 24:42 question about Jesus knowing when He will return and discuss findings | Next week |

| All Participants | Write down the Trinity scriptures discussed and be able to explain them to others | Ongoing |

| All Participants | Read the rest of the Trinity material if desired | Before next week |

| All Participants | Review and study Lesson 5 for next week's discussion | Next week |

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### ## DETAILED MEETING SUMMARY

#### ### Opening & Fellowship

- Brief discussion about computer access issues (Reginald resolved with Pastor and Tony's

help)

- General greetings among participants (Stacia, Ivy, Pastor, Tony)
- Casual conversation about a game Tony was developing

### ### Understanding the Trinity's Role

- Opening prayer led by **Gene**
- **Key Teaching:** Man is made up of three parts: body, soul, and spirit, while God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—one God in three persons
- **Trinity in Salvation:**
  - The Father sent the Son
  - The Son died on the cross
  - The Holy Spirit provides comfort and regeneration

### ### Exploring the Doctrine of the Trinity

- **Scriptures Studied:** John 1:1–14 and Colossians 1:16
- **Emphasis:** Importance of knowing and defending the deity of Christ and the Trinity
- **Goal:** Equipping believers to clearly explain these foundational truths to others

### ### Scriptural Evidence for the Trinity

- **Key Verses Examined:**
  - John 1:32
  - Luke 3:22
  - John 3:34
- **Demonstration:** Distinct persons of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit acting together
- **Encouragement:** Study and memorize these passages personally

### ### Understanding the Trinity in Matthew

- **Passage:** Matthew 3:13–17 (Jesus' baptism)
- **Observation:** All three persons of the Trinity are visibly present
- **Q&A:** Shedrick's question regarding Jesus' knowledge of the day and hour of His return
- **Clarification:** Affirmation of the full deity and unity of the Son with the Father

### ### Trinity's Portrayal in the Gospels

- Discussion on how the four Gospels present complementary portraits of Christ
- **Notable Point:** Why the Gospel of John omits the baptism account
- **Emphasis:** John's focus on Jesus' eternal divine nature

### ### Baptism and the Trinity Discussion

- **Comparison:** Trinitarian baptismal formula (Matthew 28:19) versus "in Jesus' name" (Acts)
- **Teaching:** Both are biblical and reflect the oneness and distinction within the Godhead

### ### Grace and Redemption in Christ

- **Scriptures Reviewed:** Romans 1, 3, 4, 8, and 11
- **Key Themes:**
  - Justification by faith
  - No condemnation in Christ
  - Ministry of the Holy Spirit in giving life and victory over sin

### ### Understanding the Holy Spirit's Role

- **Spirit's Work:**
  - Conviction
  - Guidance
  - Assurance
  - Bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God
- **Definition:** Grace as unmerited favor and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit

### ### Transformative Power of the Holy Spirit

- **Teaching:** Christ's substitutionary death satisfying divine justice
- **Emphasis:** Ongoing sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit producing real, visible change in believers' lives

### ### Salvation and Daily Transformation

- **Distinction:**
  - Salvation: Instantaneous by grace through faith
  - Sanctification: Lifelong process
- **Group Sharing:** How the Holy Spirit produces growing love, compassion, and Christlike character
- **Important Note:** Denying the Trinity is incompatible with saving faith

### ### Understanding the Doctrine of the Trinity

- **Illustration:** Distinct yet inseparable roles working together "like a well-oiled machine"
- **Encouragement:** Spot Trinitarian references in daily Bible reading

### ### Closing Session

- **Final Review:** Passages from Jude, Revelation, and 1 John emphasizing the "three that

**bear witness"**

- **\*\*Prayer Focus:\*\*** Colleen's upcoming hand surgery
- **\*\*Next Session Preview:\*\*** Continuing the study of God the Father

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**## KEY SCRIPTURES FOR REVIEW**

1. John 1:1-14
2. Colossians 1:16
3. John 1:32
4. Luke 3:22
5. John 3:34
6. Matthew 3:13-17
7. Matthew 28:19
8. Romans 1, 3, 4, 8, 11

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**\*\*Next Meeting:\*\*** December 10, 2025 (Topic: God the Father - Lesson 5)