

Christian Life Church Bible Study

12/3/2025

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 of the meeting was a comprehensive study of the Christian 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.

Next steps

- 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
- 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

Summary

Computer Access and Game Discussion

The meeting began with a brief discussion about computer access issues, where Reginald struggled to remember a passcode for a different computer but eventually resolved it with help from Pastor and Tony. The conversation then shifted to a general greeting exchange among participants, including Stacia and Ivy, with Pastor and Tony engaging in casual conversation

about a game that Tony was developing. The meeting officially started at 7:05, but the transcript ends before any substantive discussion began.

Understanding the Trinity's Role

The meeting began with a prayer led by Gene. Pastor led a discussion on the Trinity, explaining that man is made up of three parts: body, soul, and spirit, while God is made up of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He emphasized that despite being three separate entities, they are one in the Trinity. Pastor also discussed the role of each part of the Trinity in salvation, noting that the Father sent the Son, who died on the cross, and the Holy Spirit provided comfort. The conversation ended with a brief review of the discussed topics.

Exploring the Doctrine of the Trinity

The group discussed and explored the concept of the Trinity through biblical verses, focusing on John 1:1-14 and Colossians 1:16. Pastor emphasized the importance of understanding and defending the Christian faith, particularly the doctrine of the Trinity, by examining key verses that establish Jesus Christ as the eternal God, the second person of the Trinity, who became flesh and dwelt among humanity. The participants engaged in reading and interpreting these verses, with Pastor encouraging them to be prepared to explain these teachings to others.

Scriptural Evidence for the Trinity

Pastor led a Bible study session focusing on scriptural evidence for the Trinity. The group discussed key verses including John 1:32, Luke 3:22, and John 3:34, examining how they demonstrate the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Pastor emphasized the importance of understanding these passages to effectively share the Pastor faith, encouraging participants to study and memorize the scriptures independently rather than relying solely on others to provide information.

Understanding the Trinity in Matthew

The group discussed the Trinity as depicted in Matthew 3:13-17, focusing on how the verse demonstrates the presence of God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Pastor emphasized the importance of understanding and being able to explain this concept to others, encouraging the group to study the scripture and break it down for others. Shedrick raised a question about Jesus' knowledge of the timing of his return, which Pastor addressed by affirming that Jesus does know, aligning with the idea that the Son has been given judgment and understanding by the Father.

Trinity's Portrayal in Gospels

The group discussed the Trinity and how different Gospel writers portrayed Jesus, with Matthew presenting him as a king, Mark focusing on his humanity, and John emphasizing his divine nature. They explored why John didn't record Jesus' baptism, noting that John's Gospel focuses on Jesus' inner, divine aspects and that John was Jesus' beloved disciple. The discussion concluded with a brief mention of Jesus' Great Commission in Matthew 28.

Baptism and the Trinity Discussion

Pastor led a discussion on baptism and the Trinity, focusing on the biblical references to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He explained that while some apostolic churches emphasize baptism in the name of Jesus, the traditional formula is in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reflecting the oneness of the Trinity. The group also discussed Paul's epistles, which provide significant insights into the early church and the nature of the Trinity. Pastor emphasized that the biblical teachings on church order and the Trinity are clear and leave people without excuse.

Grace and Redemption in Christ

The group discussed key verses from Romans 1, 3, 4, 8, and 11, focusing on themes of salvation, the Trinity, and the absence of condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. Pastor emphasized the redemptive work of Jesus, who satisfies God's justice and mediates for believers, while Tony and others explored the implications of being set free from the law of sin and death. The discussion highlighted the power of the Holy Spirit in believers' lives, promising new life and victory over sin, with Pastor encouraging a deeper appreciation for God's grace and the assurance of a "win-win" situation for those in Christ, regardless of life's outcomes.

Understanding the Holy Spirit's Role

The group discussed the role of the Holy Spirit in guiding, leading, and convicting believers, emphasizing its importance in their spiritual journey and connection to God's redemptive plan. Pastor highlighted how the Spirit bears witness with believers' spirits, making them aware of their actions and leading them to glorification with Christ. The discussion also touched on the concept of grace, with Collean noting its interchangeability with the Holy Spirit in the Bible, and Stacia explaining grace as unmerited favor. The group reflected on Paul's understanding of grace, given his personal transformation from a persecutor to an apostle, and its relevance to contemporary challenges.

Transformative Power of the Holy Spirit

Pastor led a discussion on biblical themes, focusing on the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ, which satisfied God's justice and removed the need for humans to die for their sins. He emphasized the transformative power of the Holy Spirit, who guides and corrects believers, leading to visible changes in their lives. Cynthia and others shared personal reflections on how the Holy Spirit's work in their lives has led to a renewed way of thinking and acting, aligning with biblical teachings on transformation and spiritual growth.

Salvation and Daily Transformation

The group discussed the process of salvation and sanctification, emphasizing that while believers are saved through Christ's grace, they continue to grow and be transformed daily. They explored how this transformation manifests in their lives, including increased love and compassion, and how others may notice changes in their character. The conversation concluded with a discussion about the importance of Trinitarian beliefs, with the group expressing that it is impossible for someone who denies the Trinity to be saved.

Understanding the Doctrine of the Trinity

Pastor led a Bible study session focusing on the doctrine of the Trinity, using various scripture passages to demonstrate how the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct yet harmonious in their roles. He emphasized that understanding the Trinity is crucial for proper biblical interpretation and that denying it constitutes blasphemy. The group discussed how the Trinity works together like a well-oiled machine, with each person of the Trinity performing distinct yet complementary functions. Pastor encouraged the participants to look for references to the Trinity in their daily Bible reading and to appreciate the beauty of how God is revealed through these teachings.

Trinity Scriptures and Healing Prayer

The group discussed biblical scriptures focusing on the Trinity, with Pastor leading a review of passages from Jude, Revelation, and 1 John that emphasized the importance of three witnesses. They explored how these scriptures demonstrate the existence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and Pastor announced they would continue studying the topic of the Father in the next session. The conversation ended with prayer for various members, including Colleen who was scheduled for hand surgery, and a discussion about healing and spiritual victory.