

## Introduction

Ashley and Katie meeting Jason Dunn from Hawk Nelson.

## Need

Like Katie and Ashley with Jason Dunn of Hawk Nelson, we often think we want to know God, but we run away every time He gets close and makes Himself known.

I don't know about you, but sometimes I find it difficult to know, experience, and grow in God because I can't see Him, I've never met Jesus physically, etc. Can I just be honest about that? Don't get me wrong. I love God. I believe in God. I do know, experience, and grow in Him. But it has to be done in faith, not sight.

Then to throw on top of that, God is Trinity, and that just seems **complex and complicated**. God is three persons, but only one God. Somehow one plus one plus one is one. Does that throw a wrench into your cognitive understanding of God? Some of you might be thinking, "Just keep it simple! I'm a Christian, isn't that enough? What does this have to do with my salvation? Is it really all that important?"

**Its kind of like dating.** In dating, so many people only care about one aspect of a person. If you're serious about dating, want to do it right, and want to date in order to marry, then let me give you some advice. Get to know the whole person before you get into a relationship with them. Get to know her as a daughter, a sister, and a friend. Get to know his past, his present and his future. Get to know them as student, athlete, worker, etc.

Story: Dude who didn't even know the girl he was coming to see.

God's greatest desire is that we know Him!

Everyone has a view of God whether they know it or not.

When you know God deeper, you can't help but grow closer.

We talked about God is one last week. Quin did a masterful job of preaching how there can only be one God, and how there can only be one way to God.

God is one is true, but God is not only one, He is also three: Father, Son, and Spirit. He is three in one.

## **Bible**

Turn with me to Ephesians 3:14. Read Ephesians 3:14-19.

14For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,  
15from whom every family in heaven and on earth is  
named, 16that according to the riches of his glory he  
may grant you to be strengthened with power through  
his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell  
in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted  
and grounded in love, 18may have strength to  
comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and  
length and height and depth, 19and to know the love of  
Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be  
filled with all the fullness of God.

Truths that are hard to explain, but you just have to agree.

1. We worship one God.
2. Our God is 3 persons.
3. Each are fully God eternally.
4. Each are distinct from each other.
5. Each have different roles.

Explain by math. **Not addition**. This would be “partialism.” (Egg, Clover, Dog)

But multiplication. 1 to the 3rd power. **1x1x1**. This would be “Trinitarianism”

Trinity Heresies:

1. The Egg (Partialism) **picture on screen**
2. Water (Modalism) **picture on screen**

The Trinity comes up in many important events in the Bible.

1. Creation (Genesis 1, John 1)
2. Baptism (Matthew 3 and 28)
3. Salvation and Mission (Matthew 28)
4. Prayer (Ephesians 4)
5. Church (1 Corinthians 12)

The point is not to know about God more, but to know God more deeply.

## Gospel

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,  
<sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is  
named,

God the Father is ultimate the Creator and the Head of the Trinity.

<sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory He may grant  
you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in  
your inner being,

God the Spirit gives us the power of God and strengthens us inwardly, our hearts to live for God.

<sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith  
—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may  
have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is  
the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to  
know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that  
you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Jesus is God the Son who came from heaven to reveal God and dwell with us. He lived His life as a man, but showed us who God truly is. Jesus is the point of the Trinity and the Gospel. He is dwelling in our hearts through faith. It is His love that we get to experience. Jesus is the fulness of God that we get to be filled with.

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Because the Trinity is far more than we could ever understand, the Triune God can do more than we could ever ask or think. But it is in the church and in Christ where the Triune God will be glorified throughout all generations.

**Personal. This personal application goes 1 of 2 directions.**

- 1. 1 Corinthians 12 and LSM as the ONE body of Jesus.**
- 2. Stay with Ephesians 3 and go with “Its not what you know, but who you know.”**

The last question I want to tackle for tonight is, what does all of this matter?

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;  
5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;  
6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

Just as God is a community who functions together as one, so is His church. We must be one!

Its not what you know, but Who you know.

The priority of your life is not your Presidential Candidate, your relationship status, your athletic achievement, your education level, your social media popularity.

Its less about who you know and more about who knows you.

Story: San Diego Padres President

Life: Your life must be defined by knowing God.