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Then Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As usual he went into the synagogue on the day of rest—a holy day. Luke 4:16

Are you better than Jesus?

That is a strange question. Who would think they are better than Jesus? Jesus is the Son of God. He is our Savior. He is perfect and we are sinners. Of course we are not better than Jesus.

How about the apostle Paul? Are you better than Paul?

At first, Paul hated and persecuted the church, but then God changed him and made him a Christian and one of the greatest missionaries ever. Paul’s life was an excellent example of what it looks like to follow Jesus.

What about King David? Are you better than David?

David was the greatest king in the Old Testament. True, he was a sinner, but he had great love for God and a great desire to serve Him. God used David to prophesy much about Jesus. David led Israel to worship God. David began the plans for building the temple. He was a wonderful example of faith. It would be hard to be better than Paul or David.

Here is an interesting fact about Jesus, Paul and David.
Jesus regularly went to the synagogue (Jewish church) – Luke 4:16.
Paul regularly went to the synagogue – Acts 18:4.
David loved going to God’s house – Psalm 122:1.

Many people think it is good enough to stay home and pray and read the Bible. They skip church because they think they don’t need it. Jesus, Paul and David always went to worship. If you think you don’t need to go to church, you are acting like you are better than Jesus, Paul and David.

The truth is we are sinners, we need God’s grace, and we can’t say we don’t need church. We should recognize the great gifts that God gives us in church – His word, the Lord’s Supper, teaching, and fellowship with other Christians. We want those things! Let’s follow the example of others and spend time every week in church with Him.

Pastor Eckert

Dive Into God's Word

On June 16, we will celebrate Trinity Sunday. On that Sunday, we remember that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Father is true God, the Son is true God, and the Holy Spirit is true God. But the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are not alone; the three are always together. This is what "Trinity" means, Father, Son and Holy Spirit in one God. The true Christian church has always taught and believed that. The Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, and Athanasian Creed describe our faith in the Triune God.

There are some groups that call themselves Christian, but they don't believe in the Trinity. Examples are the Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, and Oneness Pentecostals. There has been more talk recently about the Jehovah's Witnesses and some of their teachings, so we will look at this teaching about the Trinity and see what the Bible says about it, especially about who Jesus is. *Answers are on page 4.*

We all agree that God the Father is God. But what about Jesus? Jesus is named the Son of God, but does that make Him less than the Father, or is Jesus true God? Read these verses to see what they say about Jesus.

1. John 1:1-2. The Word (Jesus) was with _____ and was _____.
2. John 20:28. Thomas called Jesus "My _____ and my _____."
3. Colossians 2:9. All of God (all the Deity) lives in _____.

What about the Holy Spirit? He is also true God! Read these verses.

3. 1 Corinthians 2:10-11. The Spirit of God knows _____ about God.
4. 1 Corinthians 3:16. You are the temple of _____ and the Holy Spirit lives in you.
5. Psalm 139:7-10. No matter where I go, the _____ of God is there.

What do these verses say about God?

6. Genesis 1:26. God said, "Let _____ make man in _____ image, in _____ likeness."
7. Matthew 28:19-20. Jesus said to baptize all nations in the name of the _____ and of the _____ and of the _____.

A few more good verses. Read these verses to see who created everything.

8. Isaiah 44:24. The _____ formed you.
9. John 1:3, Colossians 1:16-17. _____ created all things in heaven and on earth.
10. Job 33:4. God's _____ made me.

Who is our Savior?

11. Isaiah 43:10-11. God is the only _____. There is no other _____.
12. 2 Timothy 1:10, Titus 2:13, 2 Peter 1:1. Jesus Christ is our _____ and _____.

Parents

From www.armoredpenguin.com/wordsearch

In May and June, we celebrate our parents on Mother's Day and Father's Day. The Bible tells us that God made the family. He made parents to teach their children, especially to teach them about God and the life He gives us through Jesus. He made children to learn from their parents and grow in God's grace. This word search is a collection of Bible verses about parents.

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live for a long time in the land the Lord your God is giving you. Exodus 20:12

My son, listen to your father's discipline, and do not neglect your mother's teachings. Proverbs 1:8

Children, obey your parents because you are Christians. This is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother that everything may go well for you, and you may have a long life on earth." This is an important commandment with a promise. Fathers, don't make your children bitter about life. Instead, bring them up in Christian discipline and instruction. Ephesians 6:1-4

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. Psalm 103:13

The children or grandchildren of a widow must first learn to respect their own family by repaying their parents. This is pleasing in God's sight.1 Timothy 5:4

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These verses all show that Jesus is God. He was in the beginning with God the Father. The Bible calls Jesus God. When Thomas saw Jesus, he said Jesus was his Lord and his God. Jesus didn't correct him and say he was wrong. Jesus accepted that because it was true. Jesus is named Immanuel, "God with us," (Isaiah 7:14) because God truly lives in Jesus.

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The Holy Spirit (God) lives in us. He knows everything about God. He is every place at the same time. These are things that only describe God. The Holy Spirit is God.

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The Bible says clearly that there is only one God. So then why did God say, "Let us make man in our image?" Why not say, "I will make man in My image?" God said "us" and "our" because He is the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. That is also why Jesus said to baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And at the same time, He is not three Gods; He is one God.

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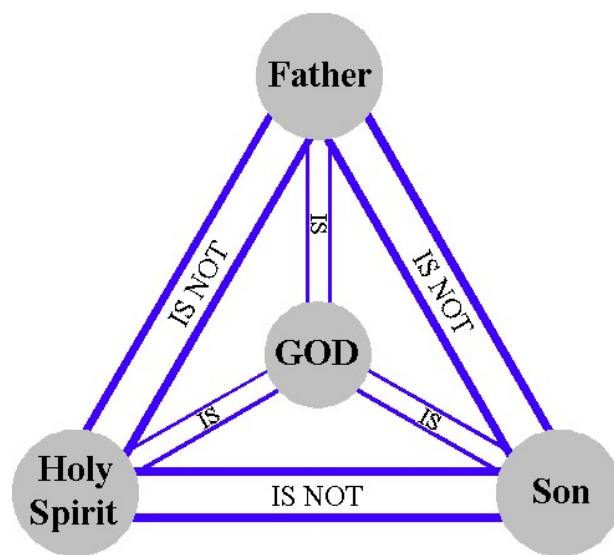
These verses show the Father, Son and Holy Spirit all do the work of creating.

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Isaiah 43 says God is the only Lord and Savior. The other verses all say Jesus is our God and Savior. That is not a contradiction. It is true because Jesus is God.



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Prayers

Please remember these people in your prayers:

- ✦ Deacon Pat Sell will officially retire from serving Calvary Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Des Moines, on May 26. We thank God for his 15 years of serving as a deacon, and we pray God will bless him and Calvary in the future.
- ✦ For all who ask God to give them health: Mollie Schmitz, Bob Orr, Doris Harris, Lorri Green, Shirley Green, Pat Monroe's father, Barbara Zimmerman, Janet Weber, Jerry Hanson, Joan Mass, Larry Plumb, Chris Wrage, Sharon Pope, Jeanette Kern, Bonnie Lou Huffman, Terry Ann Check, and Paula Slavin.
- ✦ Pray for all people who used to be Christians and attended church with us, but now have drifted away. Ask God to lead them to repent and remember God's gift of life and forgiveness for them.
- ✦ The church is not a building. The church is God's people, all people who trust in Jesus as their Savior. But church buildings are places built to honor God and for His people to meet in. so we are sad that the Notre Dame cathedral burned. We pray that when it is rebuilt, that God will use the rebuilding to lead people to Jesus.
- ✦ "If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts share its suffering." (1 Cor. 12:26) We grieve with the Christians in Sri Lanka after the bombings on Easter morning. No matter how people try to kill Christians, we have God's promise that He will raise us alive with Jesus. No one can steal us out of Jesus' hand (John 10:28-29). We pray for all Christians facing persecution, that God will make them strong in His promises.
- ✦ Continue to pray for Andy Petajan as he studies to become a pastor.
- ✦ All shut-ins to keep strong faith in Christ Jesus.



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CAN YOU SCROLL BACK UP?

prove that Solomon's temple was truly in Jerusalem long ago.

2. A seal to stamp letters was found that might have belonged to Isaiah the prophet. The seal says, "Belonging to Isaiah," and might end with "Prophet." (That part of the seal is broken and looks like prophet, but is missing one letter.) It was found in the area where the temple was. The king at the time was King Hezekiah. A seal for him was found in the same area in 2015.

Archaeology (digging up old things from the past) can sometimes give us good evidence to support the history of the Bible. For example, some people think many of the people and events in the Old Testament are made up. They say those people didn't exist.

This is where archaeology can help show the people, places and events in the Bible are true. In the past year, these are some of the neatest things people found.

1. A small stone named a "beka" was found in Jerusalem near the Western Wall, where the old temple stood. That small stone was used as a weight on a scale. Finding it helps