PENTECOSTAL DOCTRINES: THE TRINITY

Gen.1:1- 3 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Gen.1:26 - Then God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth."

I. THE FATHER - THE SOURCE OF ALL THINGS

James 1:17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

1. THE FATHER - GOD'S LOVE FOR MAN - HE LOVES JESUS

Matt 3:16,17 - After He was baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and settling on Him, and behold, a voice from the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

2. THE FATHER IS GREATER

Jn.14:28 - You heard that I said to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

Jn.10:30 - I and the Father are one.

II. THE SON OF GOD

1. THE FATHER'S EXPRESSION OF HIMSELF

- Heb.1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature,
- *Jn.1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
- *Jn.1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

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"God's end in the creation of the world consists in these two things, to communicate himself and to glorify himself."

God declared Himself through the life, ministry, and death of His Son Jesus. Everything the Father is radiates from Christ. His teaching, His healings, His deliverances from demonic bondage, His miracles of provision, and salvation which comes through His death. So have another look at Jesus, what you see will be the Father's love. He loves us by giving us His Son. When we embrace His Son we taste the Father's goodness and love, this is the place of indescribable joy.

2. THE LOVE OF GOD SEEN IN CHRIST

Rom. 5:8 - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. REVEALS AND GLORIFIES CHRIST

Jn.16:13,14 - But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take from Mine and will disclose it to you.

2. HE CONVICTS US OF OUR SINS

Jn.16:7,8 - But I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world regarding sin, and righteousness, and judgment:

3. HE INDWELLS

Jn.14:17 - the Helper is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him; but you know Him because He remains with you and will be in you.

Jn.14:20 - *On that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I in you.*

4. HE TRANSFORMS US

2 Cor.3:18 - But we all, with unveiled faces, looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

5. HE HELPS US

Rom.8:26 - Now in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness;

Rom.8:26 - TPT - And in a similar way, the Holy Spirit takes hold of us in our human frailty to empower us in our weakness.

Rom.8:26 Amp. - So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness;

6. HE EMPOWERS US

Acts 1:8 - but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;

*Eph.*6:10 - Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

7. POURS GOD'S LOVE ON US AND IN US

Rom.5:5 - and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.