

TRINITY

One. This integer which determines minimum from the point of view of the queen of sciences gives multitude questions about faith's foundations in life of many Christians. Why? Because we believe that God is one and yet in three Persons. How to try to understand the complexity of God while in Scripture is not used concrete word 'Trinity' and what it is about? Does God would be the same God if He would contain himself only in a single Person?

In theology "*misterium absolutum*" is a subject what about human beings have no explanation. Nobody is able to lecture it enough because mostly everybody has more questions than answers. You can only explore what God wanted to show us what he wanted to explain or clarify. 2 Corinthians 13, 13 readed usually at the end I want to mention at the outset because it beautifully expresses what will be discussed

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Trinity or Triunity – none of this words we will find in the Scripture. That raises the question – should we use them while there are not used in the Bible. Of course. Theologists uses those words to describe some reality which Scripture gives us. Bible is divided. And I don't mean Old and New Testament. But divided into parts which tell about unity(onesness?) of God and this second one tells about unity as well but generally about His triunity that is Trinity. Among many theological definitions of Trinity I quote one: Only one true God exists, in whose nature three co-eternal and co-equal Persons exists which are identical in substance (are substantial) and different as to the manifestations of existence (subsystencjal?). You can have reservation regarding this definition because there are found words such as: 'persons' that mislead us because it seems that it describes three Gods. Next: 'substance'. This word sounds very materialistic, so some would be glad if could turn in into 'essence'. The next and the last word is **substystencja?** which is a manifestation of existence. Although imperfect terms I think that this definition is closest to the correct determination of triunities.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the Lord is one' Deuteronomy 6, 4

We have only one God. There is only one, only God. And only He can be object of our love what about tells verse below:

'Love the Lord your God with with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strenght.' Deuteronomy 6,5

And here the number one is founded too. However does this mean, mathematical one? Is it a word that says it is a single person? In Hebrew, used word אֶחָד (echad) means the complexity. The complexed unity, collectivity of union. These two will be one! They will become one body. In Genesis 2: 24 God said:

'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.'

And here word אֶחָד (echad) is founded too. A similar phenomenon can be seen in the book of Ezra:

'When the seventh month came, and the Israelites had settled in their towns, the people assembled as one man in Jerusalem.' Ezra 3,1

Unity again. Not mathematical one (described by word – jechad) but complexed one, compact, creating one. Often believers make use of statements that Trinity is like a tree, consists of a crown, stem and root or the egg because it has a shell, white egg and yolk. I must admit that I don't like that kind of statements because they simply don't show what is the Trinity. Egg is still one egg instead of three, as well as tree is still one tree not three. Therefore the best what shows Trinity of God it is what He say by himself at the beginning that those two will become one flesh. Because they are separate, independent but one, they are connected. Marriage the best describes Triunity of God.

How much important is this doctrine, this science about Trinity of God? I think that it's essence of our faith, because in fact we can say that Jesus died for us, that He raised again. After all, anyone can die for us and rise again, so it is important to ask a question who? Who is this? Is it some god? Is it the God? Today, as then we have lots of gods, let's not think that it is over. We still have something to do with some of gods. Let's take people who come to church, and we testify them. They say, 'but don't say anything to me I believe in god' My question is: In what god you believe in? Or atheists say 'I don't believe in god' then I ask 'in what god you don't believe in?' What is your God? This is an essence. Then New question raises, if you believe in God you believe only in 1/3 of God. Maybe you believe only in Father Or only in Son Or maybe it is some abstract thing that is 1/3 of God. I need to know what really is your god? Believers must to know in what God they believe in. Not in every god you can believe because there are a lot of gods. For example Marduk. He claimed that he will create human to be a slave. If you go to India you would see how many gods are there. That's why when you would tell Hindu about One God he would feel relieved because he won't have to believe in many gods, those weather gods, home gods, work gods, health gods, finance gods and you can list it to eternity. And to all of them we give something. Having a problem with praying to the One God, how great it must be if we have to deal with the multiple of gods? Which one you would satisfy? What would happen if you forget of any from the list? And you don't have to search far to find that kind of list. In catholic church it has over 170 positions. They pray to Saint for example St Anthony when you have lost something. Aren't they gods if people trust in them and hope that Saints will listen? Therefore, it is not enough to say god. You need to know what's behind it. Do we think of the same being as we meet, or when we cry, when we sing do we think of the same being? Each of us has a different image of God. We imagine Him differently. And that's forbidden. God forbade. The Triune God doesn't fit into any mold to cast Him! Each mold doesn't fit because our mind cannot handle the existence of Triune God. One in three Persons - we have problem with that.

We would like our God was simpler, easier so we make Him that. Our mind struggle with it but it just confirms that God is triunity and we cannot create any images and that's beautiful. Difficult things are usually put aside lest not do mess in our heads. We need to fathom it to know that God is not like we create Him, he is not our image. And it's not about sculpting or painting but image that we create in our mind. It is important for us to have a picture how He appeared not how we want Him to toe the line to this form. Let's image that God is a simpler creature. I give an example, let's take Allah why to bother Christianity. He is a single person God, is not complicated, is not a father what the Koran confirms. Allah is not a father because he do not borns, he does not has a son.

If God is the creator, if he is legislator so it's like he was policeman. For all types of laws – moral, chemical, physical which he gave us we are thankful but we don't love him. Is any of you loves policeman who forgave you a fine? No, we are just thankful. The same situation is with God. **Nothing tells us that He is the Creator, The Lord because we don't love Him then.** He is somebody who watches us, does something, creates, we feel like being in aquarium, we have everything but we don't love. Therefore God did not manifest itself primarily as a Creator or a Ruler, but also revealed himself as Father. Jesus did not refer to God differently as to the Father, all the time he talked about Him. We are to pray "Our Father ...", Jesus prayed, "Father, I thank you for them ..". Jesus came to reveal the Father, "If you've never seen the Father, look at me," he revealed Him as someone who loves. If we want to get to know God, no theology, no exegesis, no language skills would help. Only Jesus, the Son of God can reveal the Father, and so looking at Jesus we see Him. In John 14:6 we read:

'Jesus answered 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

We have to get to know the Son to know the Father. Jesus is a lamp which lights, only way which leads to the Father and no one else will came unto only as through him. Only through Jesus, we can know who is really the Almighty, Triune God. Philosophy will not help, people puzzled and still do so, and unfortunately do not getting to know God. Being the Son means to be born, to be loved, that's why I emphasize again that Jesus reveals God not as the Creator and Lord but just as the Father.

Have you ever wondered what was God doing before creation? In John 17: 24 we read:

'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.'

Answer is simple, He has been loving all the time. He has loved His Son lasting and unchangeable love. So before God was the creator and regulator of the truth, He was the Father who loves. A man named Arius began from the complicated definition of God that He is not being created, that He is from the very beginning, he started from the wise words which says nothing, he started badly. He should have started from Jesus. Our definition of God must be built on the Son who reveals Him. Confession of Faith says: We believe in God the Father. What does that mean? This means that God - the Father begotten Son, he loves, has a

relationship, has a family ties, has a community. He is not some kind of definition. It's the same as if we were defined. We can communicate with each other and that defines us that we are able to give ourselves to others. Not some dead definition but what I do makes it.

Father gives life and that kind of Father we can love, it is possible to love and we do so. That's not cold. In the Old Testament God describes himself as the Father not only loving Father but also who shares the love. We read about God who has a relation with man:

Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the Lord says: Israel is my firstborn son' Exodus 4,22

'Hear, O heavens! Listen, O earth! For the Lord has spoken: I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me.' Isaiah 1,2

Next, Jeramiah 31,9

'I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel's father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son.'

Deuteronomy 8,5

'Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you'

Jeremiah 3,19

'I myself said, „How gladly would I treat you like sons and give you a desirable land, the most beautiful inheritance of any nation.” I thought that you would call me 'Father' and not turn away from following me.'

I think, therefore, that in the beginning, before creation, there was love, relationship, mutual adoration and nothing else. God has loved the Son.

'But you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us or Israel acknowledge us; you, O Lord, are you Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.' Isaiah 63,16

„Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them. 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, and my God and your God' ”

Here is the definition of Jesus. Firstly is our Father. Only when we find that fact we're ready to define the Triune God. Everything God does is doing as the Father, creates as the Father, establishes the law as the Father. What happens when we begin to think about God as a policeman? Injunction or prohibition "do not do this or that" is something else. If there is relation between children and the Father there is obedience which God always requires. The only child, only Son who precisely filled each Father's order was Jesus, he did whatever his Father said, and not because he had to but because he loved him. This is a relationship of love, if I love I do that and I don't philosophize what I can and can not do. Better to be a Christian in 100% rather than 50% because God is looking for those who are hot, who worship him in 100%, in spirit and in truth.

The eternal Father not for the first time was giving life and was creating.

'Dear friends, let us love one another: for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.'

Why does God borns? Becuase He loves. And because he is the Father. Before anything was created in eternity, God already have loved, have given life and have relished his Son. It is very important. Many theologists compares that to fountain, which gushes, which is giving life.

'My people have committed two sins; they have forsaken me the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns, that cannot hold water.'

New Testament says: From their inside living water will flow otherwise it is fountaine. Alive gushes water. God the Father is love and He do not have to create to be who He is. If God created us to be who He is that means that we are the once who gave God a life. If God had to create us His existance depands on us. He needs us. If this is a condition then such a God finds his identity in his creation but our God the Father finds his identity in eternal Son, he do not need us, our prayers, sacrificeses or our love because he have loved Son, his love has been already reflected from the beginning. Therefore it is important to say that Jesus is the eternal Son

'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.'

So why God created? It's not because he was lonely and had nothing to do. He wanted to share his love, only. He wanted to have more children. He wanted to give, not to receive. If God was not the Father from the beginning, and the Son was not from the beginning, we can not say that God is loving. If someone gets some love, it is a gift, and from whom God was to receive it? He must have been loving from the start.

'The Son is radiance of God's glory, and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven'

Jesus is a reflection, a reflection of His nature. The lamp gives brightness. Just as there is no brightness without lamp that the Son does not exists without the Father. It is eternal. **We can not talk about something like that** the Father was without the Son, that He was separated.

The Father loves the Son, and has placed everything in his hands.' John 3,35

For the Father loves the Son and shews him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these.' John 5, 20

'But the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. "Come now"; let us leave" ' John 14, 31

Those verses tell about amazing relation. We see that the Son have loved the Father as well, that brought Him a pleasure, it was like a food for Him – to love the Father. We see what is the concrete form of this relation, God is loving or the Bridegroom, while Son is the loved one – the Bride.

'Now I want you realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is the man, and the head of Christ is God.' 1Corinthians 11,3

Here we see more clearly this relation of the Bridegroom and the Bride in expression God – Jesus and Christ – Church. Love emerges from the Father and next from the Son. We have to admit that Father's love is elementary, initial, basic. The Father was one who has sent the Son not the Son has sent the Father (it comes from the Father), as the Son gives the Spirit. Therefore it is not only a fountaine but cascade as well which has different levels.

'As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love' John 15, 9

Here is that cascade. God loved His Son and now we are loved by the same love, we are gifted with the Holy Spirit.

'As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased" ' Matthew 3, 16-17

The Father showed His love by giving His Spirit, Spirit of love. Next verse: 'And hope does not disppoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

What is poured? Love. God expresses his love just by Holy Spirit, while we read, while we pray not once we feel it and desire to be with the Lord grows in us. Through this gift God also declares His love to the Son, this love connects them, stimulates their fire, Spirit is stirs up community.

Jesus prayed and thaught us to cry while praying „Abba Father”. Why he cried „Abba” when he was praying?

' At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said. "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure." Luke 10,21

Joy through the Holy Spirit . When Holy Spirit comes upon us we feel rejoice. You can't get it from your body. The Apostle Paul says, "Rejoice!" Be filled with the Holy Spirit! Through the Spirit God loves, blesses and strengthens the Son. The Son is sent by the Father through the Spirit, that's why the name of Jesus is Christ which means anointed. And anointed you could have been only by Holy Spirit. If there would have been only the Father and Son that this love would have been very exlusive. When we see that there are three persons this love is in larger group. Therefore God who knows how to love from the very beginning is different

God than god who is alone. How god can knows how to love if he is by himself, alone? He can't. That's why Allah can't love.

When we start from Jesus in the Bible we always see Triunity, because the Father and the Holy Spirit is always with Him. God in who we believe in is not a selfish God but is generous, loving and wants to share his love not because he needs to but because he want to give it.

'For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers' Romans 8,29

Remember that God wants us to be similar to the Son.

'He is the imagine of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation" Colossians 1,15

In creation was not only about some abstract act of creating it was about showing love by Truine God. Father joined us to his love to the Son, and we should be grateful. Of course God, but love is also holiness associated for us with separating. However, holiness contains much more: perfection, beauty, absolute chastity. God from the very beginning has never been on anything or anyone apart from, because in such a case would have to be separated from himself. God's holiness appeared when a man started to be disobedient. So this separation was not contrived by God who would like to isolate himself but was contrived because we could hurt ourselves, we and angels. Holiness is the perfection. Perfect love, beauty, purity and no one will be able to survive in front of HIm because we are not like this. That's why we would say that God is judge, that he's angry. But was it like that at the beginning? At who he would have been angry? The wrath of God comes when sin and disobedience comes. Looking at the beginning it can be concluded that the wrath or judgment are unnatural for God.

The LORD will rise up as he did at Mount Perazim, he will rouse himself as in the Valley of Gibeon, to do his work, his strange work; and perform his task, his alien task.

And here is used this word 'alien'. Wrath is something unnatural for God.

From the very beginning Jesus was giving testimony that from then love was supported by Holy Spirit. God could have created us as robots but he have given us free will to choose do we want to be with such a God who gives love or we prefer to stay by ourselves. We know there is a place where there is no God. God won't bother anyone there, won't be his love there, his mercy, his grace, his light of life. There will be no God, will be no lead in wisdom. Where there is no Creator there is disintegration, despair, death. Thank to love of Jesus Christ we can understand term of Truine God. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit don't exist without each other. For us, believers, Triunity is like an air, we breathe it, otherwise our lifes don't exist because then God would be some creation.