

TRINITY SUNDAY

THE COLLECT

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.



1. What does the Church call upon us to celebrate this day?
A. The mystery of those three Persons, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in the unity of the Godhead. The holy Trinity.
2. What is the true faith which God has given us grace to acknowledge?
A. The glory of the e _____ T _____
3. Why do you believe that there are three Persons composing the Trinity?
A. Because at the baptism of Christ in the river Jordan, the three Persons were all present. "And he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (St. Matthew 3:16-17)
B. Also, all nations are to be baptized "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," which three Persons compose the holy Trinity
4. In what are we to worship these three Persons?
A. in u _____, or as being united in one divine Majesty. "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord." (Deut 6:4) "There are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one." (I John 5:7)



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I. THE SUBSTANCE OF A RIGHT FAITH:

What are we to believe about God?

1. **Scripture tells us in the New Testament:**

St. Matt. 28:19 and St. John 3: The Three Persons are all engaged about the work of our salvation: v.5, the Holy Ghost applying salvation through the means of grace; vv.14-15, the Son accomplishing salvation by His death on the cross; v.16, the Father the Author of salvation through His boundless love.

Read also: 2 Corinthians 8:14, Titus 3:4 &c, I Peter 1:2, Ephesians 2:18, Romans 8:9, I Corinthians 7:3-6, and 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14.

2. **In the Old Testament we read:** Genesis 1:26

II. STRENGTH OF A RIGHT FAITH:

What good shall we get by holding this right faith?

1. **It gives Comfort.** To think of God as our Father, our Brother, our Friend, Who loves, and made, and preserves, Who redeemed, Who dwells in us to make us holy.
2. **It calls for Conformity.** We must be like God in the various relations of life—in love, in unity.
3. **It imparts Courage.** It is a doctrine and a hope worth fighting for. It gives us hope and confidence in all our struggles with sin and in all our dangers.
4. **It regulates Conduct.** People who believe wrongly about a new country will make mistakes about their preparation for going there. People who believe rightly about it will take the right clothing, learn the right things, take the right tools, &c. So to believe rightly about God will guide all our lives in doing God's will, and guide all our preparations in getting ready for God's home.

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