



Newsletter

Psalm 37:4 - Delight yourself in the Lord; And He will give you the desires of your heart.

One of my prayers is that the LORD plants my desires and then fulfills those desires.
I pray that my desires are the Lords desires.

I have been going over two simple truths with Jack since he was born. Lately, since his verbal skills have increased, I have been able to listen to what he is grasping:

I ask him who God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit are. He simply replies with a smile, "the Trinity". Which in, and by itself, holds more truth than I could possibly type (and that he or I could understand). By saying They are the Trinity, I am trying to introduce to his little mind that all 3 (although are individual persons) are one God. In time I would like him to understand that:

God the Father is the ultimate source or cause of the universe (1 Corinthians 8:6; Revelation 4:11); divine revelation (Revelation 1:1); & salvation (John 3:16-17).

God the Son is the agent through whom the Father does the following works: the creation and maintenance of the universe (1 Corinthians 8:6); divine revelation (John 1:1, 16:12-15); and salvation (2 Corinthians 5:19; Matthew 1:21).

God the Holy Spirit is the means by whom the Father does the following works: creation and maintenance of the universe (Genesis 1:2; Psalms 104:30); divine revelation (Ephesians 3:5; 2 Peter 1:21); salvation (Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:2); and Jesus' works (Isaiah 61:1; Acts 10:38).

For him to understand who the Trinity is, it will further his understanding of this next truth we go over together:

Matthew 22:37-39a - "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." (Mark 12:30 adds "**Strength**")³⁸ This is the great and foremost commandment.³⁹ The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

First, it is my desire for him to understand that the Father is God (Romans 1:7), the Son is God (John 1:1, 14; Romans 9:51 John 5:20), & the Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4).

It is my desire for him to understand that when he says, "you shall love the LORD your God", it is to love all persons, actions, and aspects of the Trinity; the whole of who God is.

Second, it is my desire for him to understand what it would be like to shower his neighbors with the same love that he shows himself. To know that this love is not natural, but super-natural; God-given (given by the Father, through the Spirit, & only because of the Son).

My desire (ultimately God's desire) is that these same truths be the action of our entire church. I am so thankful that Christ loved His God (obeyed the will of His Father) and He loved His neighbor (died for me).

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