

The Adopted Life

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GCI and The Trinity

I recently attended a regional conference sponsored by my denomination, Grace Communion International (GCI), where the foundation of all of our learning was the shared relationship of God the Father, Son and Spirit. Not only did our conference resources contain the same graphic you see to the right, our being "On Mission with God" theme was planted firmly in the reality of God as Trinity. Superintendent of Ministers Dan Rogers noted that because God is revealed in Jesus Christ to be a Trinity (Matt 28:19-20), we can see that God is a missionary God Who moves out in love to create, redeem and renew all things! The Father (the Sender), sends out Jesus (the Sent One) in the anointing of the Holy Spirit (the Sending Agent) to include us in His life and love.

This conference was topped off with a presentation by GCI President Joe Tkach who emphasized our continual need to maintain high theological scholarship by remaining founded on the Trinity. Joe helped us learn that there is a huge hint about God being Trinity in the Old Testament, particularly in Genesis (e.g. Gen 1:26.) In his presentation we learned that the word "Elohim" in Hebrew means 3 or more! What a fascinating fact and act of repentance after thinking and preaching for too many years that the word only meant two! But the Hebrew language is very specific when it wants to speak of two, and the word used for two is "Elohiam". Elohim is not definite proof that God is Three Persons but it is definitely proof that God is at least a Being of Three Persons! Wow! And that matches up better with what Jesus, in the New Testament, and through the apostles reveals: that God is Three Persons in One and One in Three! (2 Cor 13:14)

~ Tim Brassell