

The Adopted Life

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Living in the Life of the Trinity

In this week's gospel text (Matt. 5:38-48) Jesus adds a new dimension to the words of Leviticus 19. In Leviticus (as John points out in his article) we see the Triune Life earthed in the law of Israel. Jesus shows us the Triune Life earthed in himself. He reveals that God's life balances the needs and rights of the individual with the needs and rights of the community. The Father, Son, and Spirit always give each other the freedom to be uniquely themselves while never using that freedom to damage their shared communion as one God. Within God's Tri-unity, individual rights and communal rights are in harmony.

As Tim points out in his article, we must look to this balanced communion of the Trinity to truly understand ourselves, because through Jesus, humanity is now living in this Trinitarian Life. Jesus tells us that if we want to know what our families, cities, nations, and world should look like, then we must look to the Triune Life of God in which distinct individuals in communion take care of each other.

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