

The One For The Many

My friend and mentor Baxter Kruger references T. F. Torrance when he says that ancient Israel was the "Womb of the Incarnation." In other words, the Man that all of Creation is anticipating in birth and life—the One Man for all men that will not only adopt humanity into the life of the Trinity but save it from its sin—is Jesus Christ, the Son of God made flesh, the Jew and Israelite (Matt 1:1).

Everything and Everyone is anticipating His arrival because he will literally be the One for the many. In order to give our minds the capacity to receive His Revelation as the One for the many, the Holy Spirit ingeniously inspires the writers of the scripture to make this point.

Speaking of Abraham, the grandfather of Israel, the Holy Spirit inspires the writer of Genesis to creatively pen Gen 12:3: "In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." This "in you" is a direct reference to Jesus Christ (Gal 3:16, 29).

The Spirit also gives Israel the concept of the One Priest for the many on the Day of Atonement (Num 15:25). And presses the point in the story of David and Goliath:

He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us. ~ 1 Samuel 17:8-9

As you participate in Lent this season, why not revel in the fresh and mind-blowingly good mental construct given us by the Triune God throughout scripture and received in the reality of Christ: the Reality of His being with and for us, regardless of our unworthiness, sin, and opposition, as the One Worthy, Righteous and For God—the One for the many!

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