



THE THREE IN ONE – PART 1

The Ologies Lesson 5



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MAIN POINT:

MESSAGE NOTES:¹

Listen to or view message #5 in *The Ologies*, "[The Three in One – Part 1](https://psconline.com)," at psconline.com. You can also find it by searching for Pleasant Street Church of Christ on your favorite podcasting service or on the Faithlife app on Apple TV or Roku.

Thought Questions:

1. Why do we need to both fear and love God?
2. What made Moses' relationship with God different from the rest of the Israelites' relationship with God?
3. How was Jesus like Moses?
4. How is Jesus greater than Moses?

Next Steps:

1. How does it make you feel to know that Christ died so you could enjoy close fellowship with God through his Holy Spirit?
2. What do you feel the Holy Spirit is leading you to do this week?

Obedience Challenge: Fan Into Flame!

Take a spiritual gifts assessment like, <https://giftstest.com>. Ask trusted believers whether they agree with the results. Then ask God how he would like for you to use your gifts to minister in the body of Christ, which is his church.

Daily Devotion Guide:

Read the following Scriptures about God, the Three in One, throughout this week. Use the [SOAP journaling method](#) to help you go deeper into the text. (See Handout)

¹ You will share your notes during the Collaboration time of your Life Team meeting.

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- Monday – Deuteronomy 4
- Tuesday – Psalm 34
- Wednesday – Psalm 86
- Thursday – Isaiah 44
- Friday – Isaiah 63
- Saturday – Galatians 3

During your Life Team meeting, you'll be given the opportunity to share some of your Application entries. Consider bookmarking any that you'll want to share by way of confession or to encourage others.

Or copy it here for easy reference:

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INTERGENERATIONAL GATHERING GUIDE:

Primer Exercise:

For Children

Play a game of “Telephone” with a twist:

- Divide everyone into senders and receivers, be sure both senders and receivers have access to a smartphone. If you have enough people and phones you could divide up into teams to make this competitive. Otherwise, use a timer to give this task a sense of urgency.
- Ahead of time, gather four toys and hide them in a box.
- Send the receivers to another room. After the receivers leave the room, open the box for the senders to look inside. Tell the senders, “I want you to use your phone (hold a phone to your ear like you’re talking on it for illustration) to help your receivers draw the pictures you have. You can’t tell them what it is. You could tell them what color it is or describe its shape or find some other way for them to get a picture of what you’re seeing. For every toy your receiver guesses correctly in the next five minutes your team will get a point.”
- Be intentionally vague to leave room for the problem solvers to use their cameras to send pictures. If no one figures it out, play another round, but this time, don’t hold the phone to your ear. Instead, just hold it out in front of you.
- After everyone has figured it out ask:
 - How do we find out what something is like?
 - Why is it hard to get to know God in this way?
 - Why do you think God told his people that they were not supposed to make pictures and sculptures of him?

Everyone Else

View this online video from the movie *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2*. <https://pscconline.com/ego-me-mp4/>

- If you’ve not seen the movie, the character played by Kurt Russell is a “celestial” who lived alone in space for millions of years and then searched the universe for life in the hopes of finding meaning with it. The other character is his son that was born to a human woman and always believed himself to be just a human until meeting his father just earlier that day. (You might want to just watch the movie. It’s pretty good despite some vulgar humor.)
- Ask your family:
 - Why was the godlike character in that clip disappointed with life in the galaxy?
 - Why do you think he wanted to expand and take over everything?

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The three sessions below are designed for home devotional use. Each session should be done in a separate sitting.

Session One: “Ego Maniac” (refer to the clip from the *Everyone Else* Primer)

- Read Psalm 2
- Ask: Why is it not always best for people to get their own way?
- Read Col. 1:15-20
 - What does this passage say about Jesus?
 - Why do you think he is the one to reconcile people back to God?
- Application and Prayer
 - Who do you know needs to know God?
 - Is there a time that you could tell them about him?

Session Two: “Set Free by Three”

- Read Psalm 16
 - What is the delightful inheritance the Psalmist mentions?
- Read Isaiah 63
 - Note: “The angel of his presence,” and “arm of the LORD,” are names for the preincarnate Christ in the Old Testament.
 - How was the Trinity involved in redeeming Israel from Egypt?
- Application and Prayer
 - Do you feel stuck in any way?
 - How can God, the Three in One, set you free?
 - Pray to each person of the Trinity and bring this problem to him.

Session Three: “You Will Be Called Israel”

- Read Psalm 86
- Ask: What does the psalmist say about his heart?
- Read Genesis 32:24-30:
 - Who wrestled with Jacob?
 - Why doesn’t he give his name?
- Application and Prayer
 - Why would God rename Jacob (Trickster) Israel (Struggles with God)?
 - How does this inform your approach to God?

LIFE TEAM GATHERING GUIDE:

Scripture Discussion

- Read Revelation 4-5:²
 - Where do you see each member of the Trinity?
 - How are they different from the other beings in God’s throne room?

² Read Isaiah 11:1-3 for some context on “the seven Spirits of God.”

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Sing

Thou Art Worthy

Words: Pauline M. Mills (As in Praise for the Lord) Music: Pauline M. Mills
St. 2: Tom Small Arr.: Richard E. VanDyke

1. Thou art wor - thy, Thou art wor - thy,
2. Thou art wor - thy, Thou art wor - thy,

Thou art wor - thy, O Lord,
Thou art wor - thy, Lamb,

To re - ceive glo - ry, glo - ry and hon - or, Yes,
To re - ceive bless - ing, glo - ry and hon - or And

glo - ry and hon - or and pow'r, and pow'r,
at the Fa - ther's right hand;

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Thou Art Worthy

For Thou hast cre - at - ed, hast all things cre - at - ed;
For Thou hast re - deemed us, hast ran - somed and cleansed us,

Thou hast cre - at - ed all things,
By Thy blood set - ting us free, In

And for Thy plea - sure they are cre - at - ed,
white robes ar - rayed us, kings and priests made us:

Thou art wor - thy, O Lord,
We are reign - ing in Thee!

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Holy, Holy, Holy!

Words: Reginald Heber

Trinity

Music: John B. Dykes

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Lord God Al - might - y!
 all the saints a - dore Thee,
 through the dark - ness hide Thee,
 Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the crys - tal sea;
 Tho' the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
 Cher - u - bin and ser - a - phim
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly!
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 there is none be - side Thee,
 mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 Who wast, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - feet in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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Pray

- Read the following passage in unison:

*“You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being.”*

*“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”*

*“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”*

Segue into a time of group prayer. The group leader or someone they appoint can close the time when they feel so led.

Collaborate

Each participant should have listened to Message #5 in *The Ologies*, “The Three in One – Part 1” in person or online and taken notes.

- Have everyone share their answers to the **Thought Questions** in their *Message Notes*.
- If anyone has already done the **Obedience Challenge**, have them report on how it went and what they learned.
- Encourage (but don’t require) participants to share their **Next Steps** or any **Application** entries from their SOAP journals.
- Close by praying for each other’s **Next Steps** and **Application** entries.