

The Trinity Glorifies One Another Perfectly

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He, the Spirit of truth...will glorify Me (John 16:13-14). I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do (John 17:4-5). "This is My Beloved Son; with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him (Matthew 17:5).

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- Can we have perfect relationships?

Glorifying in the Trinity

Some time ago, I did a "Concepts" brochure entitled, "A Biblical Perspective of Relationships." There, I defined a relationship as "a significant connection, which results in mutual identification." In other words, "if we have a relationship, we have some vested interest in each other." Under the subtitle "The Nature of a Perfect Relationship," I suggested "there is one perfect relationship which can be easily observed in the Bible." I was referring to the relationships within the Trinity. This concept of the Trinity's glorifying one another is an expansion of that idea.

- ❖ The three persons of the Godhead are always making known the value, wonder, majesty, in other words, the *glory*, of one another.
- ❖ This is in sharp contrast to Satan who turned this around and sought his own glory (Isaiah 14:14). And the world's idea of a good relationship will always follow the satanic model of glorifying yourself—hence, pride, self-accomplishment, self-value, self-worth, self-esteem, and self-achievement.
- ❖ So worldly (satanic) relationships will be based on each of us achieving our own self-actualization. But with the Godhead, it is just the opposite. They are always glorifying one another.

Conclusion

So in a perfect relationship, each member would be glorifying the other. For example, suppose you introduced your spouse, son, or daughter, by saying, "This is my beloved wife [etc.] in whom I am well-pleased. Listen to her." Of course, we wouldn't say it like that, but what if that is what we actually communicated to those around us?

Questions and Answers

Q: What would a perfect relationship look like?

A: A perfect relationship would be like the way the Biblical Trinity relates to each other: with submission, in unity, bringing glory to one another, and serving one another.

Q: Can we have perfect relationships?

A: No. But we can strive for them. The problem is we are usually striving for Satan's idea of a relationship (taught in the social standards of this world), not God's. It's not just that we are not perfect, the problem is most are headed in a direction 180 degrees away from a perfect relationship.