

*Life*  
ETERNAL  
*It's All About Glory*



The death of Jesus Christ and His rising made death a moment of time and not an eternity. Though we all die in Adam, we shall rise to life in Christ as the cross of the Lord stands revealed as the tree to eternal life. No human endeavor is more important than to strive toward the Spiritual goal of living in eternity with Christ Jesus.

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# I N T R O D U C T I O N

This book covers the major issues affecting a Christian today and is not about the Christian religion. Its content is directed to the Christian who is devoted to Jesus Christ God, man, teacher, counselor, and friend. Written about things of the spirit and the Spirit of Jesus Christ, the message of this book relates to every human being who has ever lived, who lives here today, or who will ever live on earth. The documentation for its content is found in the words of Jesus Christ that are contained in the Gospels of the Holy Bible – words that were given to Him by His Father who is the Father of every man and woman. This book takes no issue or argument with the contents of the many books and authors of the Bible, as its sole documentation and authority are found in the words of Christ Jesus. If Jesus did not say it, allude to it, or discuss the matter, then it is of no importance and of little consequence.

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*Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, for I have passed on to them the words you gave me; and they accepted them and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me. (John 17:7-8, NLT)*

Devoted followers of Jesus are those who believe in Him as God and adhere to His teachings and commandments and make up the body of Christ – His church on earth. In Matthew 16 Jesus says to Peter, “Now I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.” (Matthew 16:18 NLT) Contrary to what some might believe, there is a significant difference between the church that Jesus speaks of, which constitutes the body of Christ, versus the many “Christian religions” that exist in the world today.

Although all Christian religions have merit, I personally believe that the actions of the men who influence and control them are unknowingly divisive. Indeed, religion divides men, Jesus unites them. It is only by the grace of Jesus Christ that men become united as one with Him and in Him and He in us.

S E C T I O N   O N E

The  
TRINITY



GOD the Father, Jesus the SON,  
and the HOLY SPIRIT

I greet You this day,  
my wonderful God with glory,  
knowing that You are within me, and that  
Your power is greater than all the powers  
of the external world.

Joined together in one Spirit  
as God the Father, His Son Jesus Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, who are all in me  
and they together as the Trinity  
are the sole creator of everything in the universe.

For you, O Lord, are my life,  
my love, intelligence, substance, and omnipotence,  
my omnipresence, my light and perfection,  
and my salvation.

My beloved Father God,  
nothing exceeds Your importance.

Praise the Lord



S E C T I O N   O N E

This book is divided into three sections, each section exploring one of the three Commandments that Jesus gave us:

- 1) To love and glorify God;
- 2) To love the Christ Jesus within ourselves;
- 3) To love and serve Him in our fellow man as we love ourselves.

These are the keys to spiritual joy and earthly happiness, which lead to the narrow gate to Heaven. Living these three directives each and every day will assure a personal relationship with God the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

The first section will examine why we must each day glorify God by striving with every fiber of our physical being to praise, adore, love, honor, and worship Him in every thought and action.

## T H E T R I N I T Y

GOD the Father, Jesus the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT

In mystery God is three Divine Entities. The Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit exist as one God. Some people have a problem understanding this. A good analogy is seen in the three characteristics of water, which is extant as a liquid at room temperature, a gas when boiled, and a solid when frozen. Although all three forms are very different, each is still water.

Likewise, the word God embraces the three Divine Persons collectively and individually. Some theologians and spiritual authors opine that charity unites us to the three Divine Persons which are the source of all charity. God the FATHER is the inexhaustible source of everything and is our FUTURE here on earth and in Heaven. The SON, Jesus Christ, is the PRESENT; He is action through which we live in Him and He lives in us. The HOLY GHOST is the eternal PAST and the Spirit of Truth that unites all of us and dwells in our soul forever.

## T H E O M N I P O T E N T O N E

The first and the greatest Commandment is that the Lord our God is the most important element in the universe." There is nothing, absolutely nothing, that occupies a higher station than God. When we make a commitment to live as Christians there can be no equivocation; we must not place anything in our lives above that of God.

*But be very careful to obey all the commands and the law that Moses gave to you. Love the LORD your God, walk in all his ways, obey his commands, be faithful to him, and serve him with all your heart and all your soul. (Joshua 22:5, NLT)*

I cannot overemphasize how essential it is for a person to accept and believe without vacillation, for nothing in this life is more important than God. Our existence on this earth and our

physical relationship to ourselves and our fellow men centers on this unfailing belief in the omnipotence of God. Our lives and our existence – every breath we take, every thought we think, everything we do – is second to God. This is absolute. No circumstance in our lives outweighs the importance of God! It is critically important for us to understand this. I, my spouse, my family, my children, even my very life are subordinate to God, and the same statement applies to you if you intend to live the Christian life. This is the core tenet of Christianity. Our human existence is fleeting and finite and consists of little more than a theatrical event in a moment of time.

At this moment, do you believe there is an all powerful, intelligent Creator and Supreme Being called God? It is a stark choice with no gray areas. If you answer “No,” then by all means close this book, for much of what follows will be diametrically opposed to what you believe. Even so, regardless of that choice, you, like every other human being, will continue to enjoy God’s abiding love for you.

*.... he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and on the unjust, too. (Matthew 5:45, NLT)*

*Those who are wise will take all this to heart; they will see in our history the faithful love of the LORD. (Psalms 107:43, NLT)*

Now, if you have read on to this paragraph, you have made the right choice. Reflect on this for a moment. By affirming an omnipotent and omnipresent Creator, you are recognizing that your life on this earth and your place for eternity are in the hands of God.

*For the life of every living thing is in his hand, and the breath of all humanity. (Job 12:10, NLT)*

Your future in this life, and your fate beyond in the celestial hereafter, are dependent on your choices and how you choose to live. I feel deeply saddened whenever someone denies the existence of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, for such a person will

doubtless live a difficult earthly life, and in addition, and tragically, will never enjoy a Heavenly existence nor experience eternal glory unless at some future moment that person makes a different affirmation of faith. This is why all Christians have a vital responsibility to share with everyone the Good News of Christ.

We cannot show our love for Christ by despising or hating those who do not believe in Him and seem to be His enemies. Our great Teacher, Jesus, commanded us to pray for our enemies, even though our enemies are His enemies.

*But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!*  
(Matthew 5:44, NLT)

*Do not rejoice when your enemies fall into trouble. Don't be happy when they stumble.* (Proverbs 24:17, NLT)

## G O D I S L O V E

God is Love, and everything that He has created is a manifestation of His love. God serves all His creatures, and they are in turn commanded to serve and give Him glory and praise.

*Who can forget the wonders he performs? How gracious and merciful is our LORD! He gives food to those who trust him; he always remembers his covenant. He has shown his great power to his people by giving them the lands of other nations. All he does is just and good, and all his commandments are trustworthy. They are forever true, to be obeyed faithfully and with integrity. He has paid a full ransom for his people. He has guaranteed his covenant with them forever. What a holy, awe-inspiring name he has! Reverence for the LORD is the foundation of true wisdom. The rewards of wisdom come to all who obey him. Praise his name forever!*  
(Psalms 111:4-10, NLT)

*Search for the LORD and for his strength, and keep on searching.*  
(Psalms 105:4, NLT)