

# Paul, His Life and Teachings



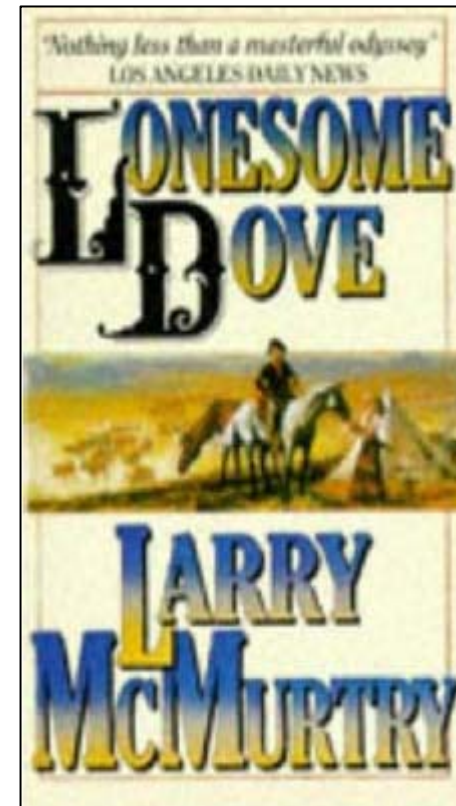
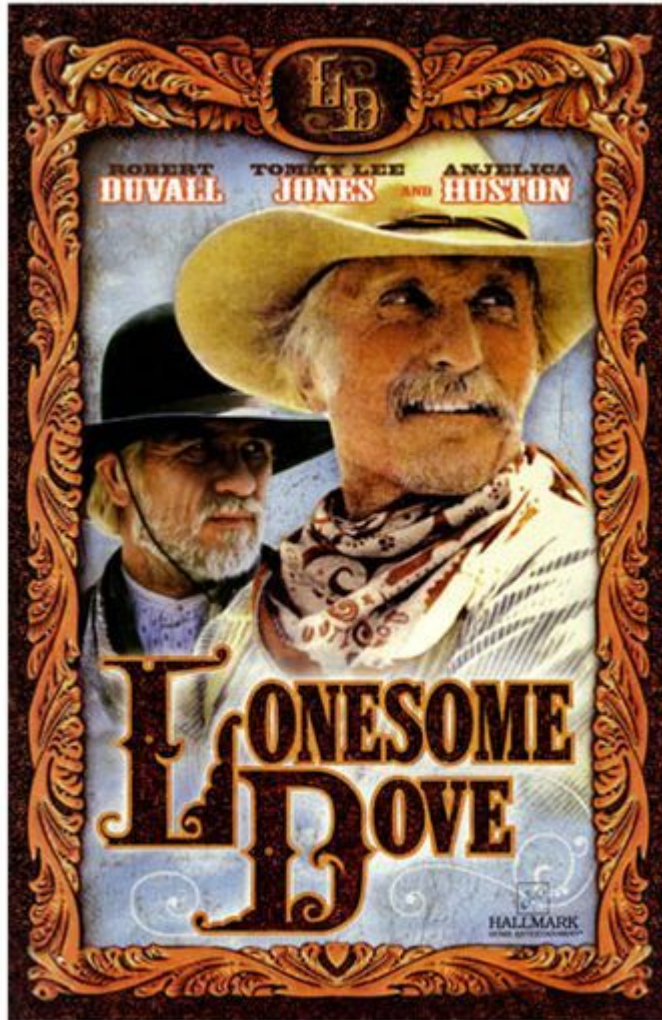
## Paul's Theology The Trinity – Part 1

### Lesson 51

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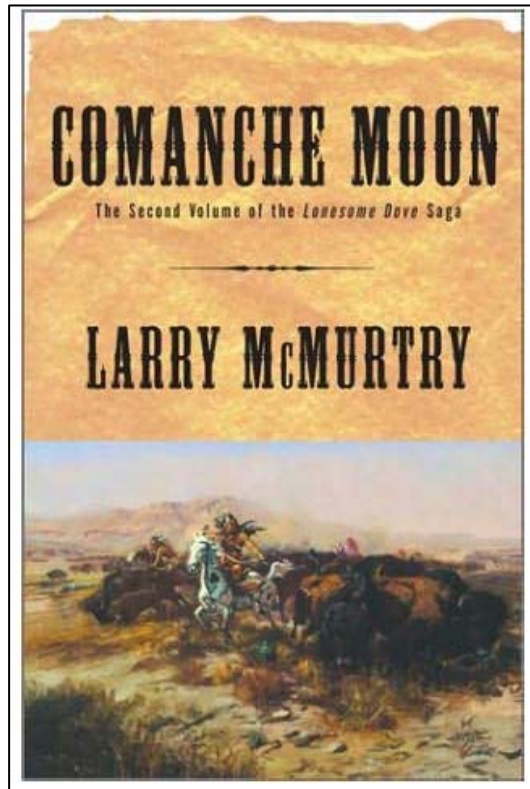
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Which is better, the movie or book?

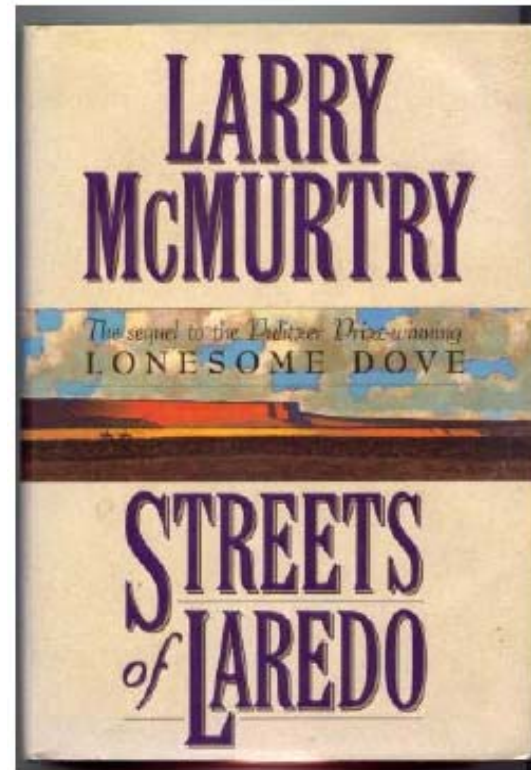
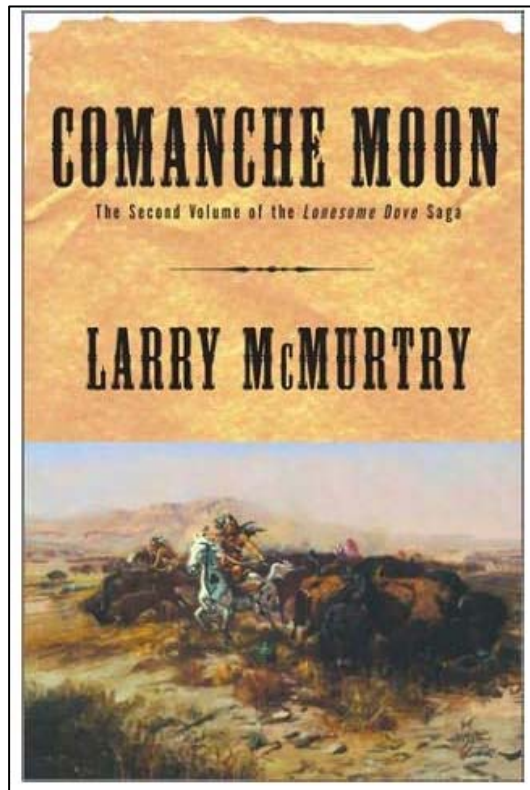


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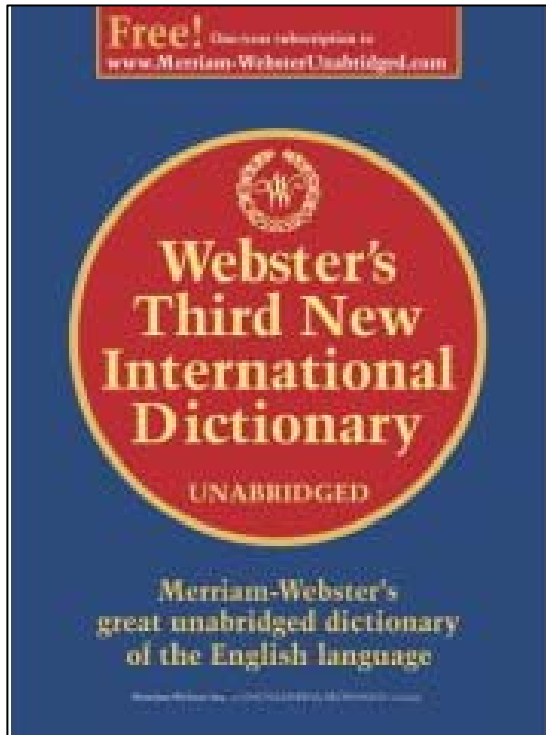


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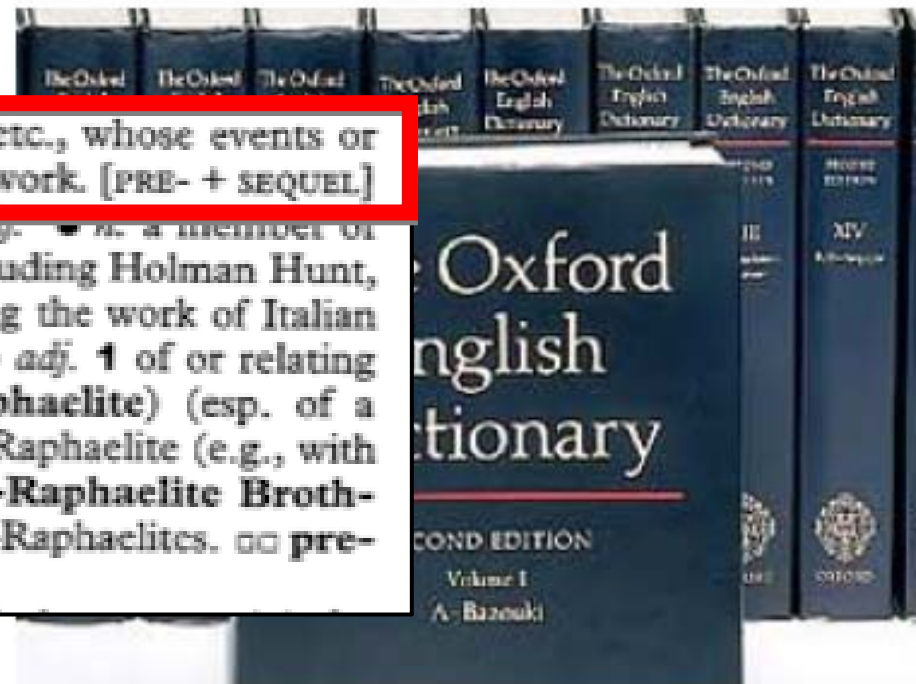






**prequel** /preɪkwəl/ *n.* a story, movie, etc., whose events or concerns precede those of an existing work. [PRE- + SEQUEL]

**Pre-Raphaelite** /preɪrəfælaɪt/ *n.* & *adj.* ● *n.* a member of a group of English 19th-c. artists, including Holman Hunt, Millais, and D. G. Rossetti, emulating the work of Italian artists before the time of Raphael. ● *adj.* 1 of or relating to the Pre-Raphaelites. 2 (**pre-Raphaelite**) (esp. of a woman) like a type painted by a Pre-Raphaelite (e.g., with long thick curly auburn hair). ○ **Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood** the chosen name of the Pre-Raphaelites. □□ **pre-Raphaelitism** *n.*



# Tertullian, The North African Hammer!





**TERTULLIAN**

*Attorney at Law*



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Hmmm...  
“Trinity” has a  
nice ring to it!

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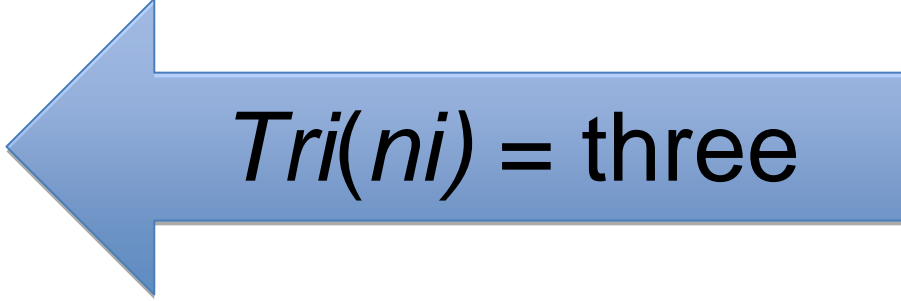
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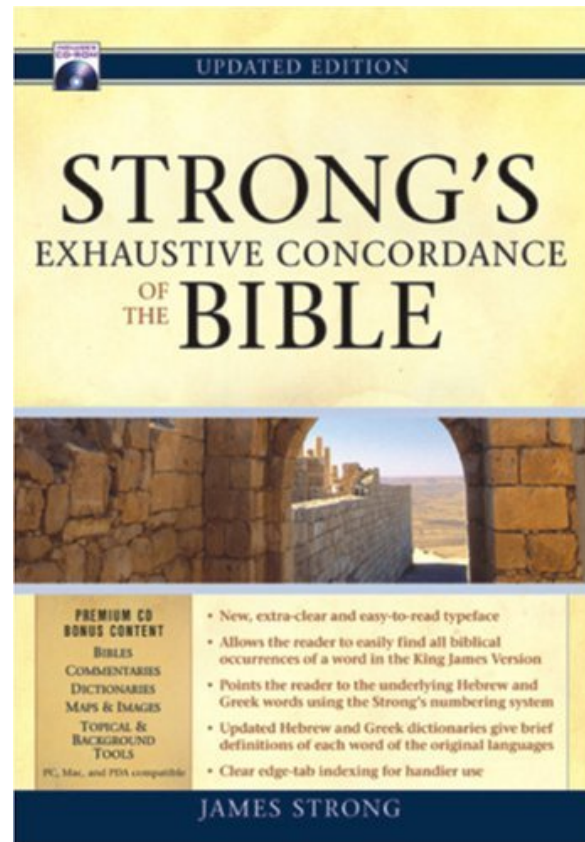
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*“Trinitas”* = Trinity





So..... “Trinity” is not a word found  
in the Bible





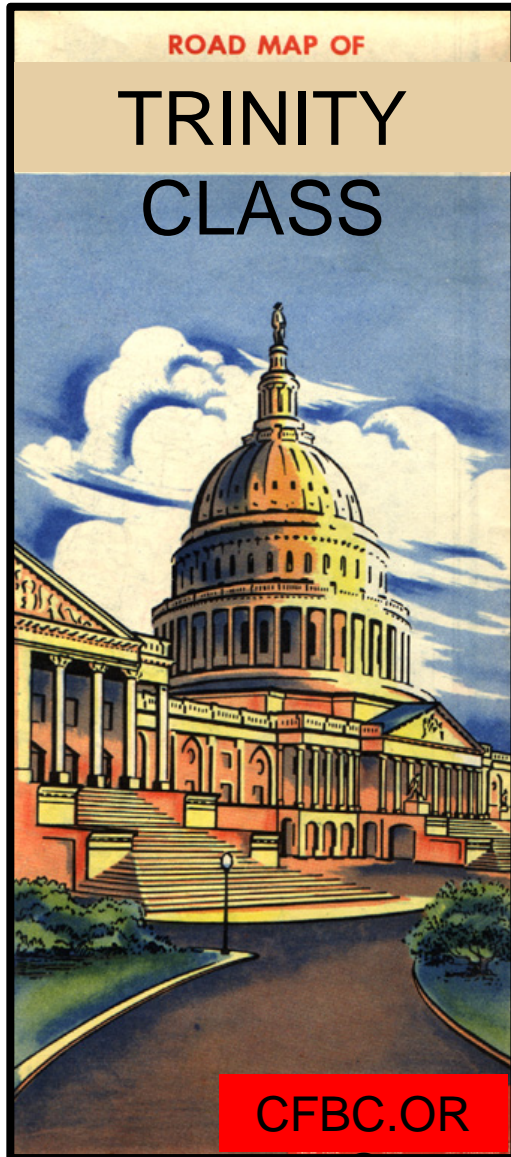
**TRINITY**

**SCRIPTURE**

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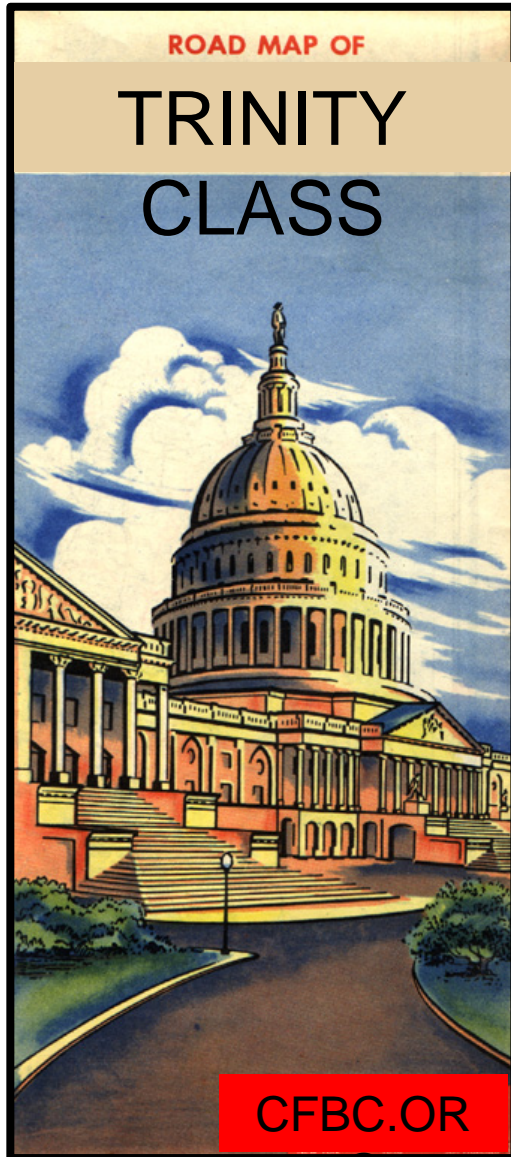


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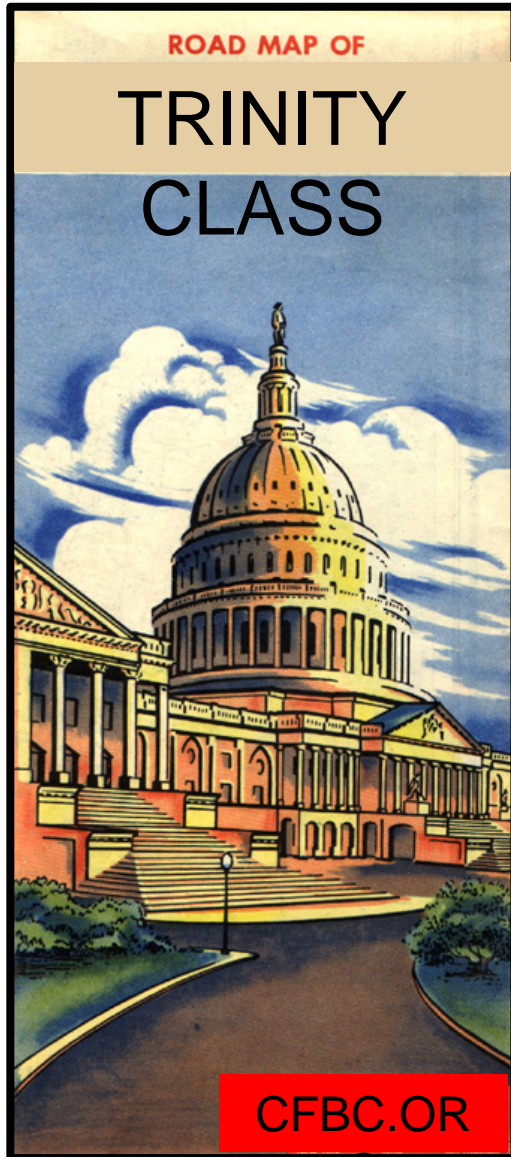
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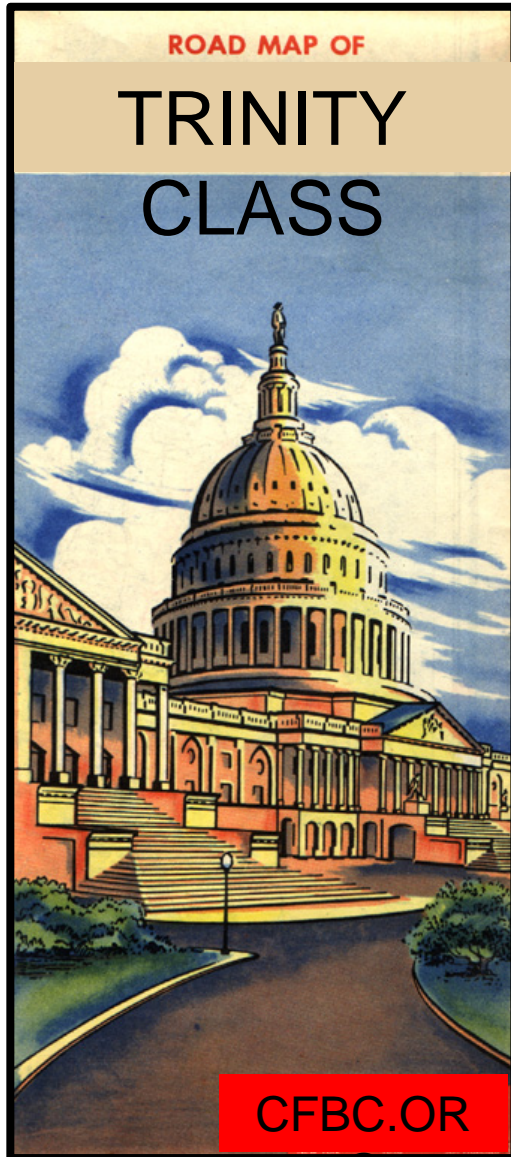
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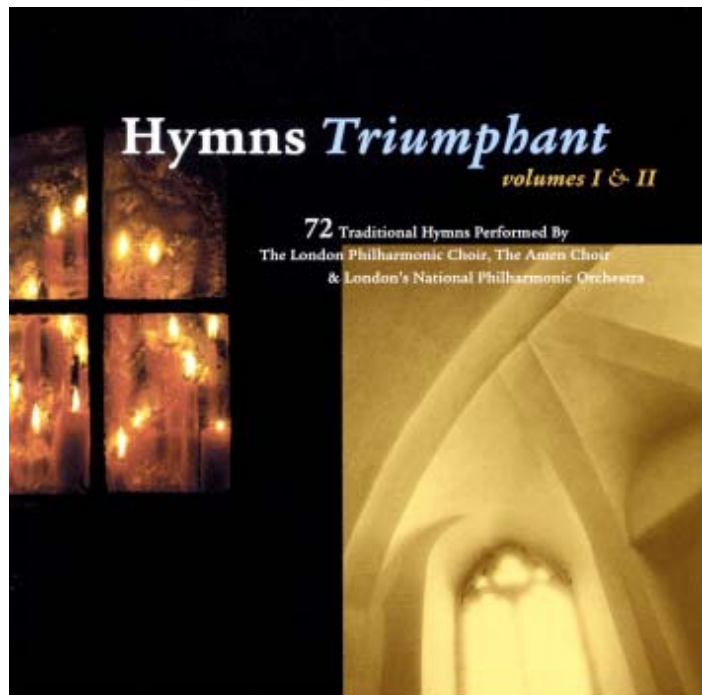
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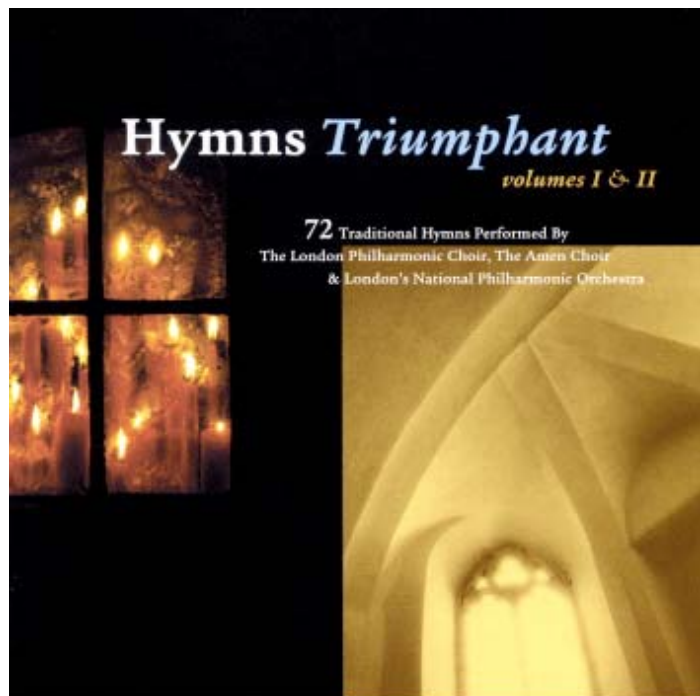
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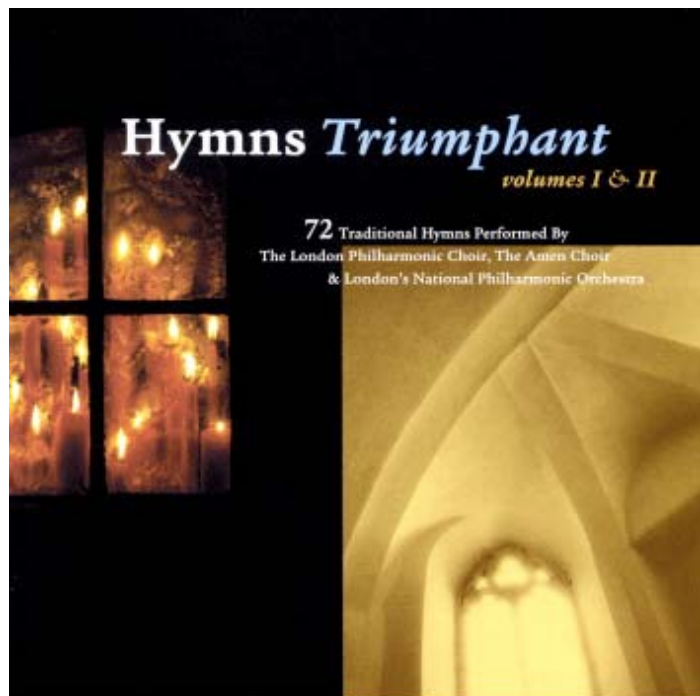
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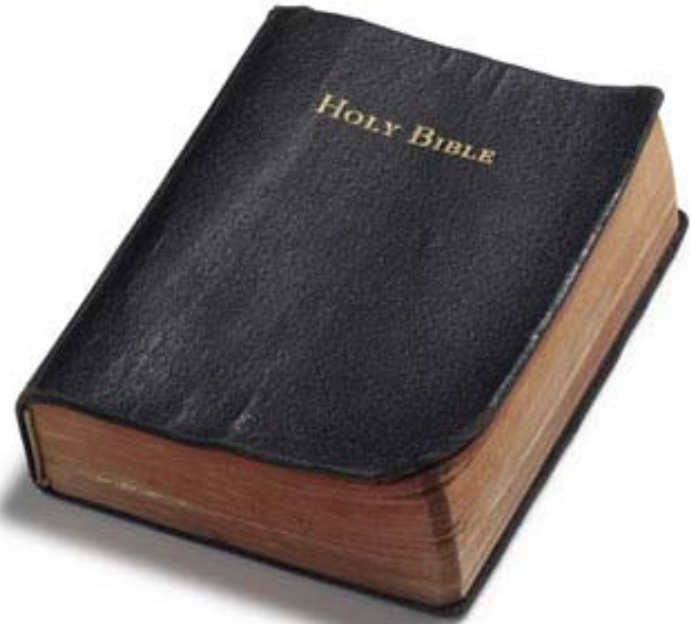
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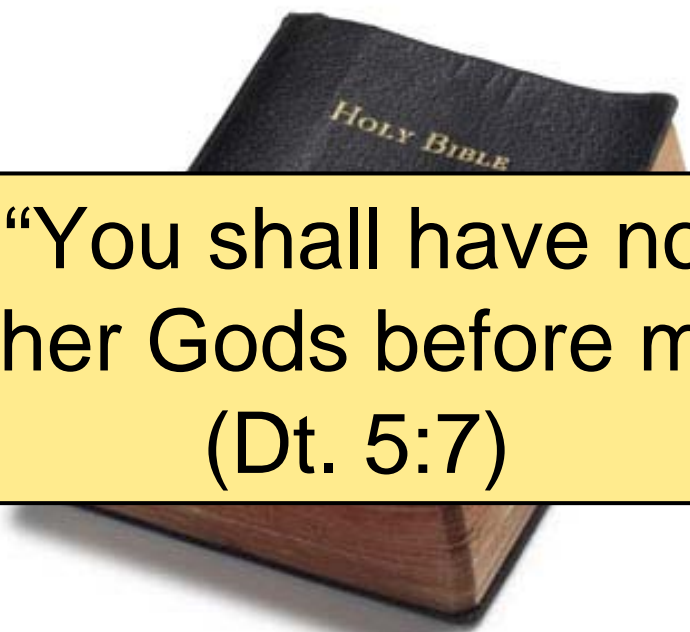
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“Hear, O Israel: The  
LORD our God, the  
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“You shall have no  
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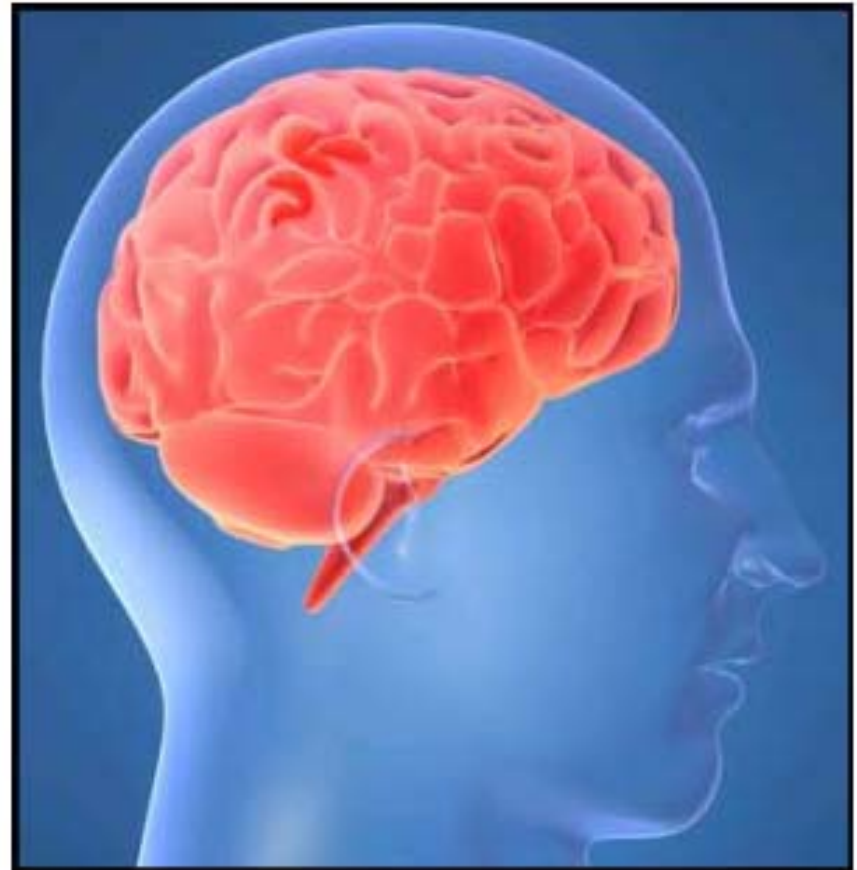
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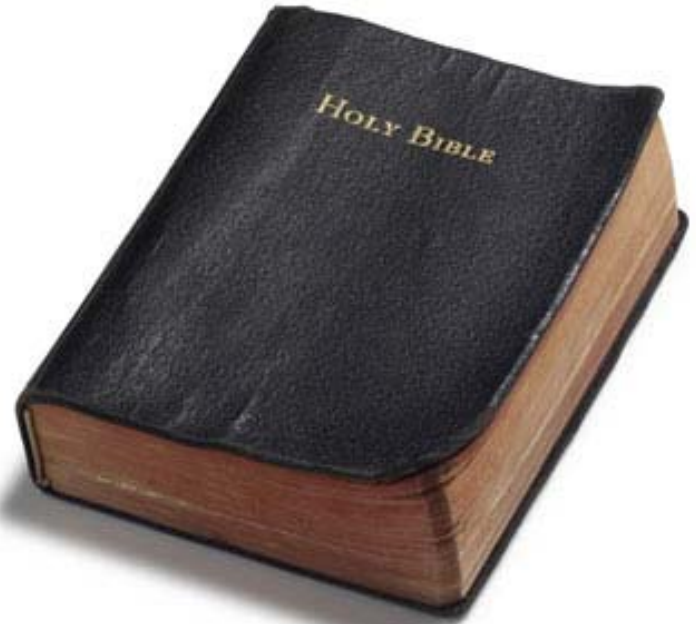


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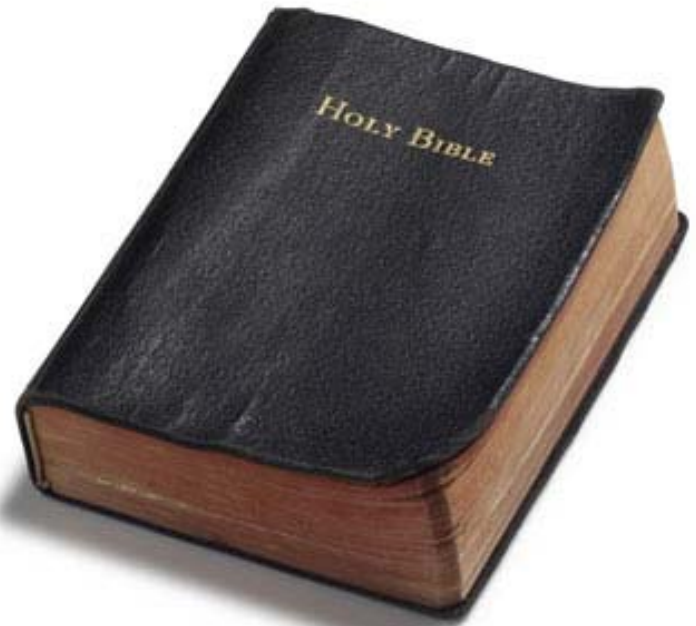
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**HINT: It's not in here!**

# Class Participation

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# What is at steak?



What is at stake?

Who is God?

What is his Gospel?

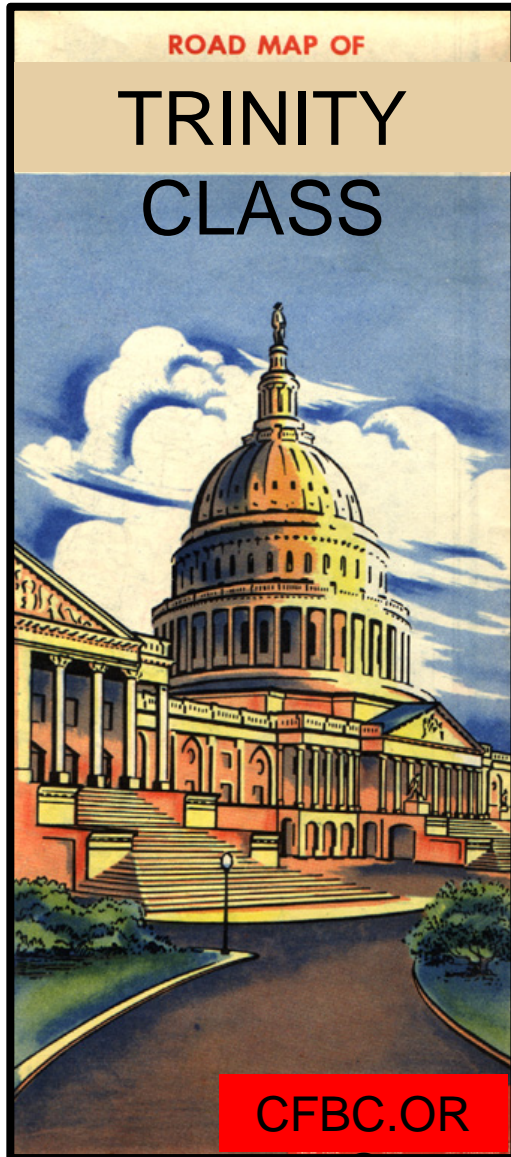
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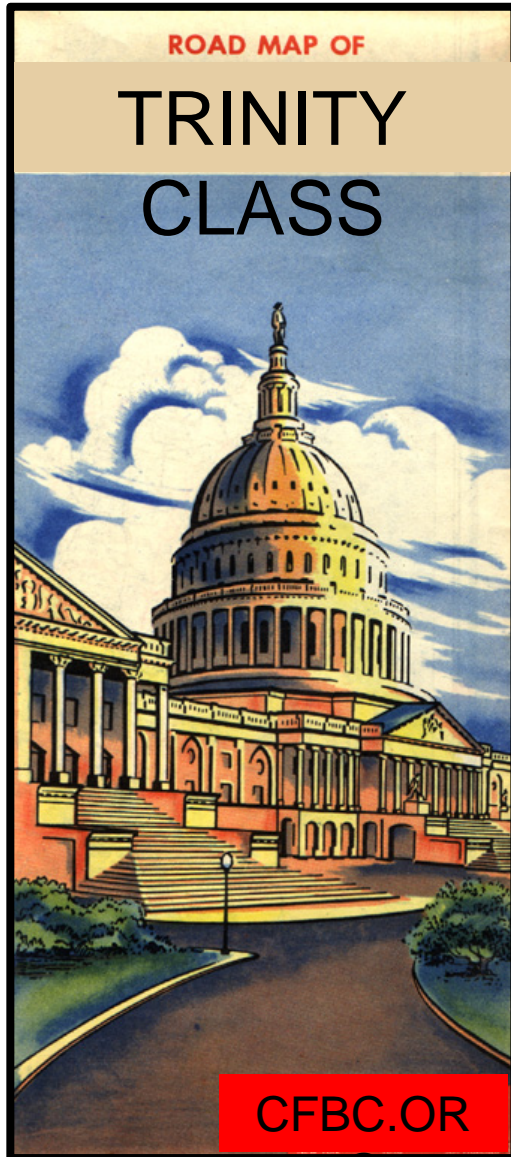
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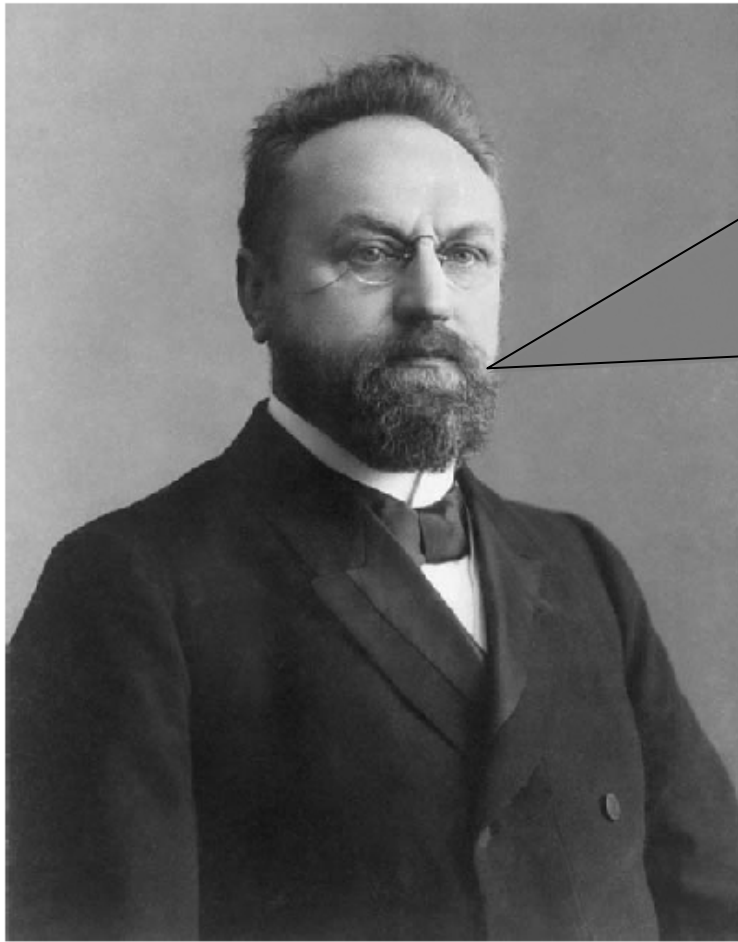
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(1854-1921)



The seeds that developed into the full flower of New Testament Trinitarian revelation are already planted in the Old Testament

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# The Old Testament

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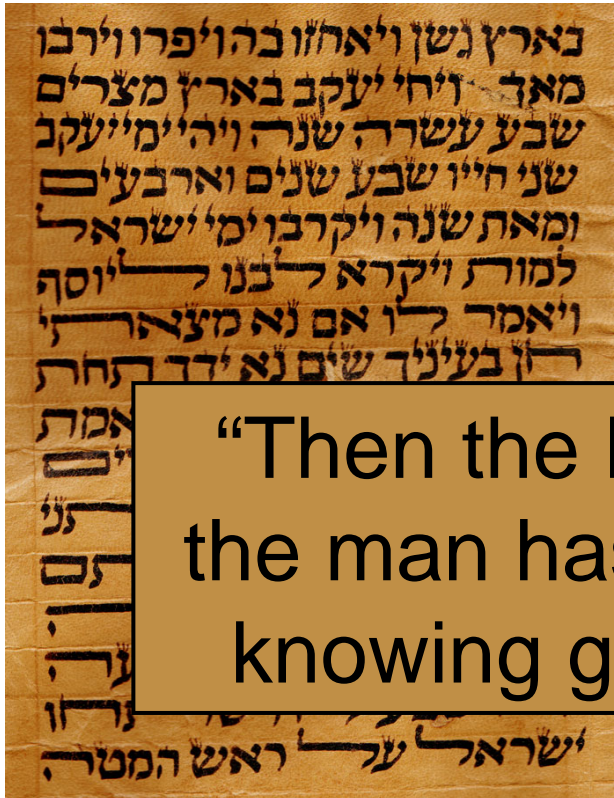
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“Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness” (Gen. 1:26)

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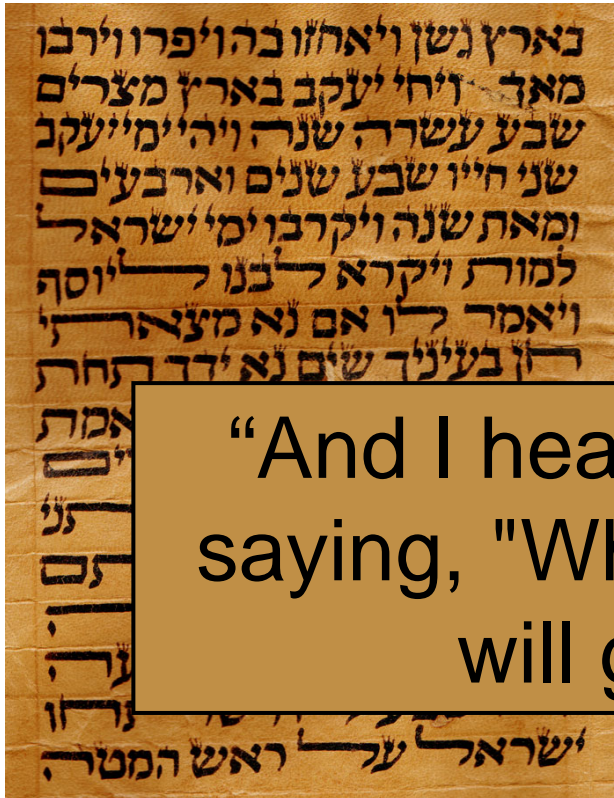


“Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of **us** in knowing good and evil” (Gen. 3:22)

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## Use of Plural Pronouns

“And I heard the voice of the LORD saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for **us**?” (Is. 6:8)



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## Hints at a Trinity



“Then the **LORD** rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire **from the LORD out of heaven**” (Gen 19:24)

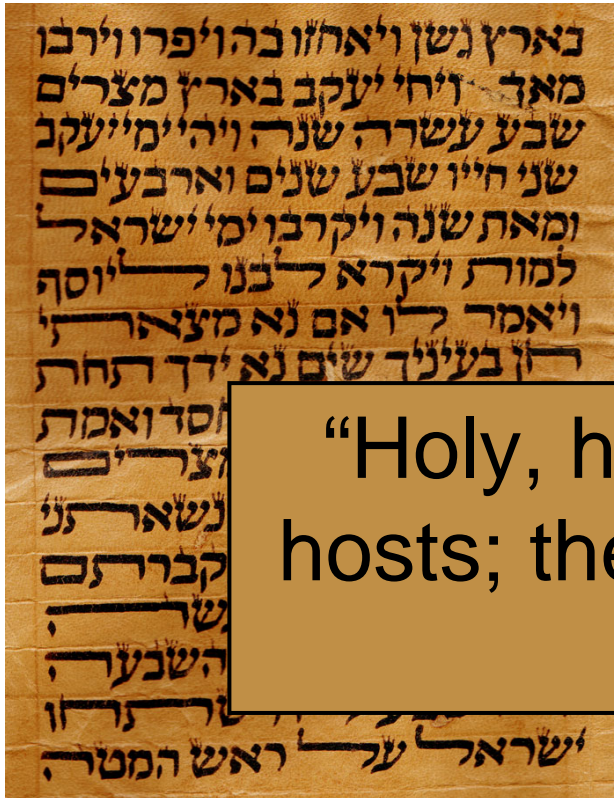




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Some see it in the three-fold passages

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” (Is. 6:3)







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“According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood” (1 Pet. 1:2)



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## Jesus is God

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (Jn 1:1, 14)

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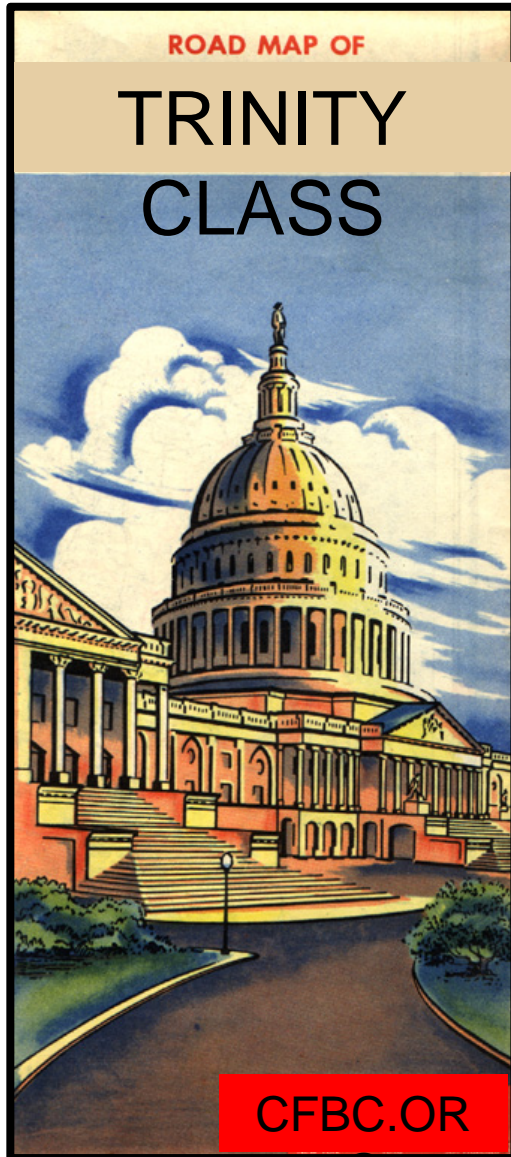
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“But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?... You have not **lied** to men but **to God**” (Acts 5:3-4)



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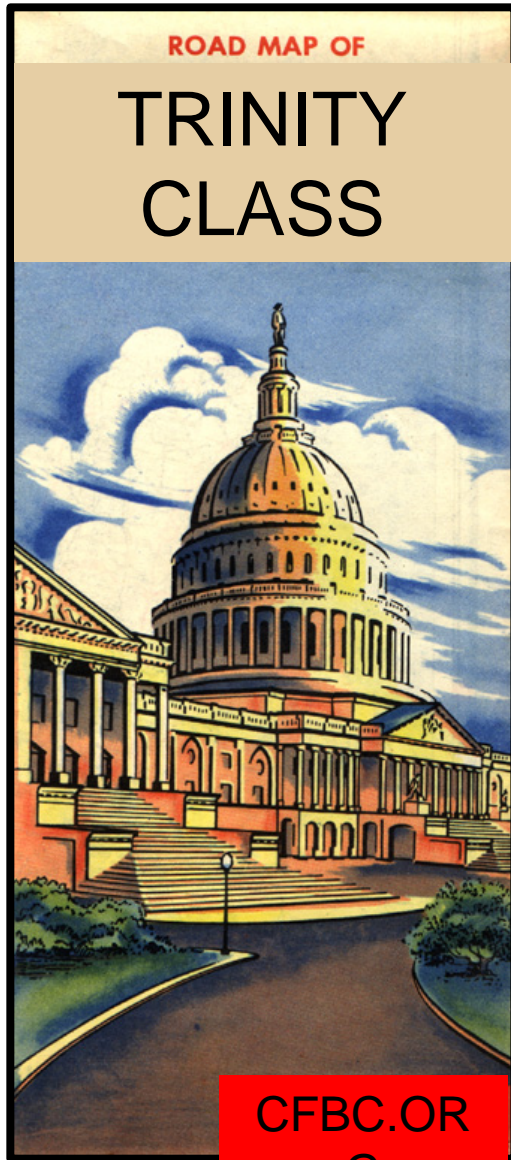


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ἔγενετο Ἰωάννης ὁ βαπτίζων ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ κηρύσσων βά- 4  
πτισμα μετανοίας εἰς ἄφεςιν ἁμαρτιῶν. καὶ ἐξεπορεύ- 5  
ετο πρὸς αὐτὸν πᾶσα ἡ Ἰουδαία χώρα καὶ οἱ Ἱεροσολυ-  
μεῖται πάντες, καὶ ἐβαπτίζοντο ὑπ' αὐτοῦ ἐν τῷ Ἰορδάνῃ  
ποταμῷ ἔξομολογούμενοι τὰς ἁμαρτίας αὐτῶν. καὶ ἦν ὁ 6  
Ἰωάννης ἐνδεδυμένος τρίχας καμήλου καὶ ζώνην δερματίνην  
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Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved...For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Rom. 10:9-13)

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“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where  
the Spirit of the Lord is, there is  
freedom.” (2 Cor. 3:17)

# So how do we solve the Problem?

God in three  
persons  
Blessed Trinity



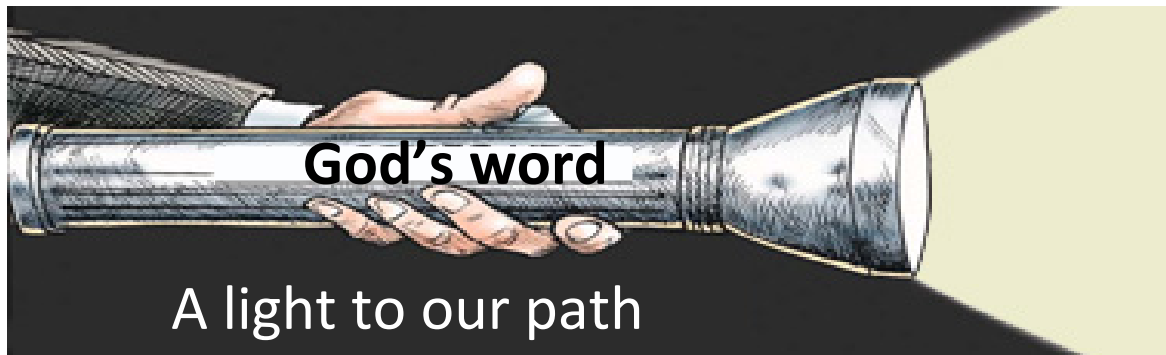
“Hear, O Israel: The  
LORD our God, the  
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Wait until next week, this class is only the “prequel”

**prequel** /preɪkwəl/ *n.* a story, movie, etc., whose events or concerns precede those of an existing work. [PRE- + SEQUEL]

**Pre-Raphaelite** /preɪrəfælaɪt/ *n.* & *adj.* ● *n.* a member of a group of English 19th-c. artists, including Holman Hunt, Millais, and D. G. Rossetti, emulating the work of Italian artists before the time of Raphael. ● *adj.* 1 of or relating to the Pre-Raphaelites. 2 (pre-Raphaelite) (esp. of a woman) like a type painted by a Pre-Raphaelite (e.g., with long thick curly auburn hair). ○ **Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood** the chosen name of the Pre-Raphaelites. □□ **pre-Raphaelitism** *n.*



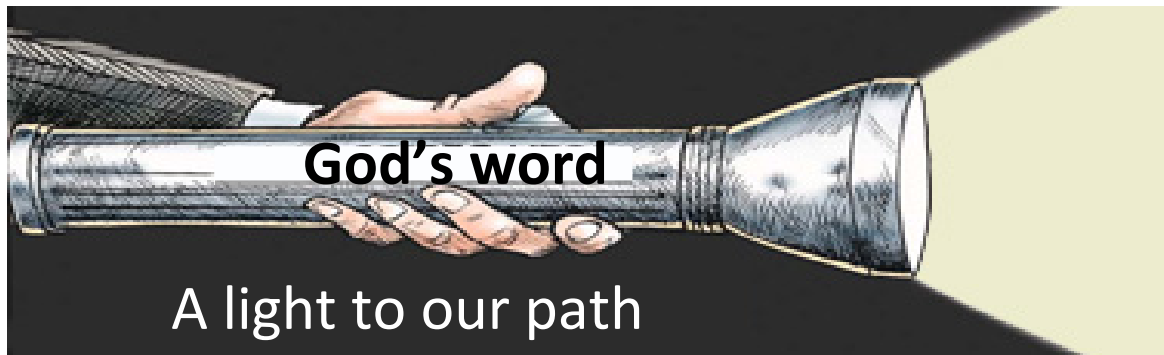


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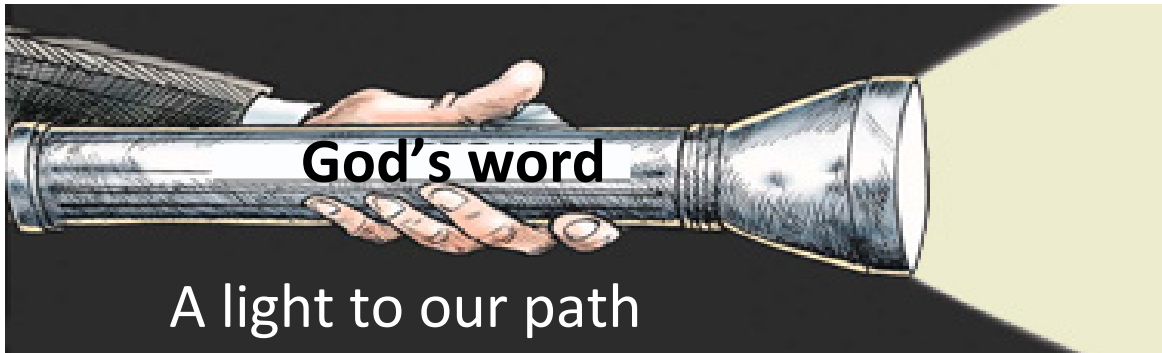
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*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Mat. 28:19).*

**1** — **2** — **3**



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*"Let us make man in our image."*  
(Gen. 1:26).

