

# The NEED and the SOLUTION!!

Sunday, June 16 at 9:00 | Monday, June 17 at 7 PM

The Holy Trinity – 2019

**Introduction:** Dear friends in Christ:

Today is a *special day* in the church year: **The Holy Trinity!**

Today begins the church year season of *Pentecost*, which used to be called *Trinity*. As we return to **Acts 2...** where we left off last week, we will focus on the parts of today's text that point to the **Father**, the **Son**, and the **Holy Spirit!**

Today is also Father's Day; *as we touch on some of the great aspects of our Heavenly Father*, may all earthly fathers be ♦instructed and inspired in their fatherly vocation, ♦powered by the Holy Spirit, and ♦sure of God's forgiveness in Christ!

1. **The Setting:** Last week was **the Day of Pentecost**, when ♦the loud sound was heard, ♦the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit, ♦many people came to find out what was going on, and ♦the believers – *by the Holy Spirit* – spoke in languages they had never learned ➡ *to tell those who had gathered about the mighty acts of God!* Then <sup>14</sup> **...Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed** those who had gathered; Peter told the people that a prophecy in the **book of Joel** was being fulfilled – *as various people spoke the Word of God*. We now continue with Peter's sermon as recorded in **Acts chapter 2...**
2. **The Father's Plan to Save the World:** <sup>22</sup> **"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested [having been proven] to you by God with mighty works and**

wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know-- <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

- a. The plan: **The Triune God** created everything perfect, *but the people brought sin and death*; nevertheless, **God the Father** still loved them and promised to save them through **His Son**!
- b. The execution of the plan: Then, *in the fullness of time*, **God the Father** gave **His Son** and proved who **He** was – *through many mighty miracles!* And then, according to **the Father's** pre-creation plan and full knowledge of all things, **Jesus** was †nailed to a cross and †killed **by the Jews at the hands of the Gentiles**. But then **God the Father** raised **His Son** back to life, welcomed **Him** back into heaven 40 days later, and gave **Him** – *that is Jesus, the Holy Spirit*, which **He** poured out on all of the believers on the Day of Pentecost! Then they spoke God's Word so that many could hear it and – *by the Holy Spirit* – understand, repent, and believe!

### 3. The Father's Plan Told in Advance through David:

- a. God through David:
  - i. This part refers to David and to Jesus: <sup>25</sup> **For David says concerning him, "I [foresaw] the Lord [God the Father] always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. // Both for David and for Jesus, the Father was with them to grant them**

peace, ✦ make them glad, and ✦ assure them of their coming resurrections.

ii. This second part refers **only** to Jesus: <sup>27</sup> **For you will not abandon my soul to Hades [to the grave], or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.** // For David, his soul and spirit are with **God the Father**, while his decaying body is waiting to be raised on the last day. For **Jesus**, His body never did decay, *and now He is alive and whole forever!* And what are “the paths of life”? “...repentance, faith, obedience, and hope” (Lenski, 92).

b. Peter’s explanation: <sup>29</sup> **“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he [Jesus] was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.** // As we think about Peter’s sermon, he based it on the Scriptures – *on the words of **God the Father** through Joel and now through David.* Since David died and is still dead, *his words must point to **the Christ** being raised!* Also, *Peter and the eleven others had personally seen **the resurrected Jesus!***

4. **The Father’s Work to Exalt Jesus and Give the Spirit:**  
<sup>33</sup> **Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and**

having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.<sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord [God the Father] said to my Lord [God the Son, Jesus], “Sit at my right hand,<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.” // Imagine Peter’s hearers... they were very familiar with Jesus’ death and the *false* story of His body being stolen. But right then, *on that very Day of Pentecost*, they heard the great sound, came to see, and heard the believers – *who had been despised* – miraculously speaking in languages they had not learned! Furthermore, since the Father gave the Spirit to the Son; then the Son – *who is Jesus* – poured out the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, *the powerful events of the day pointed to Jesus being alive!* And then, with the words of David, Peter told how God the Father welcomed Jesus into heaven to reign over all!

5. **The Father’s Shocking Revelation:** Then, *for the clincher, the abrupt sermon ending*, Peter said:<sup>36</sup> **Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.** // So Peter ended with a strong Word of Law: You killed Him; the Father raised Him; He is both Lord and Christ!! Upon hearing those words, many were made sorry and baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins!

**This Week’s Challenge:** Express thanks to both of our fathers!

**Let Us Pray:** Dear F, S, and HS, TYSM for loving us and saving us!!! Bless earthly fathers to do the BEST for their children!