

#### DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY

Deuteronomy 6:4—Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Genesis 1:26-Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness..."

Matthew 3:16-17—As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

**Ephesians 3:14-21**—...*I* kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

#### 3 THINGS PAUL PRAYED THAT EVERY CHRISTIAN NEEDS TODAY

# 1. That God would give them an enduring faith in Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 3:16-17**—*I* pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV84)—Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

John 11:25-26—...I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?

Romans 10:9 (ESV)—...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.

Hebrews 11:6-...without faith it is impossible to please God...

Acts 16:25—About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening...

# 2. That God would give them a supernatural understanding of the love of Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 3:17-19**—...*I* pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge...

# 3. That they would experience the fullness of God in their lives.

**Ephesians 3:19**—...to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

John 10:10—The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 7:37-38—...Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.

### **STUDY GUIDE: 7/14/24**

Begin your group with prayer. Have one or two people share a testimony from their week. Keep it positive and reflect on the good things God has done.

#### **STUDY QUESTIONS**

- 1. Read Romans 15:13 and discuss. What does the Holy Spirit produce? What is our part? How are you experiencing these results?
- 2. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19. What are some of the implications of this verse? How should we respond? Discuss together.
- 3. Read and discuss the work of the Holy Spirit in the following verses: Teaching (John 14:26), Intercession (Romans 8:26), Comfort (John 14:16), Guidance (Proverbs 3:5-6).
- 4. What is the dual purpose of the Holy Spirit in our lives in Acts 1:8? How are these two things related?