Father and Son

It is not enough to say, “I believe in Jesus” without knowing who Jesus is. Jesus is the eternal Son of the eternal Father.

**1. The Father and the Son *live in each other*.**

John 14:10-11; and 10:37-38

Therefore, the Father and Son are one God (John 14:7-9; 10:30). They are not just one in purpose (a heresy called Arianism) or one person (a heresy called Sabellianism).

**2. The Father is *greater than the Son*.**

John 14:28; 10:29

Not greater in power, glory, or authority (Revelation 5:11-14)

Greater because the Father is the source of the Son’s life (John 5:26) and the initiator of all the works of the Trinity (1 Corinthians 8:6)

**3. The Father and the Son *send the Spirit***.

John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7

**4. The Father and Son *live in us by the Spirit***.

John 14:20, 23

**Application**—Why is this important?

A. Jesus spent *His last night teaching it*.

B. It is crucial for *eternal life* (John 17:3).

C. It is the foundation for *living as a Christian*.

For *prayer*

For *strength to obey*

For *fellowship with God*

For *understanding the Bible*

For *peace*

For *fruitfulness*

For *testimony*

For *eternal hope*

(I will say more about these in future messages.)

**For Private Meditation or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you through the message? Did He put His finger on any habits or attitudes that you need to change? Did He encourage you regarding some difficulty, move you to undertake some new challenge, or open your heart to some truth you hadn’t seen before?

2. To what extent does the doctrine of the Trinity play a role in your daily life as a Christian? Do you consciously relate to the three Persons of the Godhead?

**Note:** All descriptions of God in the Bible are true by way of analogy, not literally. God does not literally have a body with hands or eyes, but He works (as we do with our hands), and He is aware of what is happening (as we see with our eyes). So God the Father has a relationship to God the Son that is like, but not identical to, the relation of fathers and sons on earth. In particular: (1) The Son of God has no heavenly mother, and (2) the Son of God was not born at a certain time. Before time began, the Father and Son were in an eternal Father/Son relationship. The Father was always the source of the Son as the sun in our sky is the source of light. As long as the sun exists, it has been and will be the source of light. If the sun were eternal, it would be the eternal source of light. You can’t have one without the other—the sun without its light, or the light without the sun. Since the Father is eternally the Father, He is the eternal source of the Son. (In a similar way, the Father and Son together are the source of the Holy Spirit, since He is the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ [Romans 8:9].)