

# “I Have Come to Reveal God”

*The Beacon*      *Trinity Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May*

Welcome!

Sometimes Christians are told they believe in a god that people made up a long time ago. But... would any human being ever make-up a god who is one, yet three?! *Surely*, no-one could ever conceive of such a god — It wouldn't sell! It's too incredible.

The wonderful news is that God was not created by us, but that we are created by Him. And our Creator has graciously revealed Himself over time to us to be one God who is also three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**It means God is love.** Love cannot exist if a person is alone. Being alone is terrible because you cannot be loved (no encouraging words, no gifts, no quality time), nor can you give love to another. But for all eternity God has never been alone. The Father, Son and Spirit have loved one another in perfect joyful union.

**And out of this perfect love God works His purposes in the world...** So God the Father sends God the Son (Jesus Christ) into the world in the power of God the Holy Spirit. God extends His love to us to draw us into His incredible union with Him *forever*.



The Father is *God for us*  
— *John 3:16–17*

The Son is *God with us*  
— *Matthew 1:23*

The Spirit is *God in us*  
— *Acts 2:38–39*

FOR  
GOD WITH US  
IN

Our passage this morning is **Mark 1:9–13**, where God dramatically and visibly revealed His triune nature at Jesus' baptism and temptation in the wilderness – which Jesus completely resisted (see Hebrews 4:15). So much could be preached on from these verses, but we will consider **the difference God being Father, Son and Spirit makes to prayer**.

And tonight @5pm, Paul Symons will open up *Psalm 22* and share with us 'The Prize Christ has won for us.'

Yours in Christ,      *Devan*

**Mark 1:9–13**

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven, *“You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”* 12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

**Colossians 1:1–8**

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel 6 that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. 7 This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, 8 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

**Matthew 7:7–11, Jesus says,**

7 *“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.*

9 *Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? 10 Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!*

**John 17:25–26, Jesus says,**

24 “... Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

**Romans 8:12–27**

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — 13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

**Trinity 27<sup>th</sup>**                      **I Have Come To Reveal God – Mark 1:9–13**

Psalm 119:97–104                      Colossians 1:1–8

**Next Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> June**                      **I Have Come to Lead – Mark 1:14–20**

Psalm 119:105–112                      2 Peter 5:1–11

**Hymns**                      377, My Heart is Filled, 168, 525.

**Collect**    Father, we praise you,  
                  that through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things;  
                  you reveal your salvation in all the world  
                  through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh;  
                  through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love:  
                  fill us with the vision of your glory,  
                  that we may always serve and praise you,  
                  Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

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### NOTICES

- **Perth Women’s Convention** – SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August on “*Clothed with love*” – ask *Sue Symons* for more details and book a place.
- **Scripture Union Winter Camps** – These camps are for teens to encourage them in the Lord. *Do you have a child or grandchild you could send along?* See Devan for leaflet with more details. Please pray for youth to go.
- **Bible Study Groups** – Invest in your relationship with God by coming to Sunday gatherings and also joining a Bible study group.  
*Tuesday 7:30–9pm @ Dev & Liz’s, 17 Bonnydoon Ct, Cooloongup*  
*Wednesdays 10:15am–12 @ St. Nicholas’*  
*Thursdays 2:00–3:30pm @ Pauline’s, 9 Otway Pl, Shoalwater*  
*Friday 9:30–11:30am @ St. Nicholas’*
- **Belong + Grow + Give to God’s church** – Regular giving is an outworking of God’s grace at work in your life. Use envelopes or give electronically to: *Rockingham General Account, BSB: 706 001, Account: 30003029.*
- **AGM is will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June** – various forms on back table.
- **Daily Prayer Booklet** – To encourage you to pray to God. Ask for a copy.

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### PARISH DETAILS

**Sunday services** 8am, 10am & @5pm

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