INTRODUCTION:

Understanding the nature of the Trinity can be both challenging and difficult. One of the main things to always bear in mind is that there is one God, *"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One!"* (Deut. 6:4). Our one God exist eternally in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28: 19; 2 Cor. 13:14). All three Persons are coequal and eternal – no one is inferior to the other and each member is distinct in Personhood and function.

- The doctrine of the Trinity identifies Jesus as God the Son, identical in essence but distinct in person with regard to God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. The study of God the Son is known as **"Christology".**
- Jesus is not God's Son in the sense of a human father and son. Jesus is God's Son in the sense that He is God manifest in the flesh (Immanuel, meaning God with us – Isaiah 7:14.)

Jesus is God's Son in the sense that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, no human flesh involved, in any manner (Luke 1:35.)

Eternality and Deity of Christ:

Micah 5:2; Matt. 2: 3-6; Isa. 9:6; John 1:1, 3; 8:58; 14:9; Col. 2:9

Incarnation of Christ:

John 1:14; 13:21; Rom. 1:3; 8:3; Matt. 26:38; Phil. 2: 7,8; Titus 3:4-7; Zech. 9:9

Humanity of Christ:

 Genesis 3:15; Matt. 1: 2-16; Romans 5:12; 1 John 3:4; 4: 3,4; Deut. 9:7; Joshua 1:18; Matt.4; Gal. 4: 4,5; 2 Cor. 5:21; Lev. 17:11; Hebrews 2:14; 9:22; 10: 5-18

The Person of God the Son

Hypostatic union:

- The hypostatic union is the term used to describe how God the Son, Jesus Christ, took on a human nature, yet remained fully God at the same time.
- Philippians 2: 6-11; John 1: 1-14; Romans 1: 2-5; 9:5; Hebrews 2:14; Luke 1:35 23: 50-56; 24: 1-3, 6-8; Matt. 26:64; 28:9; Acts 1: 9-11

Small Group Discussion:

- 1. How can tonight's bible lesson impact your spiritual growth and maturity?
- 2. What things did you learn that you were not previously knowledgeable about?
- 3. What scriptures stood out to you in the presentation on: "The incarnation of Christ", "the humanity of Christ", the "deity of Christ", and "the hypostatic union?"
- 4. How might this lesson be beneficial in sharing Christ with others and encouraging the saints of God?

Heart Work Assignment

- Find Scriptures that support Jesus' work in Creation
- Find Scriptures that support Jesus' work in Redemption
- Find Scriptures that support Jesus' work in Indwelling
- Find Scriptures that support Jesus' work in Interceding
- Find Scriptures that support the future work of Jesus

Next Week: The Works of God the Son