

Trinity and Your Best New Year's Resolution

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Like many believers, perhaps when you hear the word "Trinity", it may feel like me looking under the hood of a car trying to figure out what is wrong. All the hardware appears to be beyond understanding, and so you close the hood and leave it to the mechanic to sort it out. It just seems too mysterious and fruitless to get lost in. That's the way most Christians approach the Trinity. The word that usually comes to mind when we say the word Trinity is the word "mystery." And so we assume that this is a) something that only theologians and pastors have time to spend time with and b) not practical.

It is true the Trinity is mysterious. There are depths that the greatest theologians cannot plumb. But it needs to be remembered that the Trinity wants to be known--never exhaustively but truly. The whole Biblical story is about the Triune God getting back a lost world. Read John 1, John 17, Hebrews 1 or Ephesians 1 and you will discover that the Father before time, and before all worlds always loved the Son, and the Son loved the Father in the joy and unity of the Spirit. Their love was perfect unlike ours.

There was no need for them to create a world with people in it. But for reasons beyond our understanding they decided to create a world with people with the goal of bringing billions into the family of the Trinity. This year, consider reading Michael Reeves "Delighting in the Trinity" and meditating on these awesome truths till your heart is inflamed. Maybe it will produce revival in your own heart as it has done mine. As the great theologian of the fifth century Augustine said, when it comes to Trinity, "there is no subject where error is more dangerous, or inquiry more laborious, or the discovery of truth more profitable." Why not go on the adventure of knowing the Trinity as the best New Year's resolution you could make and discover how life changing it can be?