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THERE IS _____ GOD (DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5).

1. *God is unique and without _____.*
2. *God’s uniqueness gives Him _____.*

Application: “When we study the doctrine of God, there should be a sense of awe in our hearts. We should be like children with a telescope under a starry night sky. Then we will be filled with amazement that Someone so great—so transcendent—can be known and seen by us.” –Joshua Harris

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Application: We are to find our greatest satisfaction in loving God and loving others. The more we reflect the goodness and greatness of God in three Persons, the more we will be likely to serve others in His name. Salvation is about partaking of the love and fellowship of the Trinity. The self-giving, outward focus of God’s love is the basis for our self-giving, outward focus in mission. That’s why we are called to lose our lives in order to gain them (Mark 8:35). It’s in giving of ourselves and delighting in God and in others that we reflect His love to the world around us.

THE FATHER, SON, AND SPIRIT ARE _____ AND FULLY GOD (1 PETER 1:1-2).

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1. *Salvation is begun in the _____ of the Father.*
2. *Salvation is purchased through the _____ of the Son.*
3. *Salvation is lived out through the _____ of the Spirit.*

Application: Believers reflect the triune nature of God as we are united by the gospel and diverse in our roles. The church is a window to a watching world of God’s future reign as King of His creation. As God’s children, we should celebrate the diversity among us, regardless of our earthly citizenship, social background, or race and ethnicity. But unity in diversity is only possible when we are focused first on the Lord God, who is One in three Persons. When we properly reflect our triune God, we find ourselves ready to love and serve others.

CONCLUSION

The point of knowing about God is that we come to know God. Theology is not an exercise in head-scratching puzzles but a discipline that should lead to heart-stirring emotions. We have seen the biblical truth that we serve one God in three Persons. The goal of Christian teaching is love, and love is what we see when we peer into the mystery of the Trinity. Love is the source of our existence, and love sums up the goal of our lives. The triune God made us for Himself. O come, let us adore Him!



UNIT 3: Getting to Know God the Holy Spirit

LESSON 13: "The Mystery of the Trinity"

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NEXT WEEK: "Christmas Responses"

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