

Paul, His Life and Teachings



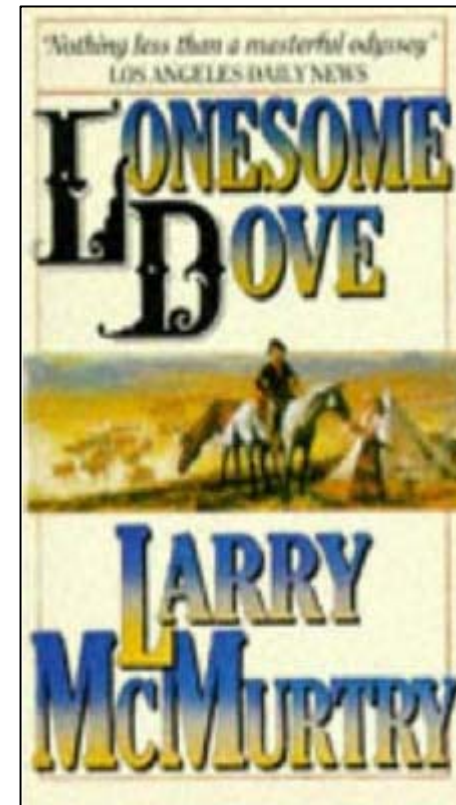
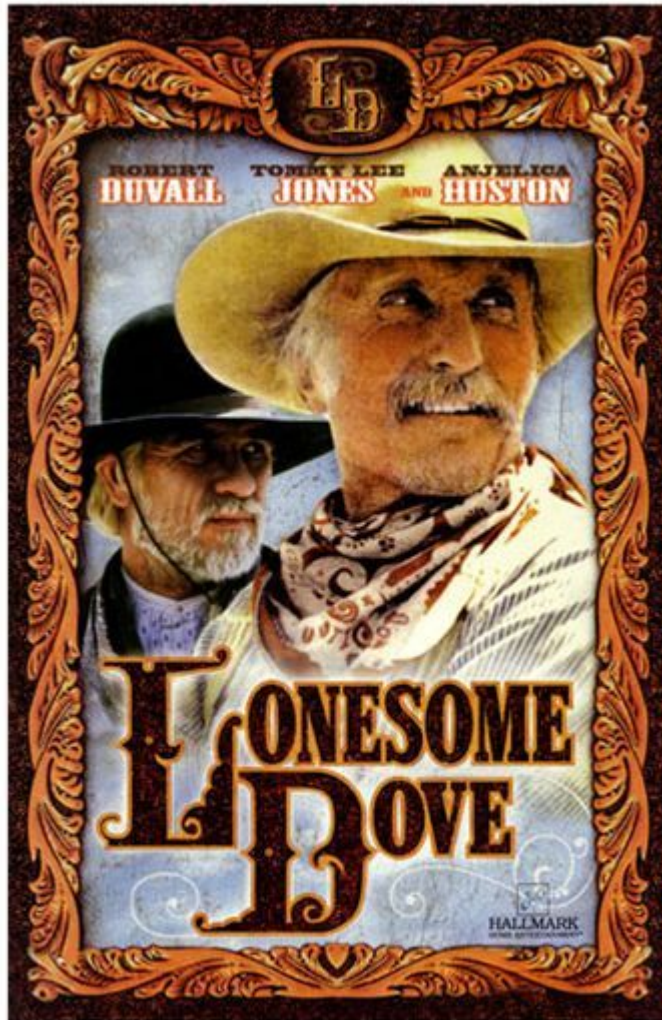
Paul's Theology The Trinity – Part 1

Lesson 51

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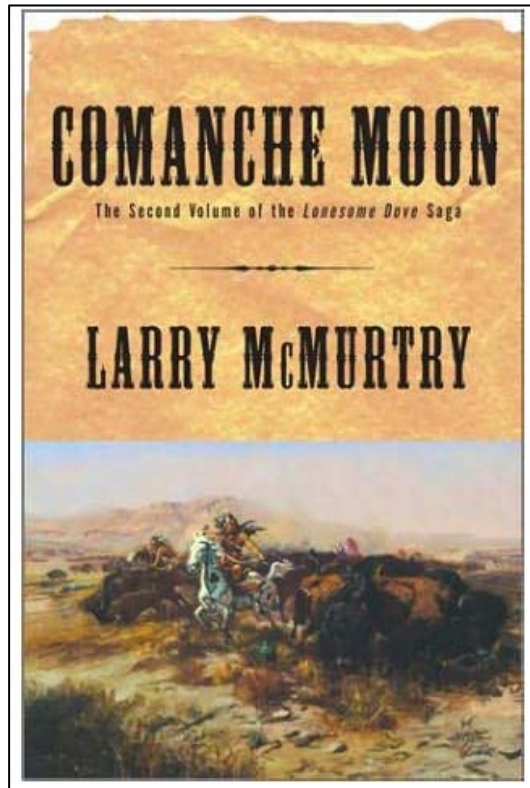
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Which is better, the movie or book?

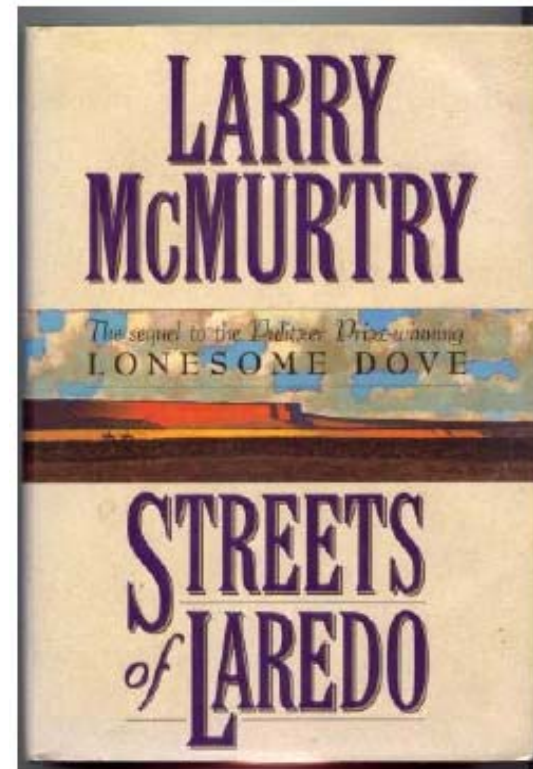
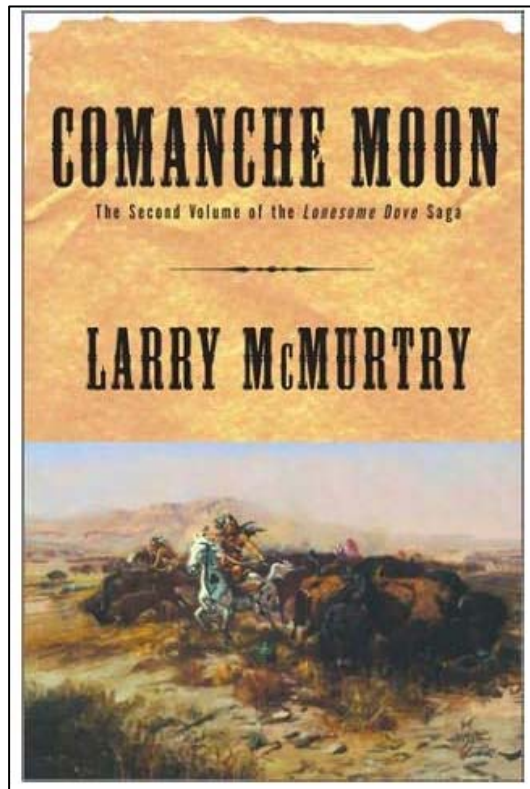


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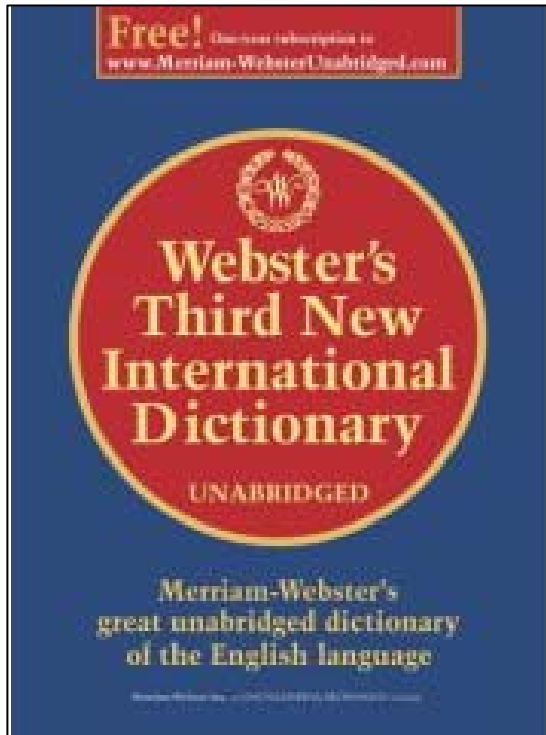


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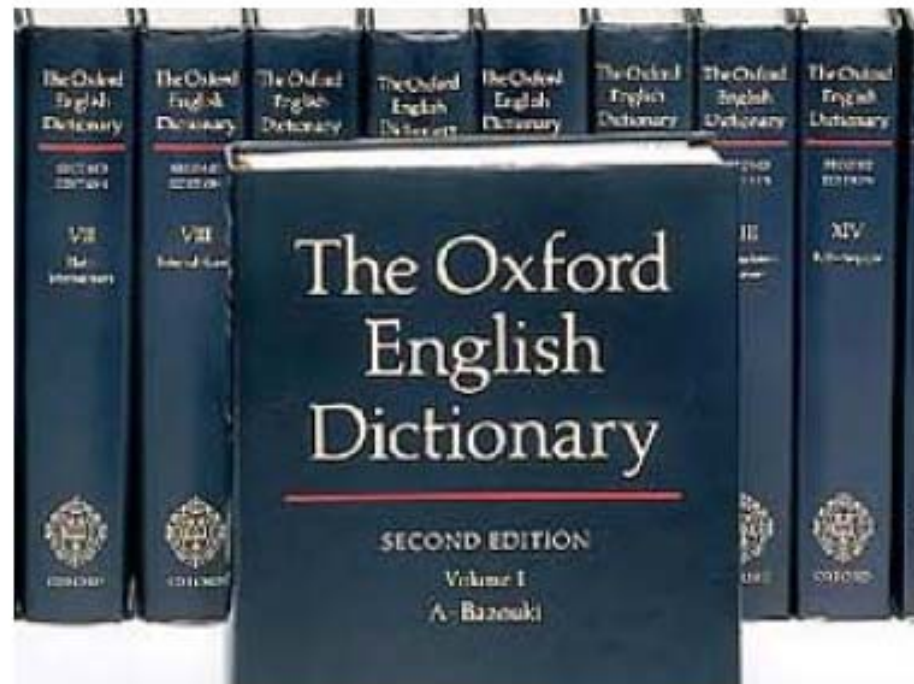
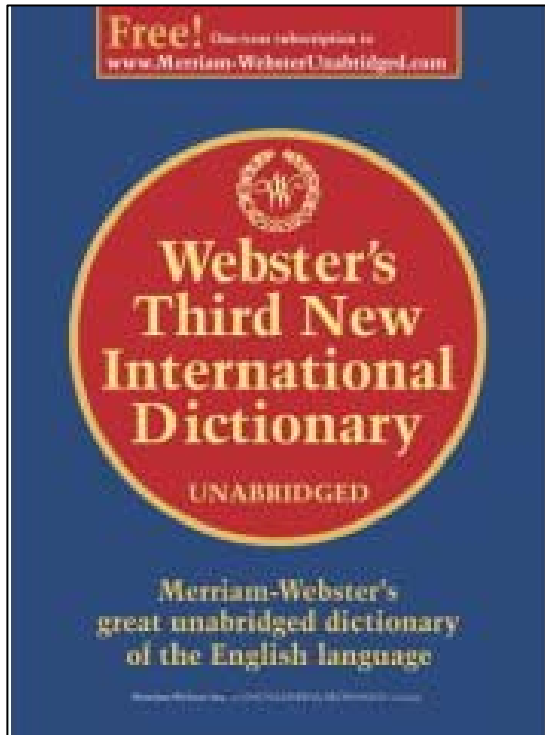


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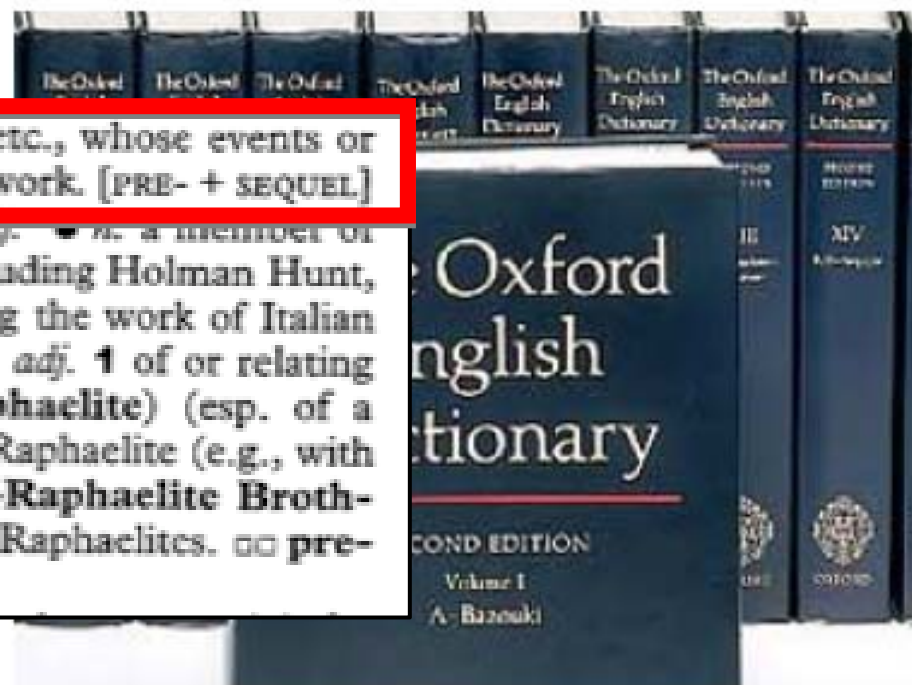


“Prequel?”



prequel /prɛːkwəl/ *n.* a story, movie, etc., whose events or concerns precede those of an existing work. [PRE- + SEQUEL]

Pre-Raphaelite /ˌpriːrəˈfæliːt/ *n.* & *adj.* • *n.* a member of a group of English 19th-c. artists, including Holman Hunt, Millais, and D. G. Rossetti, emulating the work of Italian artists before the time of Raphael. • *adj.* 1 of or relating to the Pre-Raphaelites. 2 (**pre-Raphaelite**) (esp. of a woman) like a type painted by a Pre-Raphaelite (e.g., with long thick curly auburn hair). ◦ **Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood** the chosen name of the Pre-Raphaelites. ◻◻ **pre-Raphaelitism** *n.*



Tertullian, The North African Hammer!





TERTULLIAN

Attorney at Law



Tertullian, born 160, converted by 197



Hmmm...
“Trinity” has a
nice ring to it!

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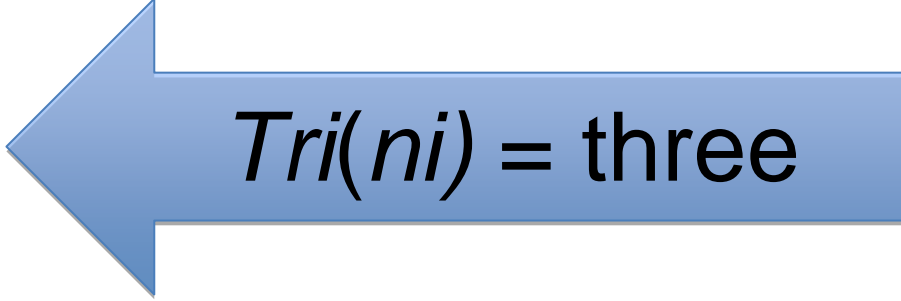
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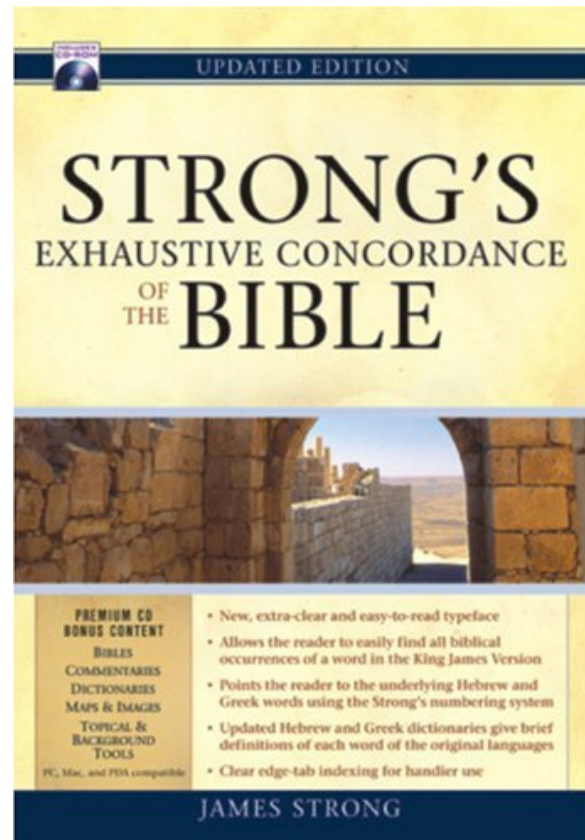
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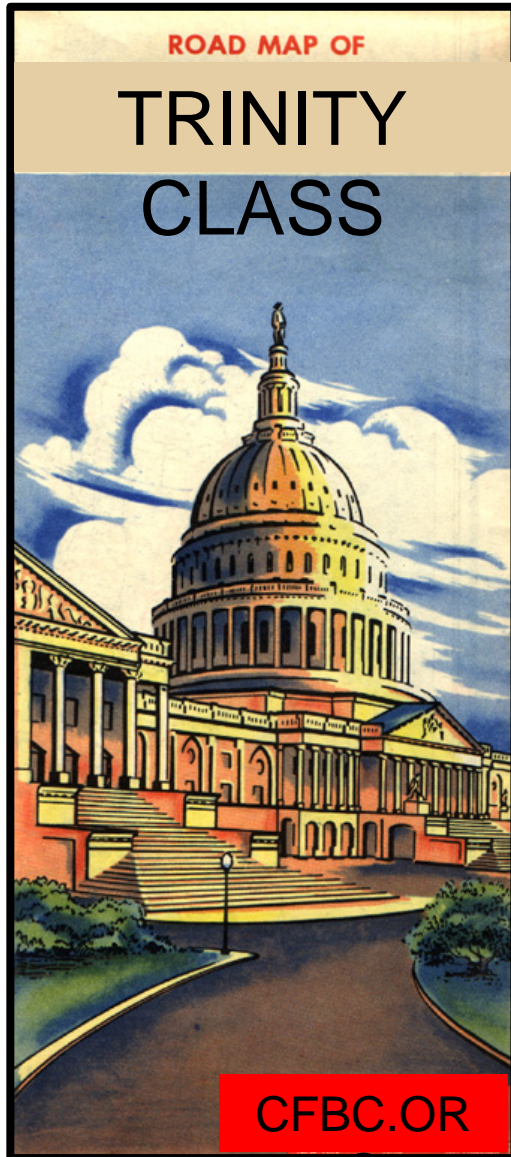


So..... “Trinity” is not a word found
in the Bible

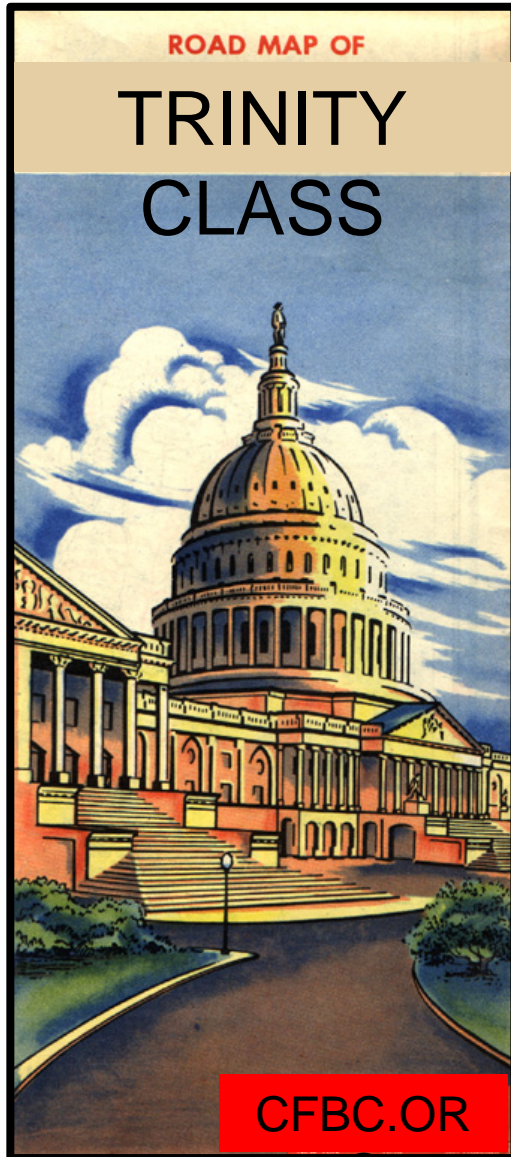




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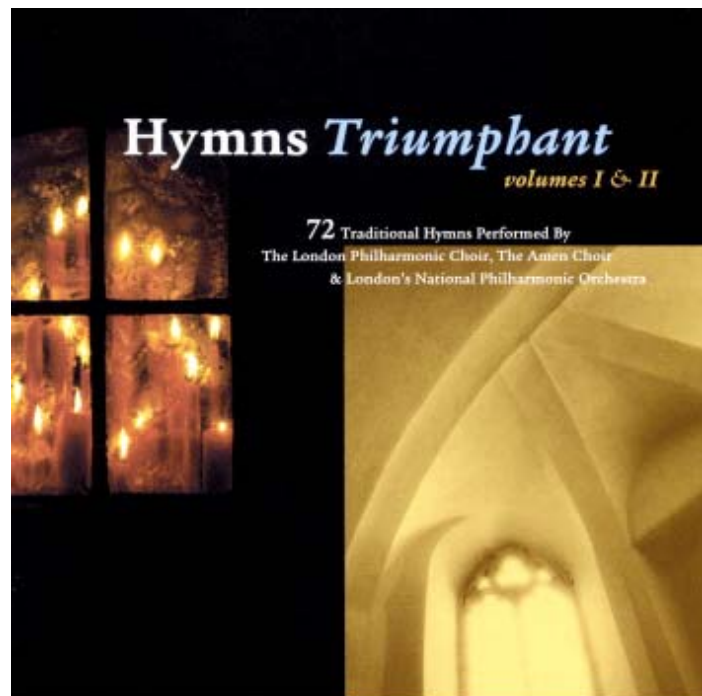
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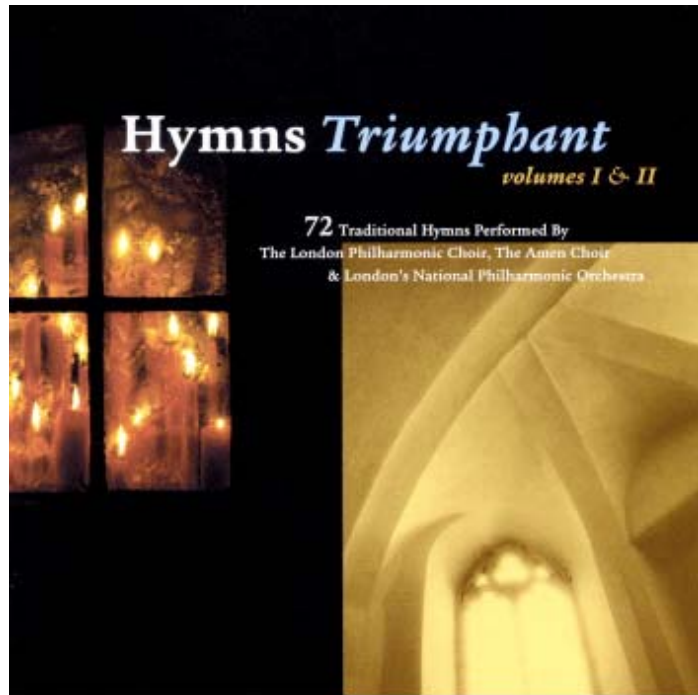
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God in three
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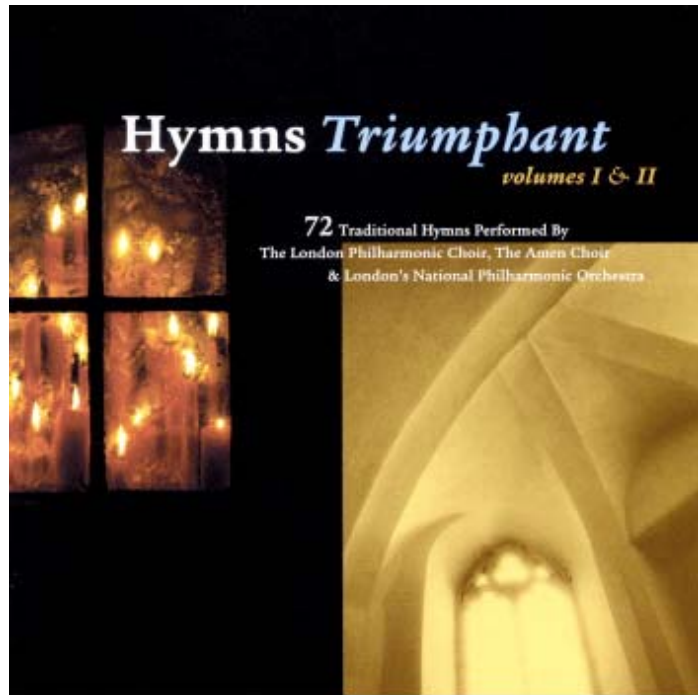
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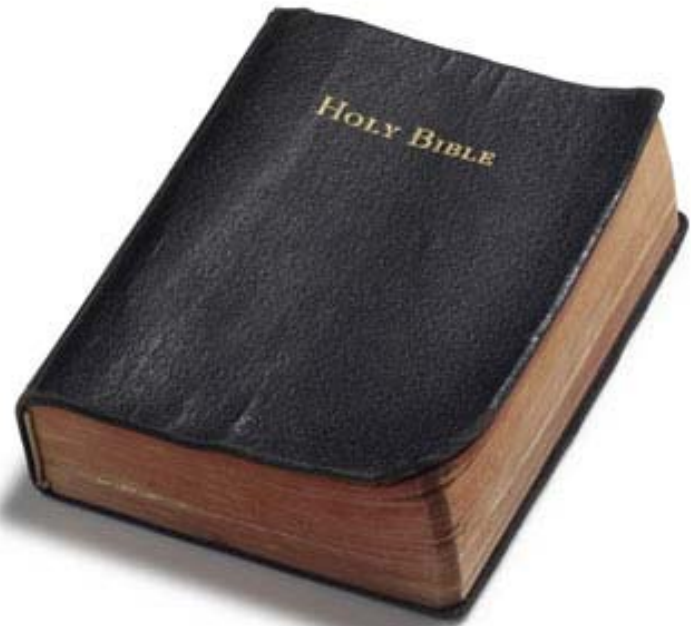


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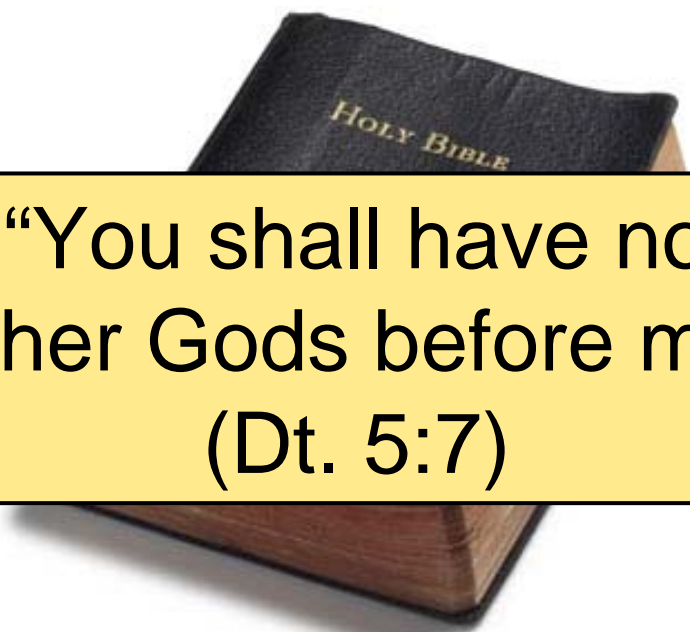
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“Hear, O Israel: The
LORD our God, the
LORD is one.” (Dt. 6:4)

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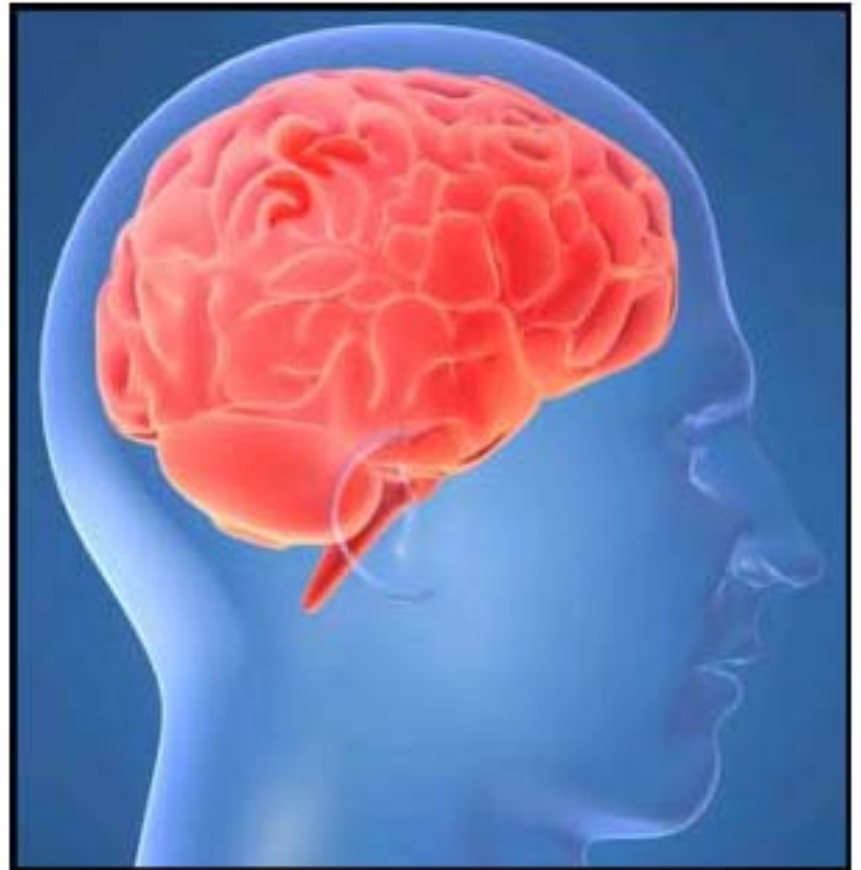
“You shall have no
other Gods before me”
(Dt. 5:7)

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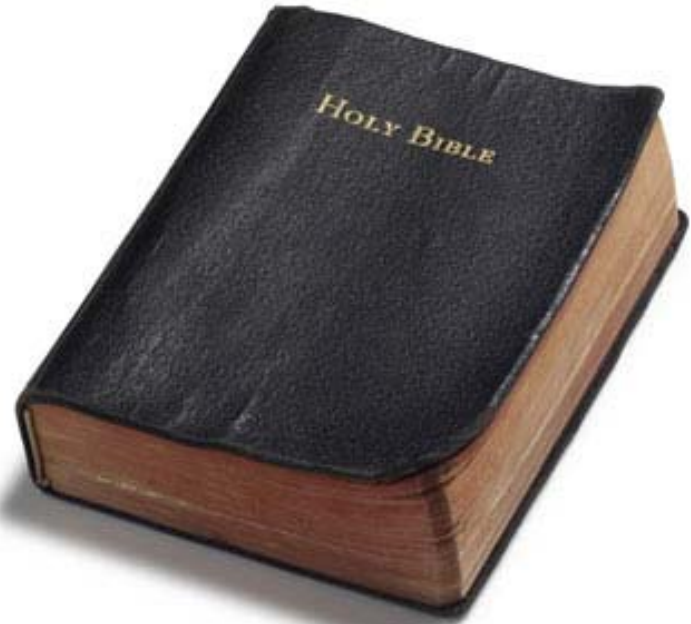


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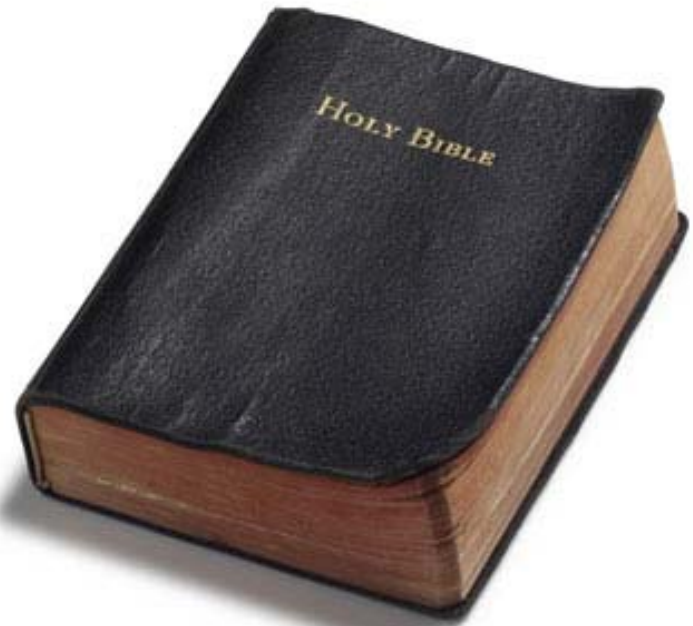
Who says God is three “persons”?

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HINT: It's not in here!

Class Participation

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What is at steak?



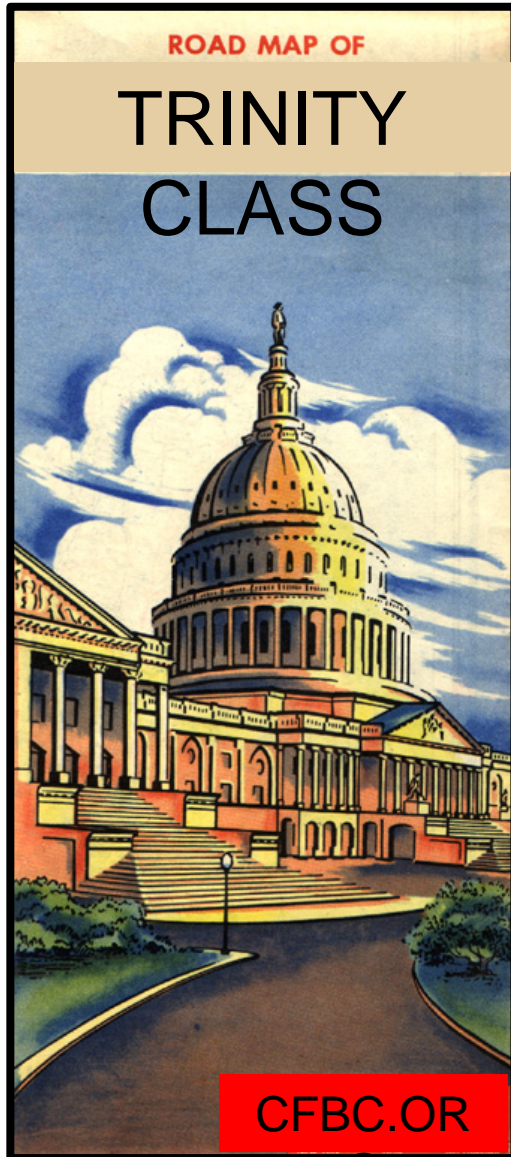
What is at stake?

Who is God?

What is his Gospel?

What is truth?

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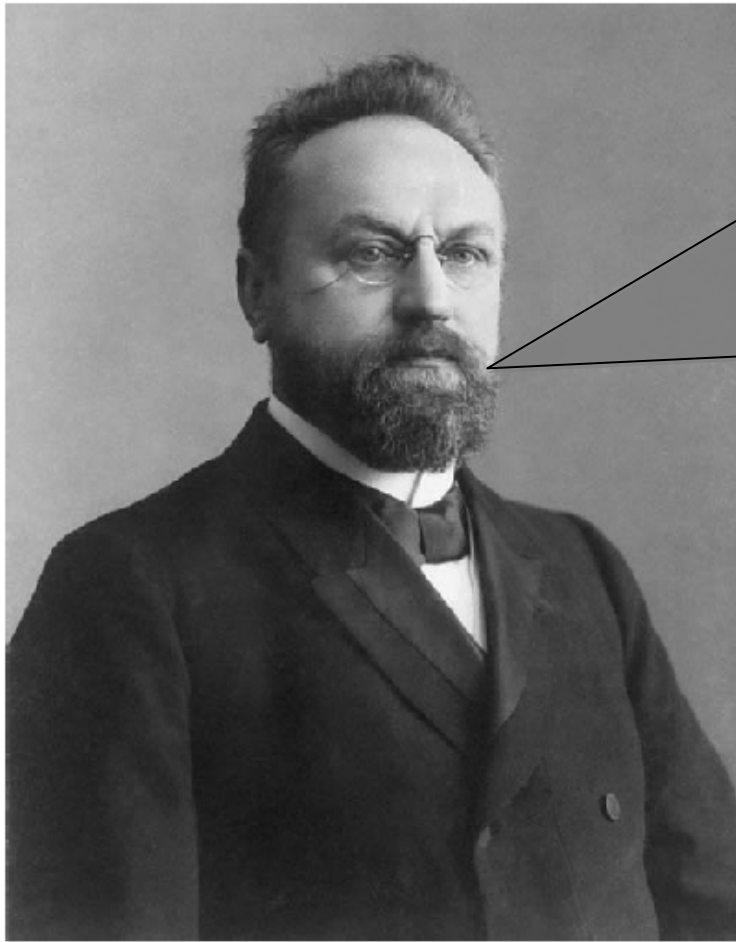
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(1854-1921)



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The seeds that developed into the full flower of New Testament Trinitarian revelation are already planted in the Old Testament

The Old Testament

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הן בעיניך שים נא ידך תחת
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אל נא תקברני במצרים
ושכבתי עם אבתי ונשארתני
ממצרים וקברתני בקברתם
ויאמר אנכי אעשה
כדברך ויאמר השבעה
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Use of Plural Pronouns

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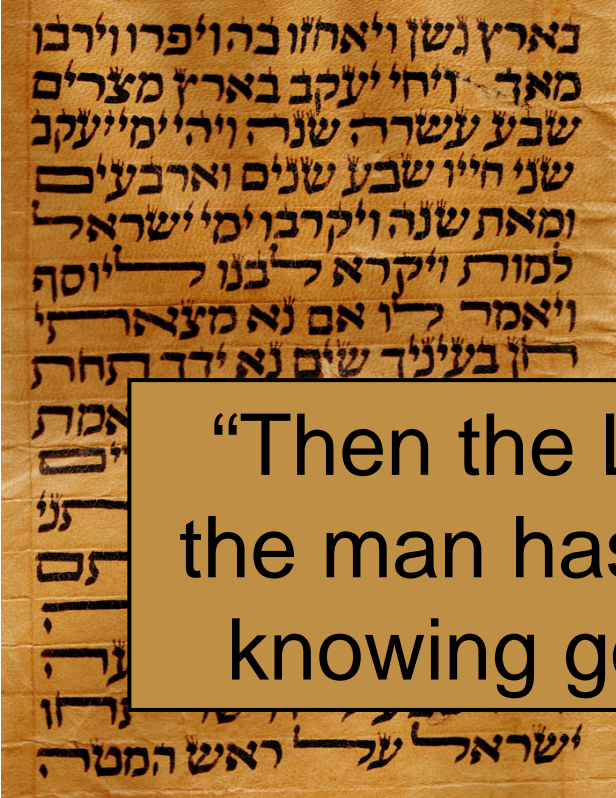
Use of Plural Pronouns



“Let **us** make man in **our** image,
after **our** likeness” (Gen. 1:26)

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Use of Plural Pronouns



“Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of **us** in knowing good and evil” (Gen. 3:22)

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Use of Plural Pronouns

“And I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for **us**?" (Is. 6:8)

The Old Testament

Hints at a Trinity



“Then the **LORD** rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire **from the LORD out of heaven**” (Gen 19:24)

The Old Testament

Prophecies of the Son
show him distinct and God

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אמת
ימים
רבים
תמים
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“For to us a **child** is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his
shoulder, and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God**,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Is. 9:6)

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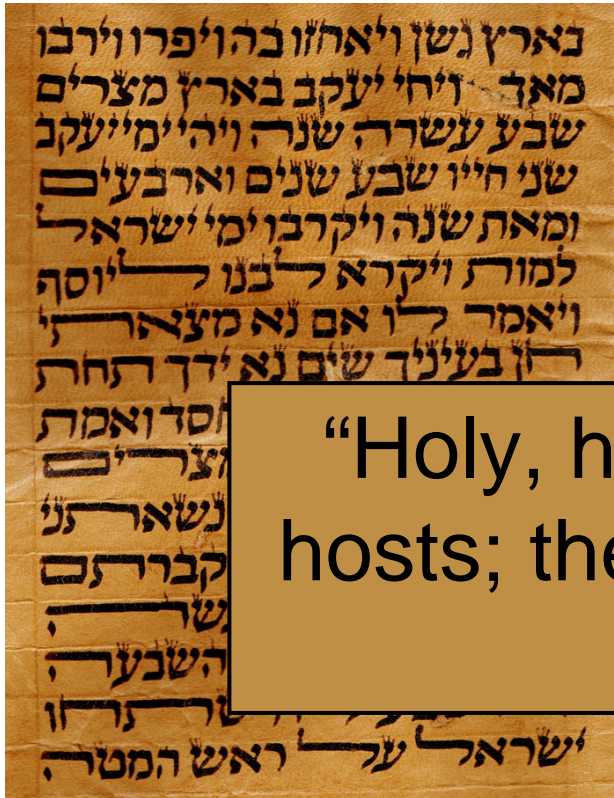
The Spirit is distinct from God

‘Draw near to me, hear this: from the beginning I have not spoken in secret, from the time it came to be I have been there.’ And now the LORD God has sent me, and his Spirit (Is. 48:16)

The Old Testament

Some see it in the three-fold passages

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” (Is. 6:3)



The Old Testament



Some see it in the three-fold passages

“The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon
you and be gracious to you; the LORD
lift up his countenance upon you and
give you peace.” (Nu. 6:24-26)

The New Testament

ΚΑΤΑ ΜΑΡΚΟΝ

ΑΡΧΗ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ^Τ. 1

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3 Distinct working together

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“And I [Jesus] will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever” (Jn. 14:16)

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“According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood” (1 Pet. 1:2)

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The “Father” is God

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“Jesus said ...go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'” (Jn 20:17)

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Jesus is God

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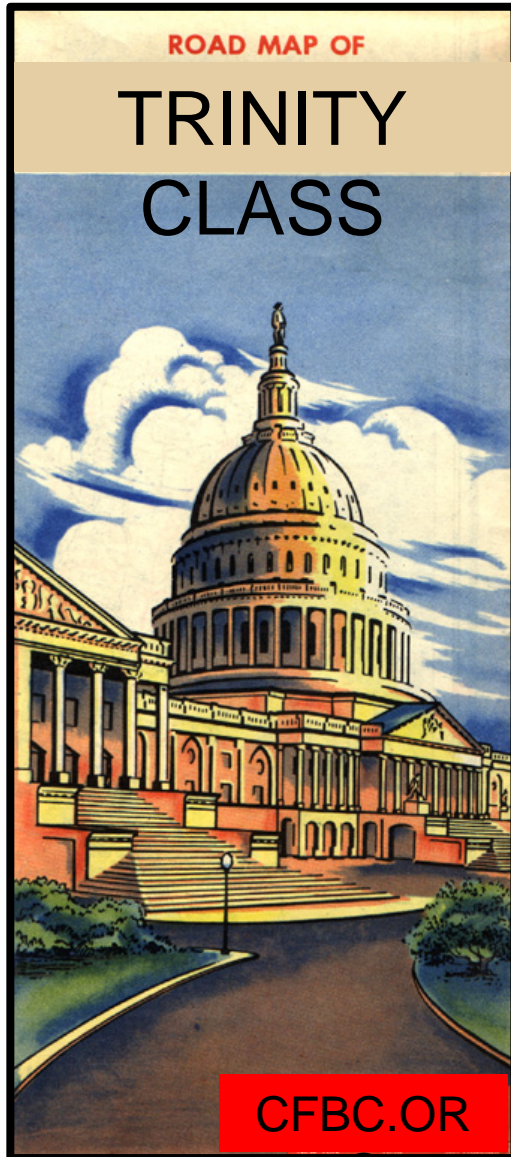
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The Spirit is God

“But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?... You have not **lied** to men but **to God**” (Acts 5:3-4)

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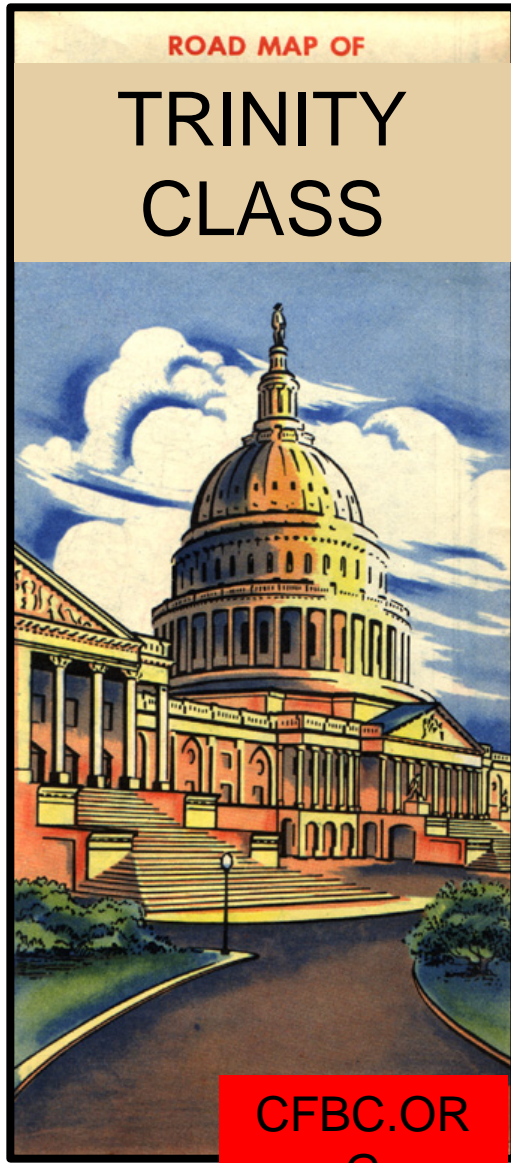


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“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Cor. 13:14)

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So how do we solve the Problem?

God in three
persons
Blessed Trinity

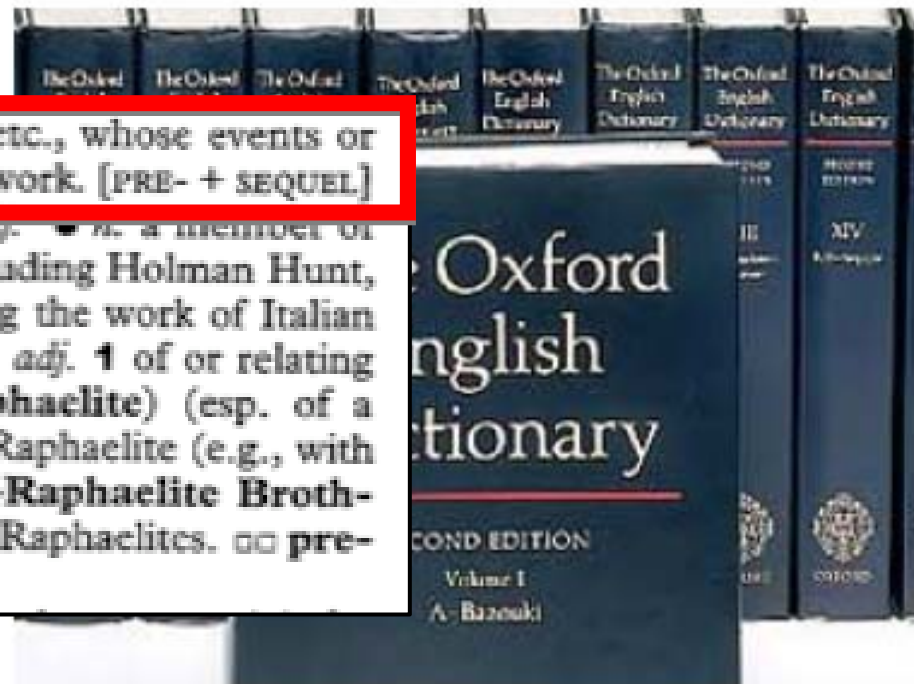


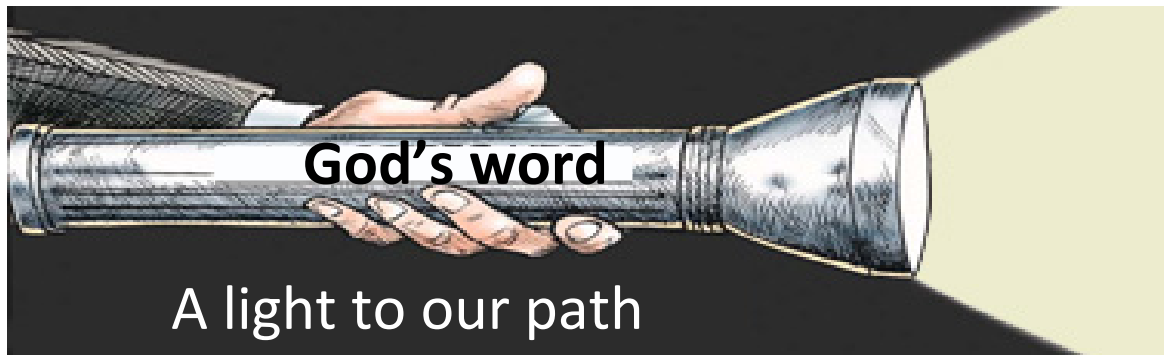
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Wait until next week, this class is
only the “prequel”

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Pre-Raphaelite /preˈræfəl.aɪt/ *n.* & *adj.* • *n.* a member of a group of English 19th-c. artists, including Holman Hunt, Millais, and D. G. Rossetti, emulating the work of Italian artists before the time of Raphael. • *adj.* 1 of or relating to the Pre-Raphaelites. 2 (**pre-Raphaelite**) (esp. of a woman) like a type painted by a Pre-Raphaelite (e.g., with long thick curly auburn hair). □ **Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood** the chosen name of the Pre-Raphaelites. □□ **pre-Raphaelitism** *n.*

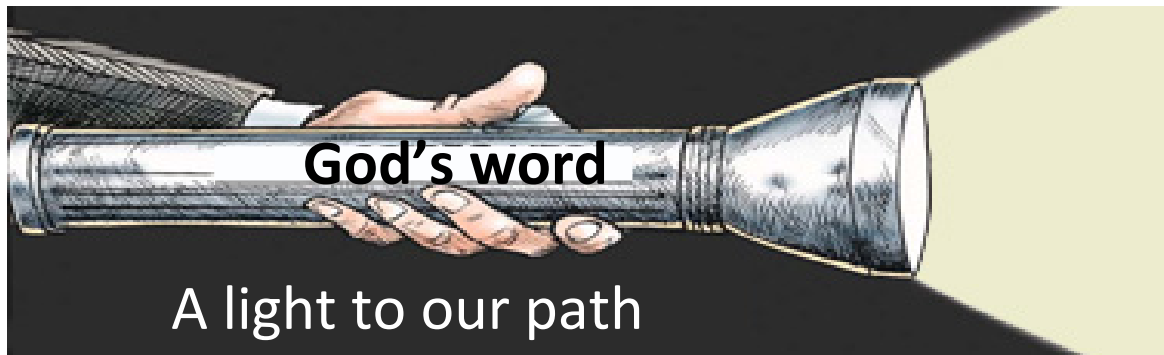




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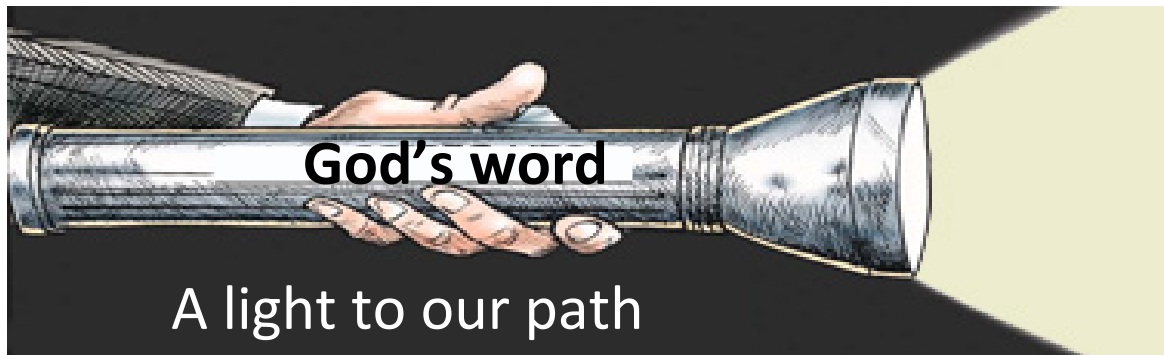
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“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Mat. 28:19).

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"Let us make man in our image."
(Gen. 1:26).

