here. His power, His life, He Himself is here, even though I cannot see Him. This is what He promises in His word:

"Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." (John 14:23—See also 1 Corinthians 6:17, 19; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Acts 17:27, 28.)

Can you see how great these two blessings are which God has given to us?

- He has given His own, only begotten Son to die for us so that we can be saved from the penalty of everlasting death. How wonderful it is that such a person could love us so much. Surely we ought to love and serve Him in return!
- He Himself and His blessed Son will live with us if we choose to give our lives to Him. He will be our best Friend, our close, constant Companion. We can be the friends of the Almighty God. He Himself, personally, will be with us always and forever.

There is no greater blessing in all of Christian experience. I myself have found out that fellowship with God and His Son is the highest joy that I can have in this life. Can you imagine? God, the Almighty One, is my personal Friend!! When I talk with Him, I know He is in charge of my life. I forget my problems because I know that He takes care of them all.

This is what eternal life means. To know and to have personal fellowship with God (who is the Father) and with His Son, Jesus Christ. This is what Jesus Himself said:

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3)

The Teaching of Antichrist

Therefore, any false teaching which takes these blessings from me must be one of Satan's most dangerous false doctrines. Yet there is a very popular teaching among Christian churches which destroys these two great blessings. This false teaching says that:

- Jesus was not really the true, begotten Son of God.
- The true Son of God did not really die.
- Jesus and His Father, our God, are not personally present with us, but have sent another person instead.

You can see that this is a very deadly false doctrine. Yet most Christians have accepted this teaching. Maybe even you have accepted this teaching. This doctrine says that Jesus was not truly begotten of the Father in eternity past. It teaches that Christ and God are the same age, that they are equal in power and authority. I ask you, how then could Jesus be the Son of God? Can a son be the same age as his father? This doctrine denies that Jesus is, and always was, the Son of God. The Bible says of this doctrine:

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? **He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son."** (1 John 2:22)

By now you may have realized that I am talking about the doctrine of the Trinity. This is the false doctrine which denies that Jesus is the true, begotten Son of God. According to this teaching, Jesus was not really the Son of God, but was actually one of three Beings who are all God. This doctrine teaches that He was only the Son of God by name, but not in the sense that He was begotten from God. If this were true, then Jesus could not really have died on the cross, because God cannot die, and according to this teaching, Jesus was completely equal with

God!! They say that only the body died, but the spirit was still alive and safe with the Father. If this were true, then what did God suffer when Jesus died? Did only a human body die on Calvary. Could a human body pay for the sins of the world?

As long as you believe this doctrine, you will never be able to realize what God has done for you when He gave His only begotten Son to die for your sins. You will never understand how much He loves you. How can we love and serve Him properly if we don't appreciate how much He loves us?

The second deadly danger of the Trinity doctrine is that it pushes God and Jesus far away from us. Jesus has made the following promises:

- "...I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:5)
- "...lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matthew 28:20)
- "...If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." (John 14:23)
- "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (John 14:18)
- "Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you...." (John 14:28)
- "...truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." (1 John 1:3)

He promises that He and His Father PERSONALLY will be with us. But according to the doctrine of the Trinity, it is not Jesus Himself and the Father Himself who are with us, but it is another person called *The Holy Spirit*. This is the second false teaching of the Trinity doctrine.

Who Is The Holy Spirit?

The truth is that there are only two divine Beings, not three. The two Beings are God, the Father, and Jesus Christ, His Son. (Please see 1 Corinthians. 8:6; 1 John 1:3; Revelation 5:13; 7:10; etc.) It is true that there is a Holy Spirit, but the question is, "Who, or what is the Holy Spirit?" The Holy Spirit is not a third Being, separate from God and Jesus. The Holy Spirit is actually the *spiritual presence* of the Father and the Son, but not in their bodily form.

The Bible teaches that there is only ONE **Lord** (Ephesians 4:5).

The Bible teaches that there is only ONE **Spirit** (Ephesians 4:4).

Who is the one Lord and the one Spirit? Here is the answer from 2 Corinthians 3:17.

"Now the [one] Lord is that [one] Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

Look at how the same truth is brought out in the following texts:

- "Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also At that day ye shall know that *I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.*" (John 14:19, 20)
- "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one." (John 17:23)

Do you see? It is the Father in Jesus, and Jesus in us. They are with us in spirit form, not in bodily form. This is why the presence of them with us is called the Holy Spirit.

Satan wants to take two precious things from you. One is the knowledge of the love of God and His Son. That love which was so wonderfully demonstrated when God gave His Son to die for men (1 John 4:9). The other is the

knowledge of the indwelling presence of God and His Son. Without these, what are we left with? Nothing. We are orphans, lost people seeking to find a way to be saved; trying to face life, but helpless and lost.

Thank God for the gospel of His Son! Thank God for a full and perfect salvation. What a joy to know that I have been redeemed, not with gold or silver, but by the precious life-blood of the only begotten Son of the great God of the universe. I am somebody. I am worth something. How wonderful to know that my friends and constant companions are this same God and His Son! This gives me courage and confidence. This makes me know that I am safe, even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. This makes me know that there is nothing too hard for me to face. God lives with me and in me. I have an abiding Friend who will never let me down.

My dear friend, I invite you now, to abandon this false doctrine of the Trinity. Accept the truth about God and His Son. Give your life to them forever and determine that from now on you will serve them and walk with them until the day when we shall meet them face to face.

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Satan's Deadliest Lie

God's enemy and our enemy, the Devil, has been trying to rob us of one of the greatest blessings which we can experience in this life. Our God and heavenly Father has given us blessings which are so wonderful that we can hardly find the words to explain them.

The first great blessing is that our Father loves us so much that He gave His Son to die for our sins. It was His own Son that He gave; His only begotten Son. One who was begotten from the very substance of the Father Himself. The Father and His Son were together for myriads and myriads of years. They were very close to one another, and the Father loved the Son with a very great love (See Proverbs 8:22-31). Yet, God loved fallen humanity so much that instead of condemning humanity to the everlasting death they deserved, He made a covenant with His only begotten Son, the Son of His bosom, the One whom He loved from the days of eternity, to die for us (Romans 8:32). This truly did happen. It was for us that the God of heaven gave His true Son to die.

The second great blessing which the Father has given us, is that He Himself, and His Son, Jesus, have come to live with us. Please think about what I just said. God HIMSELF, the almighty One lives in everyone who is a genuine Christian!! I do not mean that His angels are with us (although they are). I do not mean that His power is with us (although it is). What I mean is that He Himself, the great God, and His Son, live with us, and in us, if we are His. Do you ask HOW this is possible? I do not know how. I know that God does not live in us in His bodily form, but nevertheless, His presence is