

"THE BLESSINGS OF THE HOLY TRINITY"

Introduction

- 1. The Apostolic Benediction – very familiar.
- 2. Note the ways in which the Epistles end.
- 3. The Christian way is to greet/say farewell with the desire that God should bless.

1. WE ARE HERE REMINDED THAT GOD IS A TRINITY

- 1) It is one proof of many:
 - (i) explain; also
 - (ii) Matthew 28:19
 - (iii) John 14:26

DOCTRINE: There are three Persons in God, yet God is one.
- 2) False churches deny this:
 - (i) Christ is denied
 - (ii) they do not understand the NT's teaching that Christ is God: Jn.1:1; Jn.17:5; 2 Jn.9-10

DOCTRINE: If we lose the Trinity we have an idol.
- 3) The true view of God:
 - (i) One Divine Essence
 - (ii) three divine Persons
 - (iii) their special Works

APPLICATION: We see how the Bible places these three Persons on the same level,

2. CHRISTIANS LIVE THEIR LIVES UNDER GOD'S BLESSING

- 1) TEXT:
 - (i) the three Persons all bless us as we trust in God
 - (ii) What lovely words! ("grace"/love/communion" – all rich in comfort)

- 2) Why it is essential to believe Christ=God:
 - (i) because of the eternal covenant
 - (ii) Christ needs divinity as our Redeemer

ILLUSTRATION: concrete / reinforced concrete

 - (iii) In view of the multitudes to be saved
 - (iv) He will judge all men in the end
 - 3) Thank God, Christ is God and therefore:
 - (i) His mediation is strong enough
 - (ii) His "grace" is sufficient for us all
 - (iii) His blood has infinite merit

ILLUSTRATION: the cables on the Forth Bridge
 - 4) If Christ were not God, we should sink
- ILLUSTRATION:** the Titanic
This is the sad case of other gospels. Their Maker is not almighty.
- ILLUSTRATION:** you and I in prayer forget some
- APPLICATION:** A divine Saviour forgets none.
- 3. THIS DIVINE BLESSING SURROUNDS US ALWAYS**
- 1) These 3 things, what are they?
 - (i) grace: supernatural energy
 - (ii) love: God's favour as His own children
 - (iii) communion: fellowship – felt presence and supernatural influence upon us.
 - 2) The effects of these upon our daily life:
 - (i) deep joy in the heart
 - (ii) peace of conscience
 - (iii) assurance of heaven

APPLICATION: Who would not want all this?

CONCLUSION

All these divine Persons are for us, with us, within us.

PSALM

146: 5 – 10

25¹: 12 – 16

45²: 13 – 15