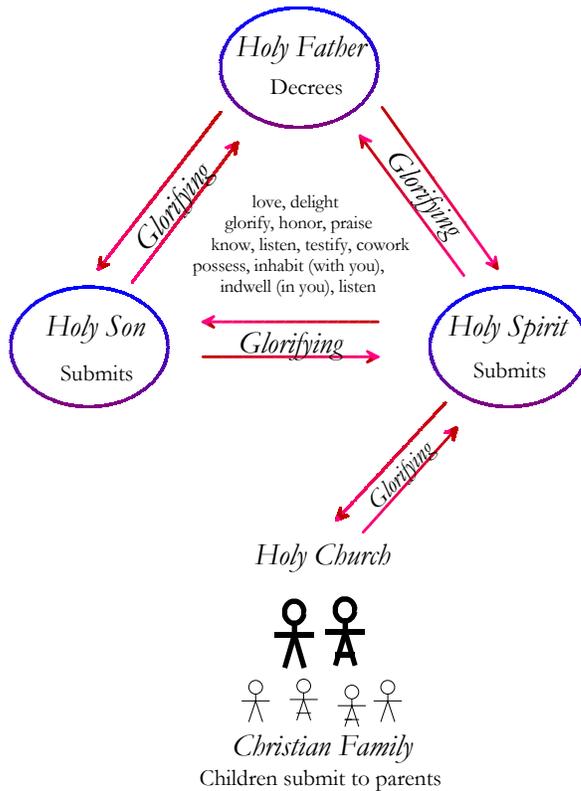


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The Joy & Communion of the Trinity with the Christian Family



Fellowship in the Trinity Imaged in Family

Honor:

ESV John 8:49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but *I honor my Father*, and you dishonor me.

ESV John 5:23 that *all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father*. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

ESV John 12:26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, *the Father will honor him*.

ESV Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "*Honor your father and mother*" (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

Show honor to children who do well, show exemplary character and integrity: public praise, respect, financial support (*as we should do to those adults who have served well: faithful wives 1 Pet 3:7; exemplary widows 1 Tim 5:3, faithful elders 1 Tim 5:17; Phil 2:29*)

ESV 1 Corinthians 12:23 and on *those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor*, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, *giving greater honor to the part that lacked it*, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; *if one member is honored, all rejoice together*.

ESV Romans 12:10 Love one another with brotherly affection. *Outdo one another in showing honor*.

Non-Mutual Relations: Authority & Submission

There are also non-mutual verbal aspects which I call the decree-submit pattern in the Trinity. This pattern within the Trinity gives a permanent place for imaging the authority-submission roles in society (government-citizens Rom 13), the church (elders-members Heb 13:17), marriage (husband-wife Eph 5) and family (parents-children Eph 6:1-4).

Father decrees: Eph 1:11; Acts 2:23; 13:48; John 10:29; 1 Cor 11:3; 1 Cor 15:27

ESV Ephesians 1:11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of *him who works all things according to the counsel of his will*,

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ESV 1 Corinthians 11:3 But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and *the head of Christ is God.*

ESV 1 Corinthians 15:27 For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that *he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him.*²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, *then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.*

Son submits/ the Spirit submits:

ESV Hebrews 5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and *he was heard because of his reverence.*

ESV Hebrews 10:7 Then I said, 'Behold, *I have come to do your will, O God,* as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'

ESV Matthew 26:39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, *not as I will, but as you will.*"

ESV Philippians 2:5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,⁷ but made himself nothing, *taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.*⁸ *And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

ESV John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for *he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak,* and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

ESV John 15:26 "But when the Helper comes, whom *I will send to you from the Father,* the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

Exercise Parental Authority/children submit

ESV Proverbs 4:1 *Hear, O sons, a father's instruction,* and be attentive, that you may gain insight,² for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching.

ESV Proverbs 23:22 *Listen to your father who gave you life,* and do not despise your mother when she is old.

ESV Proverbs 30:17 *The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother* will be picked out by the ravens of the valley and eaten by the vultures.

ESV 1 Timothy 3:4 *He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive,*⁵ for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?

ESV Titus 1:6 if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and *his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination.*⁷ For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach.

Parents Submit to God: Warnings against Oppressive Authority

ESV Ephesians 6:4 *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger,* but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

ESV 1 Peter 5:3 So I exhort the elders among you, . . .² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, . . .³ *not domineering over those in your charge,* but being examples to the flock.

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Children submit in the Lord

^{ESV} Deuteronomy 21:18 "If a man has *a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and, though they discipline him, will not listen to them,*¹⁹ then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives,²⁰ and they shall say to the elders of his city, "This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard."²¹ Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

^{ESV} Colossians 3:20 *Children, obey your parents in everything,* for this pleases the Lord.²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

^{ESV} Ephesians 6:1 *Children, obey your parents in the Lord,* for this is right.² "*Honor your father and mother*" (this is the first commandment with a promise),³ "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

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Know

^{ESV} John 10:14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

^{ESV} John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Love: John 3:35; 5:20; 14:31; 15:9; 16:27; Rom 8:34; 1 Pet 1:8; Matt 22:37

Delight: Luke 3:22; Matt 3:17; John 6:27; Psalm 22:8; Isa 61:10; Luke 10:21; Matt 17:5; 12:18; Jer 9:23-24; 2 Cor 5:9; Phil 4:4; 1 Pet 1:8; Rom 14:17-18; 12:1; Heb 13:15-16; Gal 6:8

Testifying (the authority & power for evangelism and missions): John 5:37-8; 8:16, 18, 26; 12:28; 15:26-7; 16:14; Acts 1:8; Heb 2:4; Rom 8:16; John 10:25

Revealing: 1 Cor 2:10-11; John 5:19-20; 6:48; 8:38; 14:21; 17:6; 16:12-15; Gal 1:12; Rev 2:7

Possessing: John 16:14-15; Matt 28:18; Luke 22:29 and Luke 11:13; Acts 2:33; Rom 14:17;

Eph 1:3, 14, 18; 1 Cor 3:22-23; 2 Cor 6:10; Rom 8:17 = **Giving:** *Father gives to Son* John 3:34; 1:32-33; 17:11-12; 5:36; 17:4, 22; 6:37, 39, 5:27; *Son gives to Father:* 6:11; 23; 1 Cor 15:24; *The Father gives to the believers & the world* John 3:16; 6:32; 1:17; 14:16; 19:11; Rom 8:32 *the Son gives to his followers* John 17:14, 22, 26; 1:9; 4:10, 14; 5:21; 6:33, 27; 10:28 *Spirit gives birth to spirit* John 3:6; 6:63

Inhabiting (with you): John 8:29; 1:2; 14:16, 23; 16:32; Matt 28:20; John 17:24; 12:26

Indwelling (in you/oneness?): John 14:10, 20; 10:38; 15:4, 7; 5:38; 10:30; 17:11, 21-23

Listening/Hearing: John 11:41-2; 3:32; 5:24-5, 28, 30, 37; 8:26, 38, 47; 12:28-9, 34, 47; 16:13; 14:24

Working: John 5:17-20; 9:3-4; 14:10; Eph 4:7-8; 1 Cor 3:9; 12:3; John 16:8-15; Phil 2:12-13; 2 Cor 6:1; 9:8; 1 Cor 15:10; Eph 3:16-20; Col 1:29

Praising: Matt 11:25, Luke 10:21, Heb 2:11-12; John 5:41, 44; Matt 25:21; Isa 61:1-3, Matt 21:15-16, Luke 19:37-38, 1 Cor 12:3, Rev 5:11-14, Rev 7:11-12; contrast sin: John 12:42-43, John 5:44

Resting: Gen 2:1-2; Heb 4:1-13; Matt 11:28-29; Luke 4:16-21