

WITH- A Preposition Proposition

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preposition

1. accompanied by (another person or thing).

"a nice steak with a bottle of red wine"

synonyms: accompanied by, escorted by, in the company of

WITHOLOGY- the doctrine of with, the non-negotiable of church, a key to parenting well, the heartbeat of Christ followers, THE RUDDER OF THE DISCIPLE SHIP.

Brutal Facts

Here are a few examples of WITH beginning before the beginning.

1. The Trinity

- a. **With is seen in God's very nature, exemplified in the Trinity, before the world began.**
- b. Gen. 1:2 Hovering at creation

In your ESV Study Bible, under "Practical Implications of the Trinity" it reads:

3. Because God is triune, he has eternally been personal and relational in his own being, in full independence from his creation. God has never had any unmet needs, **"nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything" (Acts 17:25)**. Personhood becomes real only within realized relationships, and the reality of relationship can only exist where one has something or someone that is not oneself to relate to; if, then, God had not been plural in himself he could not have been a personal, relational God till he had begun creating, and thus would have been dependent on creation for his own personhood, which is a notion as nonsensical as it is unscriptural. Between the persons of the Trinity, there has always existed total relational harmony and expression; God is, from this standpoint, a **perfect society in Himself**. Apart from the **plurality** in the Trinity, either God's eternal independence of the created order or his eternally relational personal existence would have to be denied.

4. The Trinity provides the ultimate model for relationships within the body of Christ and marriage (1 Cor. 11:3; 12:4-6; Eph. 4:4-7).

The doctrine of the Trinity is well beyond human ability to ever fully comprehend. However, it is central to understanding the nature of God and the central events in the history of salvation, in which God is seen acting as, in effect, a **tripersonal team**. Biblical Christianity stands or falls with the doctrine of the Trinity.

And the Trinity is based on relationships, its based on this glorious preposition- WITH

There has never been a point in all of Eternity where WITH wasn't present.

With- a vital component and loving attribute of Discipleship existed WITH the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit from Eternity Past.

THEN AT CREATION

2. At Creation

- a. Just 2 verses into God's creation, before He had created anything, while the earth was without form and void, in Gen. 1:2, we see "the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters."
- b. Gen. 2:26 God said, "Let US make man in OUR image, after our likeness..."
- c. You wont find many singular pronouns in this first creation account. He created THEM, and told them to MULTIPLY.
- d. And in **Gen. 3:8** we have God walking in the garden WITH man-

- i. one commentator says “Jehovah appears here as the owner of the Paradise, and as taking in it His daily exercise; for the verb is in the reflexive conjugation, and means “walking for pleasure.”

3. Old Testament Examples

- a. Elijah-Elisha
- b. Moses-Joshua
 - i. In Numbers 11, Moses gets some new help. God gives Moses instructions and Moses appoints 70 elders. Let’s pick up in verse 24—
 - ii. 24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. 25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. 26 Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. 27 And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." 28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." 29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" 30 And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp. - Numbers 11:24-30
- c. Ruth and Naomi
- d. Rahab-Boaz – Where do you think Boaz learned the gift of redemption?

4. New Testament Examples

- a. John the Baptist had his disciples
- b. Barnabas Saul/Paul (Acts 9:26-28; 11:25-26)
 - i. Acts 11:25-26 So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians. - Acts 11:25-26
- c. Aquila/Priscilla with Apollos
 - i. Acts 18:24-26 Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. 25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. 26 He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. - Acts 18:24-26
- d. Jesus with the 12 and the 3
 - i. Mk. 4:10 And when He was alone, those around Him **with the twelve** asked him about the parables. - Mark 4:10
 - ii. Mt. 11:1 When Jesus had finished **instructing his twelve disciples**, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities. - Matthew 11:1
 - iii. Mt. 17:1 And after six days **Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John** his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. - Matthew 17:1

5. His Prophesied Name (IMMANUEL)

- a. More than 7 centuries before the birth of Christ, names were given to Him, names of our Savior.
- b. Story of naming Shiloh, Mom reacts, silence, Wint-I’m a misspelled verb.
- c. Is. 7:14 reads, “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel**.” - Isaiah 7:14”
- d. In case we missed the meaning, the Lord defines it in Matthew 1:23 “God **with US**”
- e. This Powerful Preposition, is an undeniable attribute of God Incarnate.

6. With is Christ

- a. He is our Bridge
 - i. Without those sacrifices in the OT pointing forward, without that Temple designed by God, without the shedding of blood (Rom. 3:25, Heb. 9:22) there would be no bridge to God.
- b. He is our Model
 - i. God didn't need to rest on the seventh day, Jesus didn't need to be Baptized. This was done for us, an example, a model.
- c. Fill in the blank:
 - i. God ____ Us
 - ii. **Christ is the WITH in God with Us.**

7. With is Us

- a. Out of His infinite creativity, He chose us to be the megaphone to the nations. Go figure? The King of the universe sat with, slept on the floor beside, prayed with, ate with, sailed with, healed with, preached with, performed countless miracles with a very small number of people. Why?
- b. To show us how its done.
- c. Fill in the blank:
 - i. God ____ Them
 - ii. **We are the WITH in God with Them.**

With:

1. Demonstrated from eternity past in the TRINITY
2. Evident at creation with the presence of God WALKING in the garden of Eden.
3. Modeled in OT examples
4. Modeled in many NT Examples
5. Defined in the very name of Jesus, IMMANUEL
6. Modeled in the life and saving sacrifice of Christ
7. This Perennial Preposition is handed down to US

Jesus says in John 9:4, "**We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.**" - John 9:4