



**3-in-1**

**the Father**

**the Son**

**the Holy Spirit**

**God**

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Daily Study Guide

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## Introduction

Please join us as we seek to understand and to define the character, nature, power and attributes of the real God who reveals Himself to us as God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Our goal is to build a personal love relationship with the God who knows us and who loves us.

We join in the Apostle Paul's prayer for all of us in this series.

*I pray for you constantly, asking God,  
the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
to give you spiritual wisdom and insight  
so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.  
I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light  
so that you can understand the confident hope  
he has given to those he called—  
his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.*

**Ephesians 1:16-18**

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 28:19

Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Today's Reading:** Romans 1:17-32

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** Why does God allow us to reject His truth and to turn away from Him?

**Question for Journaling:** List God's eternal power and divine nature that He has revealed to you.

## My Prayer...



Praise for:



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**Memory Verse:** Matthew 28:19

Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Today's Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-13

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** Each member of the Trinity is mentioned in this passage. What is revealed about each of them?

**Question for Journaling:** Jesus is called the *Lord Jesus Christ*, with each title having a specific meaning (see *Key Concept box*). What do each of His titles mean to you?

**Key Concept:**  
*Lord Jesus Christ*

Lord: Supreme Ruler

Jesus: Jehovah (which means salvation), and is also the Greek word for Joshua in the Hebrew language

Christ: Anointed One, Messiah

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**Today's Reading:** Psalms 19:1-14

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** How does God reveal Himself to us?

**Question for Journaling:** What does God's law and His word do for us?

## My Prayer...



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**Memory Verse:** Matthew 28:19

Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Today's Reading:** Romans 8:26-39

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** What are the roles of each member of the Trinity? Describe how their separate roles affect you.

**Question for Journaling:** How does knowing their roles increase your faith?

## My Prayer...



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**Today's Reading:** Galatians 5:1-26

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** Each member of the Trinity is mentioned in this chapter. What did you learn about each one?

**Question for Journaling:** The fruit of the Holy Spirit shows the divine nature of all three members of the Trinity. According to this passage, how can we have God's nature in us?

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**Today's Reading:** John 16:5-15; John 17:20-26

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** Jesus asked God that we might be one with Him and the Holy Spirit. Which member of the Trinity are you most familiar with? Which one do you pray to?

**Question for Journaling:** In John 16, Jesus says He is sending a Helper, the Holy Spirit. What is the Holy Spirit's role? How does He help you? How do you know it's Him?

## My Prayer...



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# Monday, May 14, 2018 | God the Father

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 22:37-38

Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.

**Today’s Reading:** Romans 11:33-36: Romans 12:1-2

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** What limits our knowledge of God, His ways, and His wisdom?

**Question for Journaling:** Even though we cannot fully understand God, what does Romans 11:33-36 and Romans 12:1-2 tell us to do?

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**Today’s Reading:** Exodus 20:1-18

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** The first four commandments show us how to love and honor God, and the second six tell us how to honor and love our neighbor. What does each commandment mean in our day-to-day live, and in our relationship with God and others?

**Question for Journaling:** Jesus taught that He did not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17-48). What commandments did Jesus fulfill? How should we obey the ones that are not fulfilled?

## My Prayer...



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**Today’s Reading:** Psalms 139:1-24

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** These verses show how God is all-knowing, all-present, and all-powerful. We cannot escape His presence. In what ways are you aware of His presence in your life?

**Question for Journaling:** Verses 13-16 state that God knew us before we were born; He knit us together and made us complex; every day of our lives are recorded in His book! Jeremiah 1:5 says we are chosen before we were born to fulfill His purposes.... How hard or easy is it to comprehend that God has chosen you? Does our skill, knowledge, or experiences influence God’s decision to choose us for His purposes?

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**Today’s Reading:** 1 Peter 1:15-17; Isaiah 59:1-2

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** According to 1 Peter, how are God’s people to live? Why? How is this demonstrated in your own life?

**Question for Journaling:** In Isaiah 59:1-2, there is one thing that prevents God from being able to listen to us. What is it? Is there anything in your life you are holding on to that is preventing God’s activity in your life? (Psalms 66:18)

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**Today’s Reading:** Romans 8:31-39

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** According to these verses, is there anything in this world that can separate God’s people from His love?

**Question for Journaling:** We will face many problems in our lives. It may *feel* like God doesn’t love us because bad things happen. Do our circumstances change anything in our relationship with God? Do we have to *feel* like God loves us, or live in the knowledge that He *does*?

**Key Concept**  
***God loves us!***

*We may not feel like God loves us, but we are all very precious to Him, and He loves us dearly.*

**My Prayer...**



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**Today’s Reading:** Ephesians 1:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** Ephesians 2:1-3 describe our spiritual condition apart from God. Verse 4 begins with two powerful words: *But God...* These two words change everything. What do they change for us?

**Question for Journaling:** Ephesians 1:4-9 explain how God chose to adopt us as His own because it pleased Him. Ephesians 2:8-10 also describes how our faith in His grace is what saves us, not our own good works or good deeds. Have you been trying to earn God’s grace by doing good things? Or, do you serve and do good because of God’s grace?

*Do we serve God and do good because we are thankful to God for His grace and love?*

## My Prayer...



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# Monday, May 21, 2018 | God the Son

**Memory Verse:** John 14:6

Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

**Today’s Reading:** John 3:1-21

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** What is the judgement we face for eternal life?

**Question for Journaling:** What does it mean to be born again?

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**Today’s Reading:** Philippians 2:1-11

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** What was Jesus before He came to earth? What did He give up?

**Question for Journaling:** How are we to live out Jesus’ attitude in our day-to-day lives?

## My Prayer...



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Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

**Today’s Reading:** John 1:1-18; Genesis 1:1-2; Colossians 1:15-17

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** These verses are speaking of Jesus (the *Word* was with God and was fully God).

*Word*, in the Greek language, is *Logos* (see *Key Concept box*). The creation was spoken into existence through Jesus, who was present with God and the Holy Spirit at creation. Read Genesis 1:1-2 and Colossians 1:15-17. How does this fact change your perspective of Jesus?

**Key Concept:**  
**Word (Greek = Logos)**  
Jesus Christ, the “personal wisdom and power in union with God, His minister in creation and government of the universe”.

**Deeper Still:** In John 1:4-5, what did Jesus come as?

**Question for Journaling:** No matter how dark our world is, the light of Christ will never go out. How does this encourage you to let His light be seen through you?

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**Today’s Reading:** John 10:10-18, 27

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** In verse 10, Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd. What does He do for His sheep? Who is the Shepherd protecting the sheep from?

**Question for Journaling:** In verse 27, Jesus protects His sheep from the devil. In order to protect them, they must know Him and recognize His voice – run to Him for safety. When you are facing trials or making big life decisions, do you run to Jesus? Do you recognize His voice in the circumstances? Do you follow Him daily, even when life is calm?

*When you are facing life trials or making big decisions, do you run to Jesus?*

## My Prayer...



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Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

**Today’s Reading:** John 10:30-39

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** Many debate whether Jesus claimed to be God. According to these verses, what does Jesus say? At this time, to claim to be God was blasphemy worthy of being stoned to death. The religious leaders knew He was claiming to be God. Have you ever struggled with this knowledge?

**Question for Journaling:** How does knowing Jesus is God come in the flesh (Matt 1:22-23; Isaiah 7:14) as prophesied in the Old Testament help you to believe that He is everything he says He is?

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Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

**Today’s Reading:** Revelation 3:14-22; Matt 6:19-21

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** In these verses, Jesus gives a stern warning and a frightening truth – many churches and Christians are called “lukewarm”. According to Revelation 3:17, what can be an obstacle to a rich relationship with God? What riches are we to have instead? (Matt 6:19-21)

**Question for Journaling:** Our memory verse says that we can only come to the Father through Jesus – He is the way – the entrance or door. In Revelation 3:20, we see another door, but we must open this one and invite Him in. Have you opened the door and invited Christ into your life? If not, what is stopping you?

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**Memory Verse:** Acts 1:8

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

**Today's Reading:** Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-21

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** Acts 1:8 tells us what will happen when the Holy Spirit comes into believers. What power does it give us? How are we using it in our lives?

**Question for Journaling:** What signs did the Holy Spirit give to the disciples of Jesus on Pentecost?

## My Prayer...



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You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

**Today's Reading:** John 14:16-26

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** In these verses, Jesus is telling His disciples that He must leave, but that He will send a helper. Who is that helper and what is His role?

**Question for Journaling:** If you have submitted to Christ and follow Him, you have God's Holy Spirit in you, guiding you and teaching you. How have you recognized the Holy Spirit's guidance in your life? How has He helped you remember what God and Christ have taught you?

## My Prayer...



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**Today's Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** According to these verses, what does the Holy Spirit give to all believers? What is the purpose?

**Question for Journaling:** Have you pursued serving God in any way? Is there something God has placed on your heart to start doing? Are you doing it? If not, why?

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God has placed  
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to start doing?*

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**Today's Reading:** John 4:23-24; Romans 12:1-2

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** How are we to worship?

**Question for Journaling:** It is impossible to truly worship God without His Spirit in us. Worship takes many forms – music, service, submission and humility – to name a few. Read Roman 12:1-2 and journal what true worship is. Have you offered your entire life to God as an act of worship? In what way?

*Have you offered your entire life to God as an act of worship?*

## My Prayer...



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## Friday, June 1, 2018 | God the Holy Spirit

### Memory Verse: Acts 1:8

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

### Today's Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-21; Ephesians 4:30-31

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** In 1 Thessalonians 5:19, we are told the Holy Spirit can be extinguished. The word used has the same meaning as putting out a fire. That must be done deliberately. What kinds of things do we do that extinguish the Holy Spirit?

*Is there anything in your life that is grieving and extinguishing the Holy Spirit and His power?*

**Question for Journaling:** In Ephesians 4:30-31, these verses also talk of grieving the Holy Spirit – what are the ways we can do that? When we decide to follow Christ, but also choose to hold onto and practice sin, it hurts God. Is there anything in your life that is grieving Him and extinguishing His power in your life? How can you change that?

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**Today's Reading:** Galatians 5:19-23

I learned from my reading today...

**Going Deeper:** What qualities of the Holy Spirit are evidenced in the life of a believer?

**Question for Journaling:** The nine characteristics of the Holy Spirit are actually one fruit – with many qualities. We often mistakenly think God hasn't given us all of them, but they are all given at the moment of salvation. However, some are harder for us to practice than others. Which one(s) do you struggle with the most? What is one thing you can do today to practice that character trait? Gal 5: 19 says that if we live by the Spirit (practice), we won't carry out the desire of our flesh. That's great news!

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