

Acts # 11

“It’s Hard to Believe or is it?” *Acts 1:9-11*

It’s certainly true that man has certain limitations in dealing with the subject of God or in understanding spiritual things.

There are generally three systems from which we learn: rationalism or reason, empiricism or hands on using our senses and faith, accepting the testimony of someone else.

To try to understand the Trinity or God’s divine essence by either rationalism or empiricism would always result in rejection of such truth which must be accepted on the authority of the Word of God by faith.

Any discussion of the Trinity must include three concepts: the oneness of God, the three modes of being of the One and only God and the equality of each of the Three.

In judgment, we see God’s love, righteousness and justice which make up His holiness; in God’s faithfulness, His immutability and veracity are revealed; in God’s plan, divine omniscience and sovereignty are preeminent; in God’s will, His sovereignty is specifically seen and in His revelation, His veracity, love and omniscience are evident.

The essence of light illustrates this principle as all colors of the spectrum are present in a white ray of light but they only become visible under certain conditions of refraction and reflection.

God exists in Three separate distinct Personalities and each Person is self-conscious and self-directing, yet He never acts independent of or in opposition to the Others.

Light is one in essence but it has three properties:

1. Actinic light is neither seen nor felt so it becomes a beautiful illustration of God the Father.

2. Luminiferous light is both seen and felt so it’s a perfect illustration of Jesus Christ.

3. Calorific light is not seen but felt, so it’s an illustration of the Holy Spirit.

Even if we may not understand light at that level, that doesn’t stop us from using it.

So, a complete understanding of the Trinity is not necessary for entering the plan of God as Operation Grace means God provided the plan totally without help from man or man’s comprehension.

We are totally graced out by being personally related to the Trinity forever and by being blessed while here in the devil’s world.

As ruler of this world, Satan has his own systems of promotion, ethics, do-goodism and prosperity but God provides blessings for us completely independent of Satan.

These blessings from God are permanent and far more wonderful than anything the devil can provide.

This is part of the victory in the angelic dispute.

In this present Age, the filling of the Holy Spirit does not stimulate emotion which is not a barometer of spirituality; instead, emotion responds normally to the mentality of the soul, where truth is stored as a result of learning the Word.

God set aside spectacular rituals and miracles from previous dispensations, so during the post-canon Church Age, His magnificent wisdom and power is displayed in His Word, the object of our faith which emphasizes our thoughts and decisions rather than our emotion.

In the Millennium, the Living Word will be present along with the written Word and sight will complement faith and under our Lord’s control, emotional ecstasies can be a genuine spiritual expression; more so than in any other dispensation.