

The New Testament Church
The Trinity and the Resurrection
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I The Trinity

- A. Ge. 1:1-3 – *God created, the Spirit moved (vibrates), and the Son spoke into existence*
 - 1. Elohim – singular and plural word in Hebrew
 - 2. Ge. 2:7 – *the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground (body), breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (spirit); and man becoming a living soul.*
- B. God is one and many – we are to live “in heavenly places” as well as on earth
 - 1. *The Holy Spirit eternally proceeds from the Father and Son*
 - 2. The greatest illustration of the power of the Spirit is at Creation and the Resurrection

II Resurrection Sunday – The Power of the Holy Spirit

- A. The POWER of the Spirit often comes spiritually and physically as “light”
 - 1. The disciples were unable to fully grasp His predictions, thus He offered the light by presenting *himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs...* Acts 1:1-3
 - 2. Some only need spiritual light, but most of us need to see evidence *to confirm our faith* – like the unnamed father who cried out “*Lord, I believe, help my unbelief*” (Mk. 9:24)
- B. The role of the Trinity in the Resurrection
 - 1. The Father – God’s plan for Christ to come *and do the Father’s will* – Heb. 10:7
 - 2. The Son – Christ came to preach the gospel – die, buried and rise again – 1st Cor. 15:3-4
 - 3. The Spirit – his “power” evidenced by **light** – light of the world – Jn. 1:1-5; 1st Jn. 1:5

Physical Properties of Light	Spiritual Properties of Light
Intensity (a light wave's power density)	<i>The miraculous, eternal, power of God</i>
Direction (the line along which light travels)	<i>The light of God exposes specific areas</i>
Wavelength (the energy and color of light)	<i>Christ is pictured as bright white light</i>
Polarization (the electric field of light)	<i>Others are affected by Christ’s light in us</i>
Interaction (how light encounters matter)	<i>Light affects our world in a variety of ways</i>

- a. The Transfiguration of Christ – Matthew 17:1-2; 5
- b. We are to be the light of the world – Matthew 5:14-16
- C. The Shroud of Turin – the most studied artifact in the world
 - 1. The burial clothes of Jesus – Mt. 27:57-61; Mk. 15:42-47; Lk. 23:50-56; Jn. 20:1-18
 - 2. A wealthy burial cloth (Joseph’s) *designed by the Spirit to last for centuries*
 - 3. Preserved (14 ft. l; 4 ft. w); traveled to Europe, and since 1988 in Turin, Italy (Catholic)
 - 4. The shroud of Jesus would exhibit up to 700 wounds (120 lashes), no broken bones
 - a. It would have a spear wound in the side (unique)... - it does
 - b. It would have shoulder wounds (carry cross) – it demonstrates this – nose and knees
 - c. It would have head wounds (crown of thorns) – clear image of the holes on his head
 - d. It would have nail holes in wrists and feet – yes, which was unusual in crucifixions
 - e. Part of beard would have been pulled out – a “v” shape of his beard ripped out
 - f. It would have scourge wounds neck to ankles – wounds that match scourging
- D. At the moment of resurrection – bright and powerful light produced a unique image!
 - 1. A 34 thousand trillion watts (6.4 gigawatts) in one 40th of a billionth of a second!
 - 2. **The resurrection was caught in an image on a linen cloth and preserved for us!**