

Scripture: Ephesians 1:1-14 & 1 John 5:1-12 Belgic Conf: art 8-9 (3)
Singing: 408:1-3 – 287:1-3 – 422:1-2 – 404:1, 5

Intro: What is the secret to living the best of life forever?

A. The unknown cure for our suffering world is the knowledge of God!

B. Why is knowing God the fountain of all pleasure? (Ps. 34:4, 8; 36:8)

C. What is one of the most neglected subjects of meditation?

1. Not the *Gospel of God* but the *God of the Gospel*: 1 Tim. 1:11

2. The Gospel tells *God delights to share His own delight with us*: John 17:13

3. Notice where the Confession of Faith starts?

The Experience of the operations of the Triune God in the life of Believers (2)

I. Who is the believer? II. What are the experiential operations of Triune God?

I. Who is the believer?

A. The believer is a person described in Ephesians 1:13-14

B. How does one become a believer trusting in Christ and sealed with the Spirit?

1. Through our Triune God at work at work in redemption

a. though each has a distinct role, they all are united in one

● illustrate in Creation: *Gen. 1:1-2; John 1:3, Col. 1:16; Ps. 33:6*

● illustrate in Re-creation: *Eph. 1:3-14*

b. All three Persons are equal in Being while Son and Spirit are

subordinate to the Father (John 5:17, 19, 20; John 14:28; 26; 25:26)

II. The operations of the Persons of the Trinity in Salvation

A. Father's operation: Scripture reveals to us the *mystery* of origin of all life!

1. Father is the cause of all life (John 5:26) including spiritual life (Eph. 2:4)

a. if *born again* you are *born of God* (John 1:13)

b. if *born of God* you are chosen by God (Eph. 1:3-5; Gal. 4:6-7)

● God's adoption is most astounding truth (John 17:26)

B. God the Son: *our Savior & Redeemer by His life & death for us*: Eph. 1:6-8

1. God the Son assumed *our flesh* and came upon this world as our Mediator
 - a. Incarnation of Son is the most momentous event in history

- b. God Father made Him our *ransom* and our *requirement* (Eph. 1:7)

2. How does one *experience* the second Person in His operations?

- a. when in faith we are enabled to receive Him (John 1:12)

C. God the Spirit: *He is our sanctifier (from regeneration to glorification)*

1. His task is to turn us from *sinner into saints*

- a. His starting point: John 3:8, Eph. 1:18-20

- b. His ongoing ministry: Romans 8:14-16, 26,

Two Reflections:

A. Don't live below your spiritual privileges secured in heavenly places: Eph. 1:3

B. Fight the spiritual battles with God's armor: Eph. 6:14-18