

Global Connections Conference 2006

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SEMINAR - Deepening Our Understanding of the Trinity

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What is Jesus' experience of his Father through the Holy Spirit? What does the New Testament tell us about this very important question? More specifically, what is Jesus' relationship with his Father and what is his relationship with the Holy Spirit?

How does this understanding of the relationships between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit help us in our own relationship with the Triune God? And how does it impact our community lives in the family, church and the society in general?

The seminar will begin with an exploration of Jesus' experience of his Father through the Spirit in the temptation episodes. Please read Deuteronomy 6-8 and Matthew 4:1-11 for preparation.
(Damon So)

Reflections on the Role of the Holy Spirit in Mission

(Cathy Ross)

1. The Holy Spirit is the Creator and Life-Giving Spirit.
2. The Holy Spirit enables us to be.
3. The Holy Spirit enables us to see.
4. The Holy Spirit enables and inspires us to pray.
5. The Holy Spirit witnesses to the Lordship of Christ and enables us to adore Him.

Song to the Holy Spirit

Lord, HS
You blow like the wind in a thousand paddocks,
Inside and outside the fences,
You blow where you wish to blow.

Lord, HS
You are the sun who shines on the little plant,
You warm him gently, you give him life,
You raise him up to become a tree with many leaves.

Lord, HS,
You are as the mother eagle with her young,
Holding them in peace under your feathers.
On the highest mountain you have built your nest,
Above the valley, above the storms of the world,
Where no hunter ever comes.

Lord, HS,
You are the bright cloud in whom we hide,
In whom we know already that the battle has been won.
You bring us to our Brother Jesus
To rest our heads upon his shoulder.

Lord, HS,
You are the kind fire who does not cease to burn,
Consuming us with flames of love and peace,
Driving us out like sparks to set a world on fire.

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Lord, HS,
In the love of friends you are building a new house,
Heaven is with us when you are with us,
You are singing your song in the hearts of the poor.
Guide us, wound us, heal us. Bring us to the Father.
(James K Baxter)

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