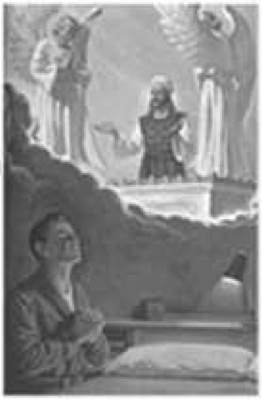
THE CALLING OF THE TRINITY

The Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) have different ways of calling us but united in their purpose and that is, for everyone to have a direct, permanent, and personal relationship with the Son.

>The call of the Father: "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord" (1Cor. 1:9).

>The call of the Son: "Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). Notice His direct and personal call to everyone

>Call of the Holy Spirit: "...today if you hear His (Jesus) voice, harden not your hearts as in the rebellion in the day of trial in the wilderness ..." (Heb. 3:7-8).



Jesus Christ is our eternal High Priest or Mediator from everlasting to everlasting (Heb. 7:25; 1Tim. 2:5). It is not true that this function of God the Son has ended according to some teachings. They claim that after praying the sinner's prayer to Jesus we now can enter into the most holy place and approach the Father for prayer and use the Name of Jesus at the end of our prayers. Jesus Christ is in the INFINITE realm and we are just finite creatures. He is our eternal dwelling place (Psalm 90:1) and we are to abide in Him forever (John 15:4) so how can a finite creature come out of Jesus and go ahead of Him and pray to the Father? That is not doing justice to His function as our Eternal High Priest and Mediator (Heb. 7; 1Tim. 2:5) Jesus Christ is the one personally answer-ing, and actualizing our prayer request. He said: "and whatever you ask in My Name, that I WILL DO that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13-14).

The Lord's prayer in Matt. 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4 is a figurative or allegorical teaching about asking from the Father according to Jesus (John 16:25). Notice that there is no mention of Jesus in this prayer. If one prays to the Father independent of Jesus who shed His blood to atone for our sins how can we be reconciled to God (Rom. 5:11)? Because without the shedding of blood is no remission of sin (Heb. 9:22). This prayer of Jesus to the Father was fulfilled by Him, for us, once and for all, for this reason no disciple ever repeated this prayer anymore.

Lastly, Jesus Christ is our Spiritual Bridegroom and we are the Lamb's spiritual wife (Rev. 21-22). Someday Jesus will come back for His bride. He is preparing a place for us in His Father's house with many mansions. When He comes back He will take us not directly to the Father but to Himself, so that where He is there we may be also (John 14:1-3).

These are among the few Biblical basis why all com-munications, prayers, devotion, worship, praise and service is directed and given to the Son Jesus Christ and not to the Father nor to the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ, the Almighty, Lord God, the Son, Incarnate, Perfect Man, and all in all is the point of reference, over-all channel, Mediator, Eternal High Priest, and focal point in all of reality.

May iba't ibang paraan ang pagtawag ng isang uring Dios na nasa tatlong persona (Trinity). Iba't ibang paraan subalit isa ang layunin: na ang lahat ay direkta at personal na dumulog sa Dios Anak na si Hesu Kristo at magkaroon ng personal na salumbuhay sa kanya.

> Ang tawag ng Dios Ama: "Ang Dios ay tapat na tumawag sa inyo upang makisalumbuhay sa Anak, si Hesu Kristo na ating Panginoon" (1Cor. 1:9).

> Ang tawag ng Dios Anak :"Magsiparito sa akin, kayong lahat na nangapapagal at nangabibigatang lubha, at kayo'y aking papagpahingahin" (Matt. 11:28).

> Ang tawag ng Banal na Espirito: Gaya nga ng sabi ng Banal na Espirito, "Ngayon kung marinig ninyo ang kanyang tinig (tinig ni Hesus), huwag ninyong papagmatigasin ang inyong mga puso ..." (Heb. 3:7-8).

Si Hesu Kristo ang ating walang hanggang mataas na sasardote (High Priest) o tagapamagitan nuon, ngayon, hanggang sa walang hanggan (Heb. 7:25). Hindi tutoong tapos na ang tungkuling ito ng Dios Anak tulad ng tinuturo ng iba na kapag ikaw ay nana-langin sa kanya at nagsisi ng iyong mga kasalanan, papasok ka na sa kabanal banal ng dako at doon personal ka nang dudulog sa Ama at sa dulo na lang ng iyong panalangin ang Pangalang Hesus. Ang Panginoong Hesus ay nasa dakong walang hanggan (infinite realm) at tayo ay nasa dakong may hanggan (finite realm). Siya rin ang ating walang hanggang tahanang dako (Awit 90:1) at dapat ay patuloy na nanatili sa loob nya (Juan 15:4), kaya paanong ang isang nilalang na may hanggan ay lalabas at uunahan ang walang hanggana Hesus sa pag lapit sa Ama? Kaya kay Hesus tayo direkta at permanenteng nanalangin. Sabi Niya, "Ano man ang hilingin ninyo sa aking Pangalan, GAGAWIN KO upang ang Ama ay maluwalhati sa Anak (Juan 14:13).

Ang dalangin na "Our Father" ay walang banggit na Hesus. Kung wala si Hesus na nagtigis ng dugo, paano ka dudulog sa Dios Ama samantalang kung walang pagtitigis ng dugo ay walang kapatawaran sa kasala-nan (Heb. 4:22)? Sino ang iyong manunubos sa direk-tang dalangin na ito sa Dios Ama? Sabi ni Hesus ang pagdulog sa Ama ay patalinhaga o pasagisag na pana-langin (Juan 16:25). Tinupad na ito ng Pangnoong Hesus minsan at pangkalahatan kaya ang "Our Father" ay hindi na inulit ng mga disipulo.

Ang Panginoong Hesus din ang ating ispiritual na kasintahang lalake at ang Ekklesia (mga kistiano) ang kanyang ispiritual na kasintahang babae (Apoc. 21-22). Tayong nasa Ekklesia ang kanyang babalikan matapos Niya tayong ipaghanda ng tahanan duon sa mga man-siyon ng kanyang Ama. Subalit kukunin Niya tayo, hindi upang dalhin sa Ama kundi sa kanyang sarili mismo (Juan 14:1-3). Ang ibig sabihin, ang direkta at personal na kasalumbuhay ay ang Anak at hindi ang Ama (Apoc. 3:20; 1Cor. 1:9).

Sa tatlong Persona ng Dios (Trinity: Dios Ama, Dios Anak, at Dios Espirito Santo) ang personal at walang hanggang nag hahayag (Juan 14:21) at tumutupad sa lahat ng layunin ng Ama (Eph. 3:11) ay ang Panginoong Hesu Kristo.