

Favorite Scripture – Pastor Carl Haynes (2021)

Scripture – Book(s) and Chapter(s):

Genesis 1:1-4



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Scripture passage(s):

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, Let there be light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good.

Why this is my favorite scripture:

Today is Holy Trinity Sunday. The Trinity is the belief, the doctrine of the Christian Church that there is only one God, but he comes to us in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. While the word trinity is not in the Bible, the concept is certainly there.

We see it from the very beginning of Scripture. In Genesis 1:1-4 the Trinity is present. God the Father created by speaking. What did he speak? The Word!

In John 1:1-4 we read: *¹In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men.*

The word was in the beginning with God the Father and the Spirit, who was hovering over the face of the waters. It was through the word that God the Father created everything. Who is this word? None other than God the Son. In John 1:14 we read: *And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

What was the first thing God created through the word? Light. How appropriate. Light was created before the Sun, moon and stars. In the word become flesh is life, life now and for eternity. And this life is our light. It shows us the way to the Father.

On this Trinity Sunday, let us gather with the people of God to worship God: Father. Son and Holy Spirit. That we might thank the Spirit for giving us faith in Jesus; that we might thank Jesus for saving us and giving life; that we might thank the Father for creating us and loving us and sending us the Son and the Spirit.

Prayer:

O Triune God, I give you thanks and praise for revealing yourselves to me as one God. Bless me always to believe in you, that I might tell others about you, in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.