

The Feast of the Holy Trinity  
 Year of the Lord 2019  
 John 8

**“Holy Spirit, Light Divine, shine upon this heart of mine;  
 Chase the shades of night away; turn the darkness into day!”  
 “Let me see my Savior’s face; let me all HIS beauties trace!  
 Show those glorious truths to me which are only known to  
 Thee!”**

**John 8:48–59** 48The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” 49Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. 50Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. 51Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” 52The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ 53Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” **54Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ 55But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word.** 56Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” 57So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” 58Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” 59So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

In the Name of Jesus:

Did our Brother, Jesus, ever speak harsher words? **It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ 55But you have not known him.** Yes! In this same back-and-forth Jesus had with the Jews who had believed in Him, Jesus actually stated that THEIR FATHER is the liar, the murderer from the beginning, the devil.

By the way, my dear ones: By ‘YOUR’ father, ‘THEIR’ father, Jesus is NOT being anti-Semitic, picking on His own people, the Jews. Instead, at that time, they were the only ones able to

withstand such a rebuke! And now, since the Holy Spirit has been poured out upon all nations, that rebuke falls even to us! Jesus says ‘I know God; but you do not! Y’ALL have a very different father, from whom you learn all this world’s ins and outs!’

Yet, my dear brothers and sisters, that is NOT the only thing Jesus says about Him and HIS exclusive Father. When He found Mary in that Garden, outside the tomb, on the day He rose, He said something so different! ‘But go! And tell my brothers: I ascend to MY Father—and Y’ALL’S Father! To My God, and to Y’ALL’S God!’

What is a father? Old Testament and Law: we have a sad, dark father.

New Testament: HE knows the Father, and ONLY His Spirit!  
Now, who does NOT have such a Father?

Rebuke? Playing ‘chain of command!’

God the Father is a Lutheran! Or, what all that a Lutheran can be, when he true to his religion!

This is why the people accused Jesus of being a Samaritan! Not just an insult; the WORST kind! The Samaritan PRETENDED to be Jews; but got so much wrong! They were hopeless.

Notice: Jesus denies having a demon; ‘Take one to know one!’

But He does NOT deny being a Samaritan!

Yess..... When the Spirit of Jesus speaks over us the Good News of our Father devoted to us WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE AT ALL to who is a good and deserving child, and who is not.....

All that the ‘chain-of-command’ people can do is say: ‘THAT is NOT my kind of people!’

John 3 states: As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up! In this way did God attach Himself to—LOVE—the WORLD! The Giving of HIS SON means that just WHOEVER is glad to hear Jesus speak of God and Father SO different from the time of the Law—just anyone like that will NOT get the perishing the lying murderer threatens. Instead, the get HIM! Our Life! Our Brother! Our Jesus!

As simply and freely and ‘whoever’ as a bit of washing and Heaven’s pledge: baptized child of God!

As simply and freely as the simplest of meals pledging the most easily digested God.

As simply as ONE brother, ONE sister, SHUNNING the ‘chain-of-command;’ and, instead, sitting—with just WHOEVER, with the WORLD—at the feet of Brother Jesus; and taking in His Spirit, all our Brother has brought us: It is finished! My Father—YOUR Father! My God—then surely YOURS!

On Holy Trinity Sunday, the history of the Church tells us that there have been oodles of attempts to lie about God our Father, or Jesus His Son; even their Spirit! Hear your poor servant, whose obsession these things are.

Christ! Man needs ONLY Jesus Christ! And, I tell you, YOU...HAVE...HIM!

WHOEVER—pastor or priest or pope or people!—ANYONE who corners you and plays ‘chain-of-command with you’, you must pity, your must pardon, and you certainly MAY...IGNORE!

‘Well, if you are REALLY a child of God, then here’s the WORKS you will do! Here’s the KNOWLEDGE you can boast! Oh,

where's your GUSHING about Jesus and Heaven your 'luppy-  
duvvy's?!!! Show me SOMETHING!

Faith now says: If God is God for the Crucified and Risen Jesus,  
then He is no doubt MINE.

And if Jesus dares treat the Unseen God and Maker and Judge as  
His own, dear Father; then there is only one thing proper for ME to  
call God. I know how to grab His ears! 'Our Father, Who art in  
heaven!' In the Name of Jesus!