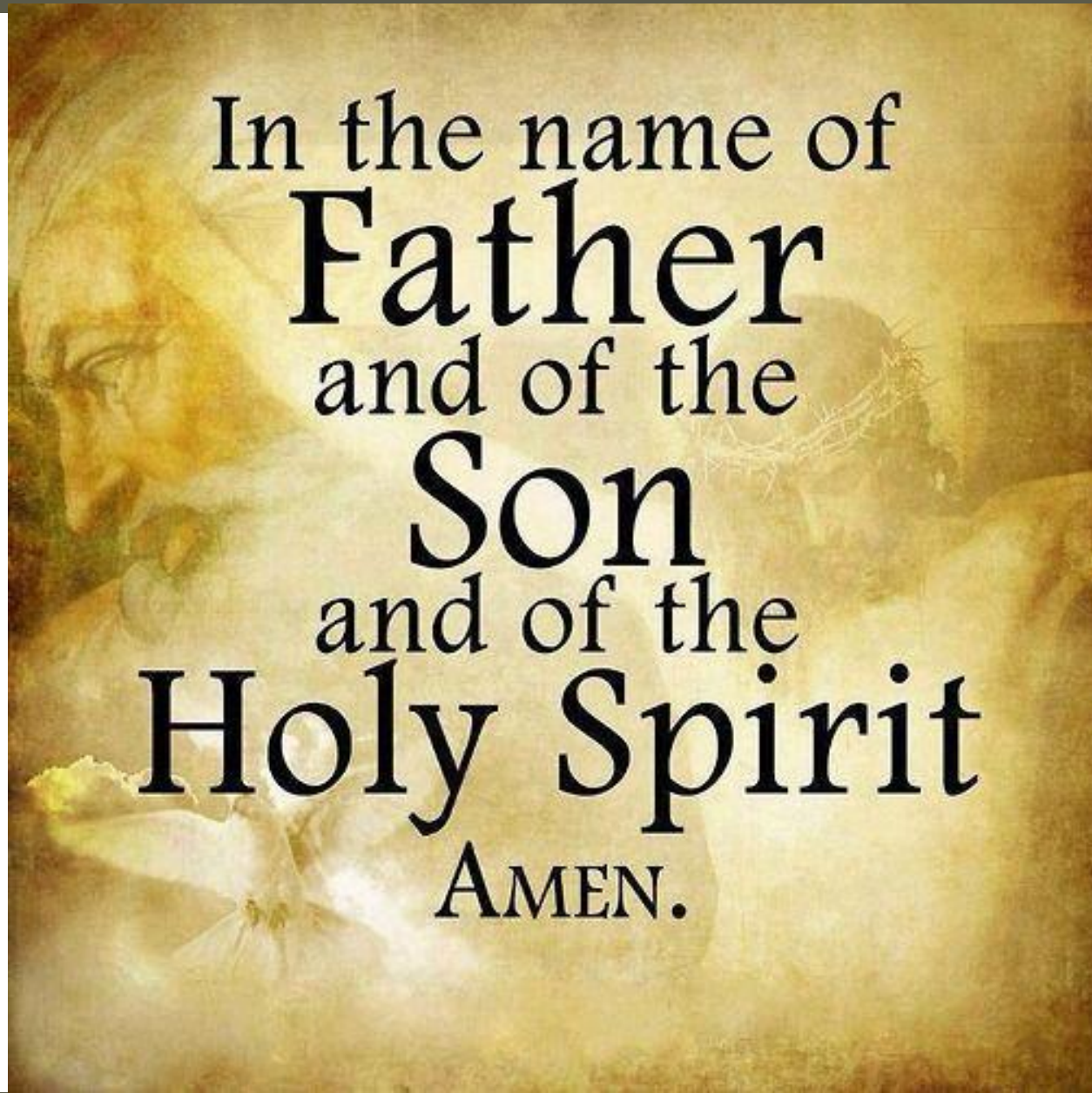




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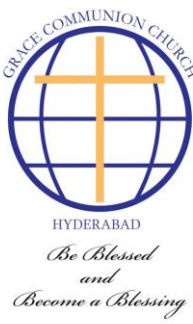
*Be Blessed
and
Become a Blessing*

the HOLY Spirit



In the name of
Father
and of the
Son
and of the
Holy Spirit
AMEN.

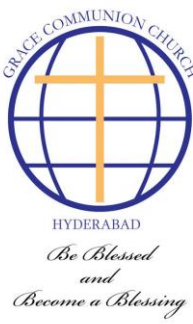
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Matt 28: 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

2 Cor 13: 14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

1 Peter 1:2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood:

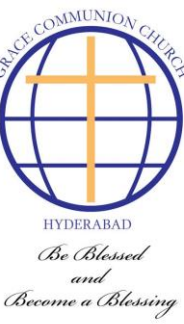
Jewish understanding from the Old Testament

HISTORICAL CONTEXT & CONTROVERSIES

- **Shema (Deut 6:4-5)**
- **Video of the prayer**
- **Shema = affirmation of God's singularity**
- ***Ruach* = breath,**
- **“Breathed into his nostrils the breath of life”**
- **Spirit of God = attribute of God, His power**

JESUS' TIME (NEW TESTAMENT)

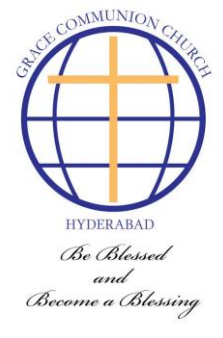
Jesus' Sonship & divinity



- In 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought the man to kill Him, because He not only had broken the Sabbath, but said also that God was His Father, **making Himself equal with God.**
- ³¹ The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. ³² Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?" ³³ The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, **make Yourself out to be God."**
- Rejected as Messiah
- If Jesus was rejected, any attempt to explain Holy Spirit would be even more difficult
- Hence, need for Jn 16:13

John 16

- ¹² “I have many more things to say to you, but **you cannot bear *them* now.** ¹³ But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.



DEBATE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE EARLY CHURCH

THE TRINITARIAN CONTROVERSY

- Apostolic church had a trinitarian view of God
- Monarchianism = God as Monarch, three modes of God, Son & Holy Spirit are creatures.
- Tertullian: Una substantia = one substance, Tres personae = three persons, Trinitas = trinity

MORE CONTROVERSIES

- Divinity / Created
- Consubstantiality = same substance
- Gender
- Personhood
- Filioque = procession (led to the “great schism” between Orthodox and Roman Catholics 1054 AD)