

**OUR TRUINE GOD (IV)**  
*2 Corinthians 13:14 // February 19, 2023 AM*

**I. The benediction endows us with a threefold revelation of God.**

**II. The benediction enjoins us to a threefold relation to God.**

**III. The benediction enlists us in a threefold restoration through God.**

**QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP**

1. Why would John Owen define our communion with God as a two-way communication in giving and receiving? What does he mean? And how does this play itself out in public worship?
2. Is the benediction a prayer or a proclamation?
3. Pastor Nick likened the benediction to a denouement or a dessert? What did he mean?
4. Where does the idea of concluding public worship with a benediction come from?
5. According to Numbers 6:27 whose name is put on God's people in the benediction? What do we learn about that name in 2 Corinthians 13:14? How does this relate to Jesus's institution of baptism in Matthew 28:19?
6. How does Paul talk of the distinct communion we have with each of the Persons of the Trinity? How are divine grace, divine love, and divine fellowship related to one another?
7. How is the benediction a recipe for revival?

**QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION**

1. Is my spiritual life a monologue? Do I only read God's word and neglect pray and praise? Do I only pray and neglect God's word? Why does a healthy relationship to God require dialogue?
2. How is every willful sin I commit a failure to find my blessedness in the Triune God? How has God designed the benediction to reorient my wayward heart?
3. Do I tend to view the benediction as a time to zone out or to duck out? Why is such an idea utterly insane?