

THE LOVE GLOVE (A Sermon by Rev. Ron Friedrich)

Trinity Sunday [c]

TEXT: Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus met them and said, "I received all power in heaven and on earth. You go to all people, make them MY followers, baptize people in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach people to obey all the things I told you. And remember! I will stay with you until the end of the world."

OBJECT LESSON: A white work glove

INTRO.

Today is a special day in the church year. We name this TRINITY SUNDAY, to honor our THREE-IN-ONE God... Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

I have something here to help explain about the Three-in-one God. *[show glove]* This is a LOVE GLOVE (*spell it*). You are the same as this glove.

I.

A long time ago, a person got some cloth, cut, sewed, and made this glove. This glove didn't appear by itself. A person designed it, then made it. And this glove has a special purpose.

Compare this to our Three-in-one God, the first person, God the Father. He made you. You didn't appear by yourself. God designed you, and He made you, in your mother's womb. God the Father has a good and perfect plan for your life. You belong to God because He made you. He gives life to your body, and He supports your life every day. He gives you enough food to eat. He gives you clothes to wear. He gives you a place to live. God the Father is your MAKER.

II.

Now, imagine this glove getting dirty. The white becomes dark. It doesn't look nice any more. Some people only throw away a dirty work glove. But we can wash it with soap and water, and make it clean again.

Compare this to our Three-in-one God, the second person, God the Son, named Jesus. When we sin, we do wrong, we become dirty in our soul. God can just throw us away, send us to hell. But, no, He wants to keep us, clean away our dirty sin. How? God does not use soap. But He uses the blood of Jesus. His death in our place covers our sin with His perfect life. Now God sees you forgiven, clean, and perfect in Jesus. You belong to God because He paid for you, paid the price of Life of His Son. Then He adopted you into His family. God the Son is your SAVIOR.

III.

Now this glove, what can it do? By itself, it can do nothing. It can't hold a hammer. It can't push a saw. It can't open a door. It can't talk sign language. But if I put my hand in the glove... *[put it on]*... this glove can hold a hammer, push a saw, open a door, and many more things.

Compare this to our Three-in-one God, the third person, God the Holy Spirit. By yourself, you can do nothing for God. You are the same as an empty glove. But when the Holy Spirit fills you, God becomes like the hand in the glove. God the Holy Spirit gives you faith to believe. The Holy Spirit teaches you, and gives you understanding of His Word, the Bible. The Holy Spirit helps you make right decisions; He shows you God's plan for your life. Jesus still works and lives on earth IN YOU through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is your HELPER.

CONCLUSION: The Three In One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Father, your maker. Son, your Savior, Holy Spirit, your Helper.

Amen.