**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 3:13-17

**Confessions of Faith:** Athanasian Creed and Belgic Confession Art. 9

**Singing:** 226:1-3 – 416:1, 3 – 391:1-4 – 163:1-3

Opening comments : The story of Simonides

A. The only way to know God is by *His self-revelation*

B. Saving Faith is not *believing in the right doctrines* but in the right *God*

C. Comment about Apostle’s Creed & Athanasian Creed

**Trinitarian Existence of our God**

I. The Bible reveals Him as such II. The Church confesses Him as such

III. The believer experiences Him as such

**I. The Bible Reveals Him As Such**

A. What has God revealed of Himself in Scripture?

 1. He is *only God* (Deut. 6:4; Is. 45:5; 48:11; 1 Tim. 1:17)

 2. He is *Almighty Sovereign – Eternal – Infinitely Wise - Holy – Faithful*

*Being of Love* (1 Tim. 6:15-16; Ps. 94:19 ; Ps. 104:34)

 3. He is a *Personal God who delights in being God* (1 Tim. 1:11; Ps.

135:5-6; Ezek. 33:11; Deut. 10:15)

 4. He is a *Multiple Person God yet One God* (Gen. 1:26; 3:22; 11:7 –

John 3:11; John 14:23)

**II. The Church Confessed Him as Such**

A. I believe in the three *Persons of the Godhead and their works*

 1. God the Father: *fountain – eternal beginning/origin – salvation (*John

5:26; Ps. 2:7)

 2. God the Son: *channel through Whom all blessing of restoration*

*& redemption flow* (Ps. 40:7-8; Phil. 2:5-11)

 3. God the Holy Spirit: *stream ministering from Father and Son (John*

*14:26)*

**III. The Believer experiences Him as Such**

A. God’s Church will never be able to *explain mystery of Trinity*

 1. Mystery of godliness is *also the mystery of spiritual experience*

 a. Father experienced as distinct Being (Ps. 42:1-2; 63:1)

b. As God continues open eyes for sin/self/justice/holiness, soul

 hungers for the Son and His righteousness (John 6:68-69)

 c. How acutely aware God’s children are of the need for Spirit (Ps.

 63)

**Final thoughts …**

A. You must agree that *all on earth is broken and full of misery*

B. But is there not But why are you cast down, oh my soul?