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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

2 Cor. 13:14 May the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (NIV)

This is the only place in all of the New Testament where the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are spoken of in a blessing. This is Paul's way of bringing the Trinity into the thinking of the new Christians in Corinth. They needed to understand that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit were the blessing they could receive and live in. We too need to understand that even though God is One, He manifests Himself in three distinctive ways to us. You've probably heard this analogy, but I believe it bears repeating. I am one person, but I have three specific roles in my family. I am the husband to my wife. I am the son to my parents. I am the father to my children. In each role, I am different and yet the same. Although both of my parents are now deceased, I looked to them for parental love and wisdom. I am married to the love of my life and she is certainly my better half. My two children are a blessing to me and I see the love of Jesus in them towards their spouses and my four grandchildren. Three roles, one person.

Now what is significant in Paul's statement are the roles of God. It is the love of God that sent Jesus to bring us grace so that the Holy Spirit could have fellowship with us. Three roles, One Person. What an amazing LORD we serve. He loved us so much, that He took on flesh and dwelt among us; and now lives in every believer through His Spirit. And the Father holds this all together with His unconditional love.

Dear LORD, thank You for Your love. Dear Jesus, thank You for Your amazing grace; and thank You Holy Spirit for coming to fill us, lead us and encourage us all along the way. In Jesus Name, Amen