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Dear minister of Jesus:

This issue of *GC2 equipper* focuses on theology. Why discuss theology in a publication about ministry equipping? Because theology, which is our understanding and discourse about God, shapes our ministry practice.

In the WCG, our doctrinal reformation has led us to embrace a Christ-centered (Trinitarian) theology, which is grounded in three core biblical doctrines—all pointing to the truth about Jesus Christ:

- **The Trinity.** There is one God who exists in three Persons: Father, Son, and Spirit. *Jesus Christ is God.*
- **Jesus Christ.** As God's eternal Son, Jesus is fully God. And through his incarnation he became and remains fully human. *Jesus Christ is God in the flesh—God with us.*
- **Humanity.** All humankind exists in and through Jesus Christ who is Creator of all. And through his incarnation, life, death, resurrection and ascension Jesus has included us in his relationship with his Father in the Spirit. *In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God as his dear children.*



These doctrines define the truth of who Jesus Christ is and who we are in him. Jesus said it this way: “I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you” (John 14:20). Christ-centered theology seeks to understand and to live out of this reality. *GC2 ministry* is about participating actively in the Triune communion that Jesus shares with all humanity.

As we consider these matters, we understandably have many questions. In seeking answers, we desire to be faithful to Jesus and to the Scriptures that reveal him. Together we're on a Spirit-led journey of discovery.

I recommend to you for this journey a helpful resource—the current round of *WCG-USA Regional Conferences*. Each conference examines the connection we have in Jesus with God and addresses the implications of that connection for life and ministry within our churches and homes. I urge you to attend one of these conferences this year. Click on “events calendar” at www.wcg.org for more information. I hope to see you there.

In him,
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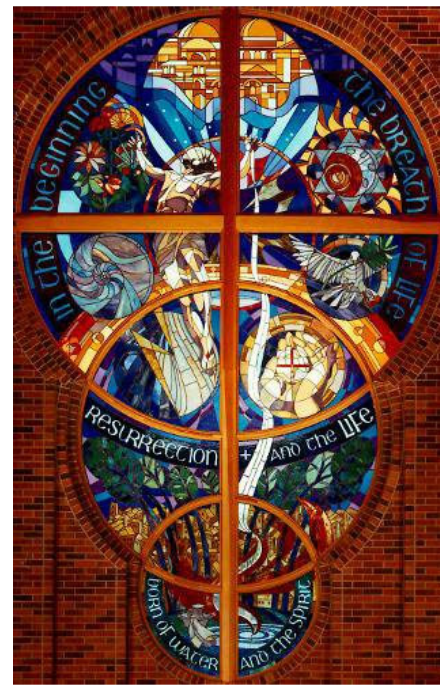
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Key points of Trinitarian theology

WCG's Christ-centered (Trinitarian) theology may be summarized in the following eight key points:

1. The Triune God created all people to participate through the vicarious humanity of Jesus Christ in the love relationship enjoyed by the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
2. The Son became human, the man Jesus Christ, to reconcile all humanity to God through his birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension.
3. The crucified, resurrected and glorified Jesus is the representative and the substitute for humanity at the right hand of God, and he draws all people to himself by the power of the Holy Spirit.
4. In Christ, humanity is loved and accepted by the Father.
5. Jesus Christ paid for all our sins - past, present and future - and there is no longer any debt to pay.
6. The Father has in Christ forgiven all our sins, and he eagerly desires that we turn to him.
7. We can enjoy his love only when we believe that he loves us. We can enjoy his forgiveness only when we believe he has forgiven us.
8. When we respond to the Spirit by turning to God, believing the good news and picking up our cross and following Jesus, the Spirit leads us into the transformed life of the kingdom of God.



Where do I go for more information?

WCG literature has reflected a fully Christ-centered theology for the last several years. In that sense, this theology is not new to us. But in recent months we've been "unpacking" it in greater detail as reflected in the following new WCG publications (all posted at www.wcg.org):

- *Predestination: Does God Really Let You Choose Your Own Fate?* (booklet posted at www.wcg.org/lit/booklets/predestination.htm)
- *Why Study Theology?* (Christian Odyssey Magazine article posted at www.christianodyssey.org/god/theology.htm)
- *The Trinity: Just a Doctrine?* (Christian Odyssey Magazine article posted at www.christianodyssey.org/07/ON07/0710-05.pdf)

In addition to these WCG publications, you may find the following books helpful. They are generally consistent with our theology.

- *Invitation to Theology* by Michael Jenkins (a book presenting the core doctrines of Christianity from the perspective of Trinitarian Theology; a copy is being given to all pastors at this year's regional conference).
- *An Introduction to Torrance Theology, Discovering the Incarnate Savior*, edited by Scott Dawson (this book contains balanced and helpful essays by several Trinitarian theologians).

If you haven't already, we recommend you watch the WCG "Included" series of video interviews with various Trinitarian theologians. You'll find the series at <http://www.wcg.org/av>.



What if I have questions or objections?

Because theology is “faith seeking understanding” we’ll always have questions. And we confess imperfection in both the asking and the answering.

That being said, questions and objections (stated with grace) are always welcomed. And in forming them, it’s helpful to remember a key principle: There are multiple theologies within the historic, orthodox Christian faith.

Of course, there are notable differences between these theologies, yet they all tend to share the same core beliefs, which are grounded in the Holy Scriptures and summarized in the historic Christian creeds.

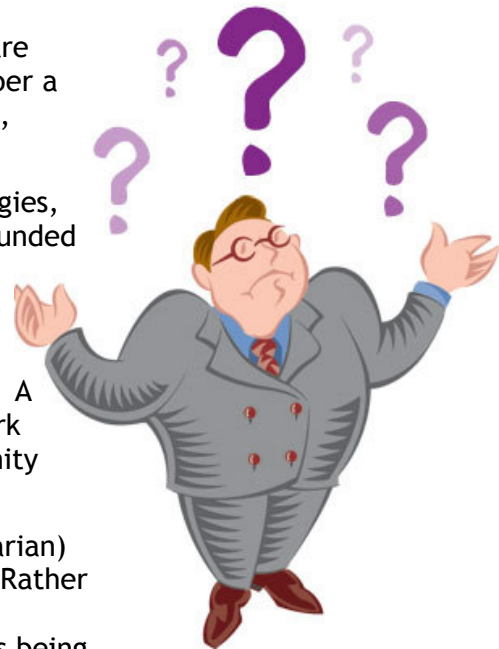
Each theology offers its own *organizing framework* for these doctrines, providing an *interpretive grid* that gives coherence. A Trinitarian (or Christ-centered) theology grounds this framework in the related doctrines of the Trinity, Jesus Christ, and humanity included in Christ. Other theologies are grounded elsewhere.

In the WCG we prefer and thus teach a Christ-centered (Trinitarian) theology. But that does not mean we “bash” other theologies. Rather than speaking of one as “right” and the others as “wrong,” it’s perhaps best (and certainly more charitable) to speak of one as being “more adequate” and others as being “less adequate” to the interpretive task.

With his background in mind, we not only welcome, we encourage questions. Members may take questions and concerns to their Senior Pastor, and Senior Pastors to their District Pastoral Leader. Both Senior Pastors and District Pastoral Leaders may take questions to the CAD Ministry Development Team (MDT) and to the WCG publications and personal correspondence staff.

We’re all here to be of help; and we’re all growing in understanding.

The MDT offers training seminars that address WCG’s Christ-centered theology. For information, contact your Regional Pastoral Leader or the ministry development trainer in your region (see contact information at www.wcg.org/MinDev/events.htm).



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We welcome your suggestions for new topics and formats for our seminars and consulting services. Please send them to our [webmaster](#).

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