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The Trinity and Pono Relationships

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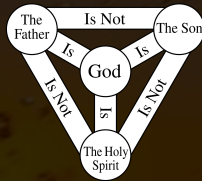
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Who or what is the Trinity?
Father, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit

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TRINITY

- One-ness (Substance)
- Three-ness (Persons)
- In Relationship
 - Father, Son, Spirit
 - Parent, Child, Breath of God
 - Co-Creator, Co-Redeemer, Co-Sanctifier



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‘God is love’ can only make sense within the idea of persons in relation. Love is not something that can exist in the abstract.

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TRINITY AT CREATION

In the beginning **God** created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the waters.
Genesis 1:1-2 NIV

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In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word was with God (Jesus)**, and the **Word was God**. He was with God in the beginning. - - The **Word became flesh** and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only **Son**, who came from the **Father**, full of grace and truth.
John 1:1-2, 14 NIV

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Jesus invites us into relationship with the Trinity

- Doing the same things (v.12)
- Asking and giving (v.13-14)
- Living together (v.18-19)
- Seeing one another when others cannot (v.19)
- Being in one another (v.20)
- Knowing one another deeply (v.21)
- Following (v.21)
- Loving (v.21)

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Jesus invites us into relationship with the Trinity and with each other

I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

John 14:20 NIV

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The Standard: The Trinity and spam musubi



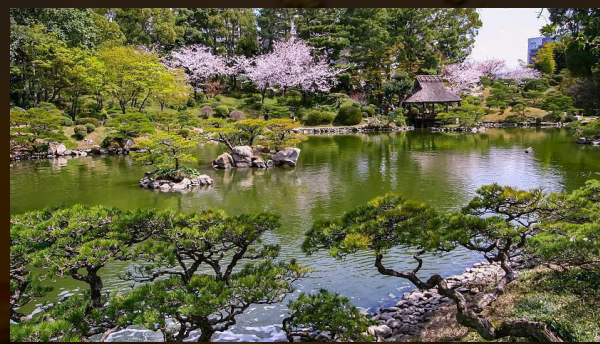
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Bombing of Hiroshima



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Shukkein Garden

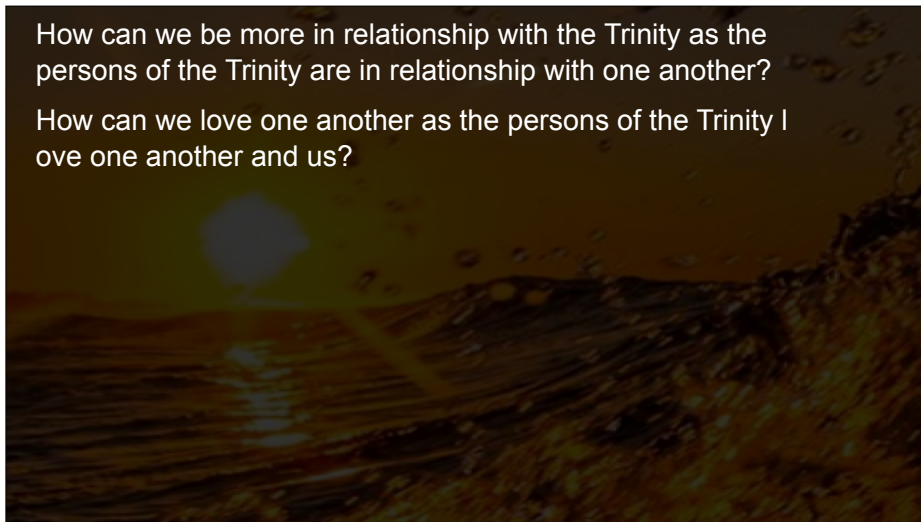


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Memorial for Korean Victims in Nagasaki

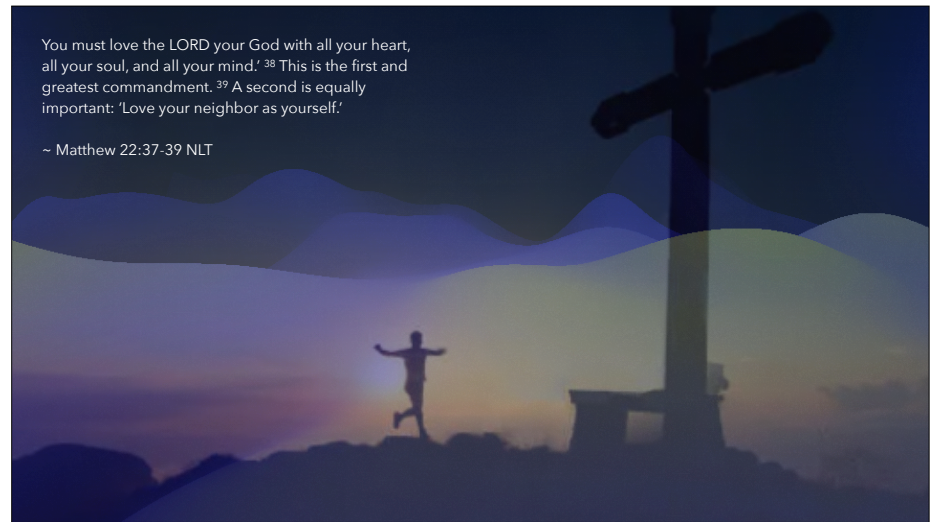


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How can we be more in relationship with the Trinity as the persons of the Trinity are in relationship with one another?
How can we love one another as the persons of the Trinity love one another and us?

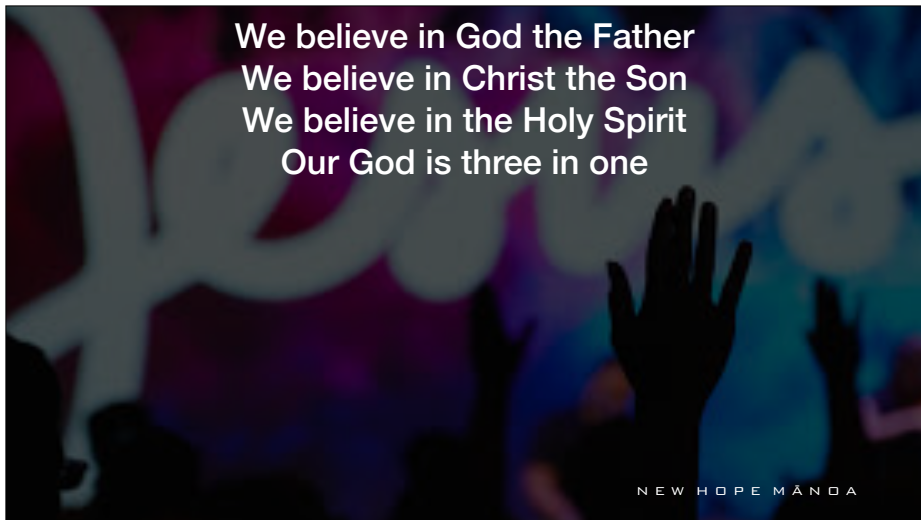
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You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

~ Matthew 22:37-39 NLT

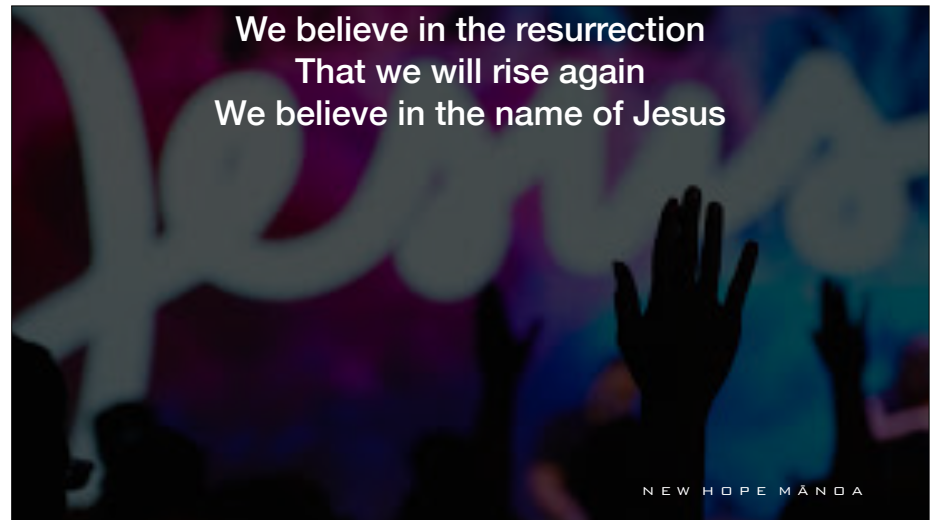
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We believe in God the Father
We believe in Christ the Son
We believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one

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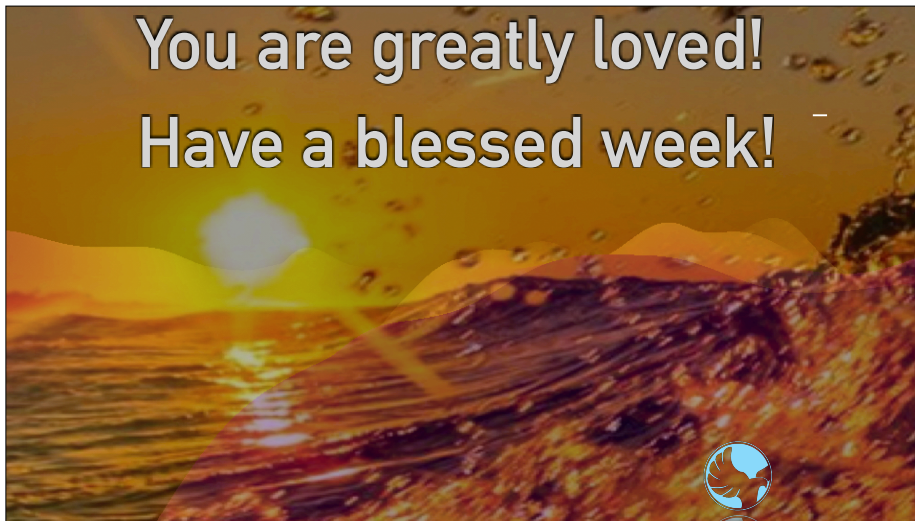
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We believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
We believe in the name of Jesus

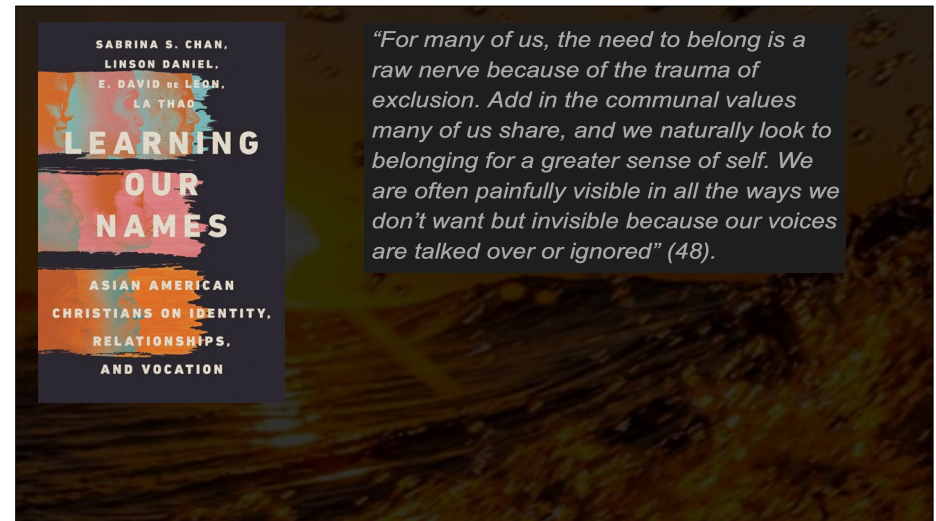
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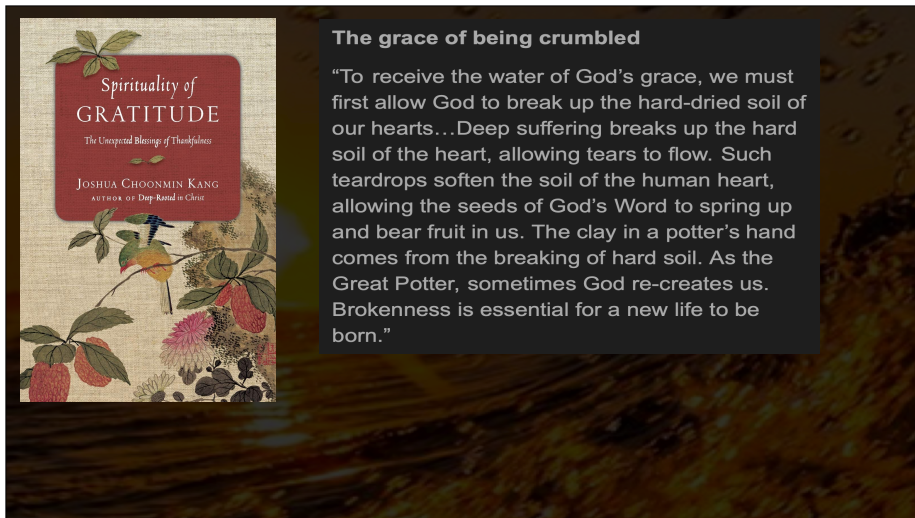
You are greatly loved!
Have a blessed week!

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"For many of us, the need to belong is a raw nerve because of the trauma of exclusion. Add in the communal values many of us share, and we naturally look to belonging for a greater sense of self. We are often painfully visible in all the ways we don't want but invisible because our voices are talked over or ignored" (48).

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The grace of being crumbled

"To receive the water of God's grace, we must first allow God to break up the hard-dried soil of our hearts... Deep suffering breaks up the hard soil of the heart, allowing tears to flow. Such teardrops soften the soil of the human heart, allowing the seeds of God's Word to spring up and bear fruit in us. The clay in a potter's hand comes from the breaking of hard soil. As the Great Potter, sometimes God re-creates us. Brokenness is essential for a new life to be born."

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