The Rule Of Three Chaplain Frank L. Castagnetti February 23, 2020

The Latin phrase "omne trium perfectum" (everything that comes in threes is perfect, or, every set of three is complete) conveys the same idea as the rule of three.

- 1. For there are three that **TESTIFY:** the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. 1 John 5:7-8. (NIV). Paul is teaching about faith in Christ from 3 perspectives: the Holy Spirit, God as Father (water of life) and God as Christ (redeeming blood). The 3 all work in harmony and in support of each other.
- 2. May the **GRACE** of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14. (NIV). Paul is preaching in Corinth; his reference to the Trinity is tri-fold as well: the grace of Jesus, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
- 3. Therefore go and make **DISCIPLES** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Matthew 28:19. (NIV). The apostle Matthew encourages us using the action verbs "go" and "make." Our commission is to spread the good news and bring new believers to our fellowship. We can do this using both the biblical accounting of Christ's sacrifice and redemption for those who believe by faith, and sharing our personal testimony. As new believers come to Christ, water baptism is offered as a public declaration of their choice.
- **4.** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **FREEDOM.** 2 Corinthians 3:17. (NIV). These words are not just part of an awesome worship song, they describe the coordinated effort of the Holy Spirit and the freedom we have in Jesus. Christ life and ultimate sacrifice provided a gift of liberty from the laws. If we study the laws

at this time, it was literally a time of bondage since it was impossible to meet those expectations.

5. How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and **HEALING** all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. Acts 10:38. (NIV). This last example of the power of the Trinity speaks to Jesus healing those who are possessed. This likely means those displaying severe and dangerous behaviors, and those under demonic control.

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