Series: Christmas Gifts (John 1)

**Title: The Gift of Relationships**

Text: John 1:1b-2

Preaching Date: December 13, 2020

Key Verse:
John 1:1b–2

…the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. (ESV)

Intro:

Christmas Gift: Family Picture

Organizational Sentence:

In this passage we will learn 5 things about relationships from the Trinity.

Outline:

1. **Jesus is in relationship with God.** “the Word was with God”
2. **Jesus is God.** “the Word was God.”
3. **Jesus has *all* the attributes of God.** “He was in the beginning with God.”
	1. Colossians 2:9 “For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily” (ESV)
4. **The Holy Spirit also has *all* the attributes of God.**
	1. John 14:15–17 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. (ESV)
5. **The relationships within God are a model for human relationships.**
	1. **A model for relationships between humans.** John 17:20-21 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (ESV)
	2. **A mode for human relationships with God.** John 17:22-23 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (ESV)

Bottom Line:

Only a God who is Trinity can be an eternal model for human relationships.