

“The 3 Leaf Life”

Based on Matthew 28:18-19 (NIV)

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† **St. Patrick’s Day is a day to honor the real St. Patrick, who was born in the late 4th century and is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland.**

† **According to legend, St. Patrick chose the shamrock as a symbol of the Holy Trinity because of its three leaves.**

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18 Then Jesus came to them (his 11 remaining disciples) and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 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,

† **The word “Trinity” comes from the Latin word “Trine” which means “A group of three”.**

† **Jesus did not say “baptize them in the names,” but into the “name” of the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.**

† **The Holy Trinity is not 3 different Gods.**

† **The Holy Trinity is 3 different personas of God.
- A persona is a feature of someone's character that is presented to or perceived by others.**

† **The first shamrock leaf represents God the Father.**

† **God is the Father of all humankind, the creator of the world.**

† **The second shamrock leaf means that God is also the Son.**

† **God came down to earth as Jesus to show me his love, show me how to live, and to die on the cross as a sacrifice for my sins.**

† **The third shamrock leaf, God the Holy Spirit.**

† **God is at work in the world today, and is at work in me today, and God does it through the Holy Spirit.**

† **God created me (Father), God loves me (Son) and God guides me (Holy Spirit).**

Applying Today’s Message to My Life:

† I am one person, yet what roles are parts of my life?

† What gifts has God *created* in me?
How is God still *creating* me?

† How have I experienced God’s *love* through Jesus Christ in my life?

† How has God *guided* me in my life through His Holy Spirit?

† How will I live a “3 Leaf Life” this week?