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...God is the SOVEREIGN Three in One:

- A. The ETERNITY of the FATHER (Rev. 1:4b)
- B. The ACTIVITY of the SPIRIT (Rev. 1:4c)
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 - EXHORTATION Romans 12:8...the Spirit helping you form the right CONCLUSION and make the right DECISIONS !
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 - GIVING Romans 12:8...the Spirit applying RESOURCES to carry out and ACCOMPLISH the WORK of the Father.
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