

The Doctrine of God

T: *Anyone like beauty, purity, joy, to love & be loved, talk, peace, unity? Why? Made in God's likeness!*

Most important question: *Who is God?* W/our lives we answer it everyday. We become what we behold.

PRAYER > Be merciful, O Lord. No way to exhaust all You are in the time we have. For X's sake, come.

One God: [Dt4.35](#), [Is45.5](#), [Ps86.10](#), [1Ti2.5](#) — NO beginning, NO ending! Eternal & Infinite!

Others? False gods: [1Jn4.1](#) test spirit b/c they pretend to be god to lure us away, to self/satan

3 Persons: **FATHER**: [1Co8.6](#) **SON**: [Jn1.1-2,14](#), [Jn8.58](#) (next vs = reason He was killed) [Ro9.5](#), [Ti2.12](#)

Spirit: Person, He not it, power or force! How do we know? [Ep4.30](#) (grieves), [Hb10.29](#) (outraged)

He is God: [Ac5.3-4](#) Ananias & Saphira: "lie to HS... to God"

3 Persons make possible [1J4.8](#): "God is love." Love requires someone to love! His nature is community!

BAD theology: Created us b/c He was lonely! NOT from lack, but overflow of infinite love F♥S = HS

Trinitarian LOVE: [Jn3.35](#) (F for S), [14.31](#) (S for F) = NC Spirit ([Ez36.26-27](#)) God's love in us: [Jn17.26](#)

Implications: only a Trinitarian can say they have a God of love! Otherwise, god has none to love.

We're designed by ♥ to ♥ God & others. BUT we can't Love w/o Love IN us: HS!

God/Love desires another's very best: cherishes others. Secular "love" uses others for selfish gain.

What is best ♥ can offer? Himself! Therefore, God is Missionary: [Gn17.7](#)+, [2Co5.19-20](#). ♥ does this!

honest, transparent, no pretense, real: no secrets, complete openness, trust & confidence

humble: Son delights in Father's glory, Spirit never angered by Son's glory: He exists for it!

submissive: [Mt26.39](#) **Son** lovingly **entrusts** Himself to His **Father's Word/will**.

Satan refuses! When you refuse to trust, love & obey God's Word, you're siding with Satan!

Perfect confidence & submission, T4: NO Trinitarian sin, strife, arguing, disrespect. Only LOVE!

Omnipotent: [Jr32.27](#). LOVE + OMNISCIENCE = Holy HAPPY! [Ps115.3](#) "...does all He pleases!"

Yes! He's grieved by our sin. BUT PLEASED to rescue us by Son's blood, give HS to seal!

exists In Community: ¿When was 1st time God said: "NOT good"? Man alone. Alone ≠ like God!

relationship is what He intends, what He designed you for: to be in His Family: Church Family!

where the rubber meets the road: Proclaim "growth" concerns me: few in community, ≠ God-like

We love you, want you to know God, be part of His family:

in community, like God: living on mission, sharing life, growing in Truth & knowledge of God: Restore

How Now Shall We Live?

1. **God lives in Trinitarian community. "Alone NOT good!" You alone? Or, like God, in community? transparent relationships, preferring one another in humility & love, submissive to leadership that loves you, living on mission, 100% happy in holiness?**

Benediction: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; He reveals deep and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him. To You, O God of our fathers, we give thanks and praise!"

– Daniel 2.20-23 –