

## BACK TO BASICS CLASS

### 02 Who Is God?

#### INTRO

1. The Bible starts with an assumption of the existence of God. In it, it simply points to the amazing order and design of creation as evidence of an all-powerful Creator.
2. **Rom. 1:20** - Creation is said to reveal “His invisible attributes” and “His eternal power”.
3. Through the Bible, more detailed revelation is given about His Nature and His Character.
4. That’s our goal tonight - to do a quick fly-by about His NATURE & CHARACTER
5. Start with this basic construct:
  - a. Three Separate Classes of Being - GOD; ANGELIC SPIRITS; MANKIND
  - b. There is no crossover ... Except for the ONE TIME when The Word became Flesh

#### I. GOD’S NATURE

- A. There is only one God - **John 17:3; Isa. 43:10**
- B. That one God exists in three Persons - *Father, Son, Holy Spirit*
  - i. Each “Person” of the Godhead is clearly called “God” in the scriptures, and dispenses distinct ministry to the world and the people in it
  - ii. “Trinity” = tri-unity
    1. **Jn. 17:20** -
    2. **Jn. 10:28-30** -
    3. **Acts 5:3-4** -
    4. Attempts to illustrate the Trinity - EGG; WATER; HUGH ROSS’ FLATLANDERS
- C. The Trinity seen in action at the Baptism of Jesus - **Matt. 3:16-17**
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#### II. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD

- A. He is **ETERNAL** - (Ps. 90:2; Rev. 1:8)

*He has always been and will always be. There was never a time, past nor future in which He has not, or will not exist.*

B. He is **INFINITE** - *totally unlimited in power and scope. This is most frequently described by the following "Omni words" . . .*

1. **Omniscience** - *Mtt. 11:21; Ps. 147:4-5; Ps. 139:1-6*
2. **Omnipresent** - *Jer. 23:24; Ps. 139:7-12*
3. **Omnipotent** - *Gen. 17:1; Jer. 32:17; Lk. 1:37*

C. He is **SPIRIT** - *Jn. 4:24*

1. But what about verses like . . .
  - a. *Deut. 2:15; Lk. 1:66* - the **H\_\_\_\_\_** of the Lord
  - b. *Gen. 6:8; 1 Chron. 16:9* - the **E\_\_\_\_** of the Lord

D. He is **IMMUTABLE** (unchanging) - *Ja. 1:17; Mal. 3:6*

E. He is **FAITHFUL** - **Lam. 3:23** - His dealings and actions are always consistent with His purpose and nature.

F. He is **SOVEREIGN** over all persons and for all time - **Isa. 14:24**; *Ps. 37:23; Prov. 16:9; Jer. 51:29*

### III. THE MORAL NATURE OF GOD

A. He is **TRUE** - **Titus 1:2**; *Rom. 3:4*

B. He is **JUST** - **Zeph. 3:5**; *Ps. 19:9; Acts 17:31*

C. He is **LOVING** - *1 Jn. 4:7-8; Jn. 3:16; 1 Jn. 4:16*

D. He is **GOOD** - *Ps. 119:68; Mtt. 19:17*

E. He is **HOLY** - *Ex. 15:11; Lev. 20:16; Isa. 6:3; 1 Pet. 1:16*

F. He is **JEALOUS** - **Ex. 20:5**

G. He is **PATIENT & SLOW TO ANGER** - **Ps. 145:8**