**What We Believe**

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We believe in one triune God, eternally existing in three persons:  Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-each co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections.

How does one go about describing the indescribable, defining that which is beyond defining, summarizing something as infinite as our belief in God? Well it is true that this is an impossible task, but we do find that the Bible helps us to understand a few things about who God is and how He works. There is nothing more important than that we have a proper understanding of who God is.

1. **There is One God - Deuteronomy 6:4**

*Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord:*

1. This is the first record in human history of a monotheism; the belief in one God.
2. I Samuel 2:2 *There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.*
3. There is nobody else in this world who we need to seek for help.
	1. He sees us and cares about His children.
	2. He is the almighty God.
4. **God has revealed a definite nature**
5. God is a spirit John 4:24 *God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*
6. Because nobody has seen Him making graven images is forbidden Ex. 20:4
7. When the Bible uses “anthropomorphisms” (ex: the hand of God, eyes of God, etc.) these are expressions used to describe His attributes in ways that we can understand.
8. **He has a personality - Exodus 3:14**

*And God said unto Moses,****I Am That I Am****: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you.*

1. The name I AM reveals that He is self- existent, He is eternal yesterday, today, and tomorrow.
2. His names used in the Old Testament mean:
	1. Provider
	2. Healer
	3. Banner
	4. Peace
	5. Shepherd
	6. Righteousness
	7. Present
3. God, unlike false idols, is a living God.
4. God exhibits the emotions of a person:
	1. He loves
	2. He is grieved
	3. He becomes angry
	4. He delights
	5. He is jealous over His own
	6. He is pleased

Transition: The one God we believe in has three distinct parts, we see them clearly throughout the Bible.

1. **God is a triune God - Matthew 28:19**

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the* ***name*** *of the* ***Father****, and of the* ***Son****, and of the* ***Holy Ghost****.*

1. They have one name because they all three are one.
	1. The Father is God
	2. Jesus the Son is God
	3. They Holy Ghost is God
2. Genesis 1:1 uses the Hebrew word “Elohim” which is a plural form of the word for God. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are separate persons of the Godhead but the same God at the same time.
3. John 1:1 reveals that Christ was indeed present in the creation account of Genesis 1.
4. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
5. John 10:30 - *I and my Father are one*
6. Three are present at Christ’s Baptism – Mark 3:16 –

*And* ***Jesus****, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the* ***Spirit of God*** *descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is* ***my*** *beloved Son, in whom* ***I am*** *well pleased.*

1. **He is a personal God.**
	1. Jeremiah 30:22 – *You shall be my people, and* ***I will be your God****.*
	2. Leviticus 26:12 – *And I will walk among you, and* ***will be your God****, and* ***ye shall be my people****.*
	3. Exodus 6:7 – *And I will take you to me for a people, and* ***I will be to you a God****: and ye shall know that* ***I am the LORD your God****…*
	4. 2 Corinthians 6:16 - …*as God had said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and* ***I will be their God, and they shall be my people.***
	5. Revelation 21:3 – *And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them,* ***and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.***

**Conclusion:** As a teacher I must admit that the content of this lesson falls short of adequately describing who God is. However my hope for this is not that you would walk away feeling like you know everything there is to know about God. Instead I hope that you take some of these truths from God’s Word and recognize that God is the only one worthy to be worshipped. He is so much more than we know, but what we do know should drive us to serve Him every day. I’m not sure what difficulties you are facing, but I know that if you just take a moment this morning and meditate on who God is you will find the encouragement you need to accomplish what He has called you to. Don’t lose sight of who He is and the fact that He really cares about you. He wants to be your God.