

# **Session 3 – God**

# LIFE - Learning the Word of God

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## Three Truths about God ...

1) God is \_\_\_\_\_.

God is not some made-up philosophical construct or idea. Even though He is invisible, we can know He exists and is active through:

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*“For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.” – Romans 1:20*

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*“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;” – Daniel 2:21*

*“And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,” – Acts 17:26-27*

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*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” – 2 Corinthians 5:17*



But, what is God like? Here are some theological words that describe God:

- He is \_\_\_\_\_ – Everywhere at once. His presence fills the universe. (Psalm 139:7-12, Jeremiah 23:24)
- He is \_\_\_\_\_ – All-knowing. He knows past, present, and future at the same moment. (1 John 3:20, Psalm 139:4)
- He is \_\_\_\_\_ – All-powerful. He is able to accomplish all things according to His will. (Daniel 4:35, Matthew 19:26)
- He is \_\_\_\_\_ – Never changing. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. (Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8)

2) God is \_\_\_\_\_.

*“The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.” – Psalm 98:2*

The source of all knowledge about God actually comes from God Himself. God makes Himself known to us through:

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The works of God's hands reveal His power, greatness, creativity, goodness, and love for all.

*"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge."* – **Psalm 19:1-2**

*"Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"* – **Matthew 6:26**

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God has revealed Himself to us in many ways but His clearest is in Jesus Christ.

*"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world."* – **Hebrews 1:1-2**

*"Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"*  
– **John 14:9**

3) God is \_\_\_\_\_.

God relates to us just like a perfect Father to his children.

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*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” – John 3:16*



- He \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”*

**– Matthew 6:8**

- He \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”* – **James 1:12**

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*“for the Lord reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.”*

**– Proverbs 3:12**

- He \_\_\_\_\_.

*“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.”*

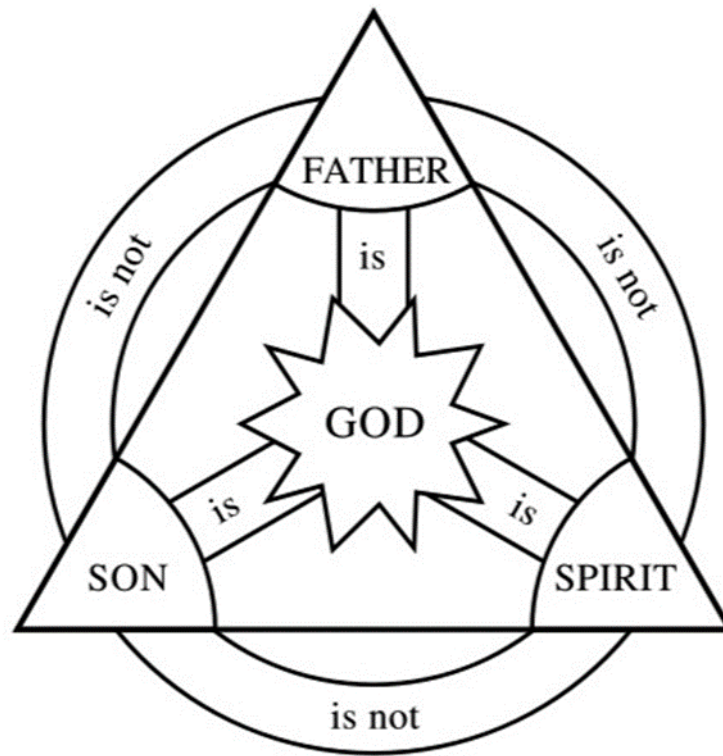
**– Psalm 103:8**

- He \_\_\_\_\_.

*“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”* – **Jeremiah 29:11**

## What is the Trinity?

The Trinity is a theological term used to describe God's eternal existence as three distinct persons in one; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.





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*“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.” – Deuteronomy 6:4*

The Trinity consists of three persons...

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*“Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” – John 6:27*

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*“To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.” – Romans 9:5*

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*“...Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit... You have not lied to man but to God.” - Acts 5:3-4*

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinguished from each other...

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“When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,” – **John 17:1**

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*“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.” – John 16-17*

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“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” – **John 14:26**

God is mysterious and His nature infinitely higher than ours. Thankfully, His steadfastness is not dependent on our complete understanding. We can rely on the fact that God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

*“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ‘For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?’” – Romans 11:33-34*



# LIFE – Invest into relationships

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## Session 3 Discussion Questions

Question 1:

What are some of the popular ideas about God in the world today? How do the truths about God we learned today differ from some of those popular notions?

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Question 2:

Which truth about God was the most difficult for you to accept? Which increased your faith? Why?

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# LIFE – Follow the way of Christ

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## Session 3 Memory Verse

“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”

**Psalms 90:2**

# LIFE – Engage with your world

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## Session 3 Homework

Read John 5:19-24.

How did the relationship of Jesus and our Heavenly Father affect His life and ministry? How should His love affect our life and ministry?

God the Father said to His Son, “This is My Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased” before Jesus did any miracles or ministry. This expression of love gave Jesus great confidence. The Father loves you in the same manner. Purpose to express this love to others throughout the week and watch the impact love makes.