

# GOD IS...

## Introduction

- 1) Many ask, “Who or what is God?” What is the best way to answer this question?
- 2) The Bible describes God’s nature and character so that man can know the true God (Jn. 17:3)
  - a) Some do not know God and fall prey to sin and error (Judg. 2:10-12; 2 Thess. 1:8)
  - b) Some claim to know God but do not obey His will (1 Jn. 2:3-4; Rom. 12:2)
- 3) Consider and understand these Bible truths about the one true God

## **GOD IS...**

### **I) SPIRIT (John 4:24)**

- A) God is *spirit* – God is not physical, earthly, mortal
  - 1) Does not have flesh and bones (Lk. 24:39)
  - 2) Does not dwell in earthly habitations (Acts 17:24)
  - 3) Is not made of earthy elements (Acts 17:29)
    - a) Idolatry = reducing God to earthly substances and shapes (Rom. 1:22-23)
  - 4) Cannot be seen with human eyes (Jn. 1:18; 6:46; 1 Tim. 6:16; 1 Jn. 4:12)
- B) We “see” God through His Son, Jesus – He *declared* Him (Jn. 1:18; Col. 2:9)
  - 1) God is *declared* through words and works (Jn. 14:7-11)
  - 2) In Jesus we understand what cannot be seen with human eyes (Col. 1:15)

### **II) GREATER THAN OUR HEART (1 John 3:20)**

- A) Many believe that “God” is just the “divinity within” ourselves
  - 1) Common thought in Eastern religions, New Age
  - 2) We are told we can be “divine” when we connect to a universal “force” or “life energy”
- B) God is a real personality – knows, sees, speaks, acts
  - 1) Greater than our heart – divinity is above humanity (Psa. 8:5)

### **III) FAITHFUL (1 Corinthians 1:9)**

- A) Faithfulness is a characteristic that is fully demonstrated by God
  - 1) Man can trust God in all His promises (2 Cor. 1:20; 1 Thess. 5:23-24)
- B) God is faithful to “make the way of escape” to overcome temptation (1 Cor. 10:13)
- C) We can live and die with complete confidence in God’s word (Heb. 11:13)

### **IV) LOVE (1 John 4:8)**

- A) God defines true love – sacrificial, selfless, active (vv. 7-11, 16)
  - 1) Demonstrated by God loving sinners who did not love Him (Rom. 5:8)
  - 2) God’s love does not overlook sin, or refuse to punish, but gives opportunity to the sinner for repentance and obedience unto eternal life (2 Pet. 3:9)

### **V) A CONSUMING FIRE (Hebrews 12:29)**

- A) Man is warned not to refuse God, but to listen to and serve Him acceptably (vv. 25, 28)
  - 1) We must be careful to not drift away or depart from God’s truth (Heb. 2:1; 3:12)
- B) God’s eternal punishment of sinners must be clearly understood, and should have a significant daily impact on our lives (Heb. 10:26-31)

## Conclusion

### **VI) FOR US (Romans 8:31)**

- A) God desires all men to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4)
- B) God gave His Son to save all who will believe in Him (Jn. 3:16)
- C) God is for you and me! Will you answer God’s call and fulfill God’s purpose in your life?