

# GOD: The Father, the Son, and the Spirit

## INTRODUCTION:

A. The highest aim of life? To **know** God (*Hos 6:3; John 17:3; 1 John 2:12-14; 3:24; 5:20; Tit 1:16*).

Human beings struggle with how to encapsulate the magnificence of God (*1 Chron 29:10-13; John 1:18; Rom 1:23; Col 1:15-18; 1 Tim 1:17; 6:15-16; Heb 11:27; 1 John 4:12; Jude 25*).

### I. A key term/idea used in Scripture to describe God: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. *Acts 17:22-29* — not like the most precious elements of creation.
- B. *Rom 1:20* — should have been clearly perceived ever since the creation of the world.
- C. *Col 1:19* — the full essence of what it means to be “omni.”

### II. Three Different, Distinct Personalities Who Possess the Fullness of Divine Nature

- A. God the \_\_\_\_\_ (*1 Cor 1:3; John 4:24; Heb 12:9; Matt 6:9; Gen 21:33*).
- B. God the \_\_\_\_\_ (*John 1:1-4,14; Eph 1:19-23; Matt 28:18; Phil 2:5-7; Col 2:8-10; Heb 1:8-9*).
- C. God the \_\_\_\_\_ (*Acts 5:1-4; 1 Cor 2:6-13; Eph 3:3-5; John 3:5*).
- D. Three distinct personalities, but personalities that enjoy perfect unity (*John 17:20-21*).
  - 1. *Gen 1:26* — “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.”
    - a. God the Father was there, planning the creative and redemptive work (*Eph 1:3-10*).
    - b. God the Son was there, through whom all things were created (*John 1:1-3; Col 1:16-17*).
    - c. God the Spirit was there, hovering over the face of the waters (*Gen 1:1-2; Psa 104:30*).
  - 2. Three distinct personalities, but the very essence of perfect unity (*Deut 6:4; Eph 4:4-6*).

### III. Manifestations of the Work of All Three Divine Personalities

- A. *Matt 3:16-17* — at the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
- B. *Matt 28:18-20* — at the heart of the “Great \_\_\_\_\_.”
- C. *John 3:34* — John the Baptist’s \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
- D. *John 14:25-26* — Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ to his apostles.
- E. *Acts 10:36-38* — Peter’s proclamation of the \_\_\_\_\_ to Cornelius and his household.
- F. *2 Cor 13:14* — Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_ for the saints in Corinth.
- G. *Eph 2:14-18* — Paul’s message of unifying \_\_\_\_\_ between Jew and Gentile.

**Conclusion:** all of which calls for an obedient response (*1 Pet 1:1-2; 3:18-22*).