

## **Bible Doctrine**

### *Learning & Contending*

## **The Doctrine of the Trinity**

Romans 16:17; Ephesians 4:14

We begin our study of the doctrine found in the Word of God. I do not speak of doctrines in the plural sense, for there is only one true doctrine. The local church is the pillar and ground of the truth singular. The five times you find the word "doctrines" plural in the New Testament, it is always a reference to that which comes from corrupt sources.

*"...teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."*

**Matthew 15:9; Mark 7:7**

*"...after the commandments and doctrines of men?"*

**Colossians 2:22**

*"...doctrines of devils;"*

**1 Timothy 4:1**

*"Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines."*

**Hebrews 13:9**

Therefore, as we come to the Bible we are studying its doctrine. What does the Bible teach? What is this body of truth? We must learn this body of truth and contend for it!

There are two things that break my heart as it pertains to doctrine. The first is the **overwhelming apathy** towards learning doctrine. So many individuals who attend churches are simply ignorant of the teaching of the Bible. This apathy is found in both those preaching and teaching, as well as those who are listening. The second is the **unhealthy acceptance** of false doctrines. Many people who claim to be learning the Bible are rather

enthralled with a man they have made their god. They have become captivated by some charismatic personality and without realizing it, they have set the Word of God aside.

My goal is to open the Bible and show you what God says!

We begin our study of Biblical doctrine with the doctrine of God. Who is God? What is God like? How do we describe God? What are the attributes of God? Is the God of the Bible worthy of our worship?

We do not need to spend time proving that there is a God in this lesson. The knowledge of God is in every man. The light of God's existence has been given to every single person.

Consider this truth found in **Romans 1:18-23**.

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things."*

Jesus Christ is declared to be the "true Light." This light shines upon every man that comes into the world.

**John 1:9**, "That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

**1 John 1:5**, *"God is light, and in him in no darkness at all."*

There are four direct statements in the Bible about God.

**God Is A Spirit**

**John 4:24**, *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."*

**Numbers 23:19**, *"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"*

**God Is Light**

**1 John 1:5**, *"God is light, and in him in no darkness at all."*

**God Is Love**

**1 John 4:8**, *"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."*

**God Is A Consuming Fire**

**Hebrews 12:29**, *"For our God is a consuming fire."* Also found in **Deuteronomy 4:24**.

We will speak more about those direct statements about God. As we begin in our study of God as revealed in the Bible, we declare the following emphatic truth about God.

**(1) First, There is Only One True and Living**

The Bible is clear! That there is only ONE TRUE & LIVING GOD. We affirm what the Bible declares.

- (1) There is Only One True & Living God.**
- (2) The One True & Living God is a Triune God.**
- (3) God Has Worked on Behalf of Man as The Father, The Son, and The Holy Ghost.**
- (4) God is A Person Who Has Made Himself Known to Man.**

**Deuteronomy 4:35**, *"Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him."*

**Deuteronomy 6:4**, *"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:"*

**1 Kings 8:60**, *"That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God, and that there is none else."*

**Isaiah 44:6**, *"Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God."*

**Isaiah 44:7-8**, *"And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them. Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any."*

**John 17:3**, *"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."*

**1 Corinthians 8:4-6**, *"As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,) But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."*

**James 2:19**, *"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble."*

Many today are mistaken in thinking that all religions worship the same God in a different way. However, the god they speak about is clearly not the God of the Bible. Be encouraged to know that as you come to First State Baptist Church, you are worshipping the One True & Living God.

We now come to a second declarative statement about God.

## **(2) Second, The One True & Living God Is A Triune God**

As we study the Bible we begin with one verse that summarizes this truth found in the sum of divine revelation.

**1 John 5:7**, *“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”*

**Here is the Bible: One + One + One = ONE GOD.**

We speak of this as the doctrine of the Trinity. The word trinity is not found in the Bible, but the truth about the Trinity is contained throughout the biblical revelation.

Those who reject this truth claim that we worship three gods. However, that is completely false. The Bible says, *“these three are one.”* We do not worship three gods, we worship ONE GOD.

**John 1:12**, *“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”*

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*"received him"* - **Who do we receive at Salvation?** The Holy Ghost is received at Salvation. (Acts 2:38; 1 Corinthians 6:19)

*"become the sons of God"* - **Who do we have a relationship with at salvation?** At salvation we become the children of the Father by adoption. (Romans 8:14-16; 1 John 3:1)

*"believe on his name"* - **Who do we believe on for salvation?** We believe on the name of Jesus Christ for salvation. (John 3:16; Acts 4:12)

**Romans 8:23**, *"And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."*

**Holy Ghost** - *"...the firstfruits of the Spirit..."*

**Father** - *"...the adoption..."*

**The Word (Jesus Christ)** - *"...the redemption of our body."*

There are three Persons Who are given the same divine attributes in the Word of God. Three are mentioned to be eternally existent, omnipotent, omniscience, omnipresent, holy, and perfectly righteous.

**God is not asking us to fully understand it, but He is asking us to fully accept what He says about Himself.**

From the very beginning of the Bible we find the indications of a Triune God. Triune means *"One in Three."*

**Genesis 1:26**, *"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."*

It is clear from the very first chapter in the Bible that there is more than one personality that makes up the God-head.

**Genesis 3:22**, *“And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil...”*

We must acknowledge this truth.

**Genesis 11:5-8**, *“And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded...Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language...So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence...”*

**Isaiah 6:8**, *“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.”*

There is a plurality spoken of in God’s dealing with man.

**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:”*

Please note carefully the language used by our Lord Jesus Christ. One name yet three references. The expression *“the name”* is singular. Yet there are three references: The Father, The Son, and the Holy Ghost. When we baptize new converts, we are not baptizing them in the name of three gods. **We baptize in the name of ONE GOD. This One God is called Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Let’s turn to **Matthew 3**, and consider the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Matthew 3:16-17**, *“...Jesus...the Spirit of God...a voice from heaven...”*

**The Word** - *"...Jesus...was baptized..."*

**The Holy Ghost** - *"...the Spirit of God descending..."*

**The Father** - *"...a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son..."*

The Father speaking from heaven. The Son on earth in the water. The Spirit descending from heaven to earth. One God manifest as the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost – and these three are One.

**Each one of these three are called God. Furthermore, each one of these three Persons speak in reference to the other two.**

### **The Father**

**Romans 1:7**, *"...peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ."*

### **The Son**

**Matthew 1:23**, *"...they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."*

**Romans 9:5**, *"...of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen."*

**Hebrews 1:1, 8**, *"God...spake in time past...Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son...unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever..."*

### **The Holy Ghost**

**Acts 5:3-4**, "...to lie to the Holy Ghost...thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God."

**Ephesians 2:21-22**, "...an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

## **CONSIDER THE TITLE LORD**

### **The Father is called Lord**

**Matthew 11:25**, "...I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth..."

### **The Son is called Lord**

**Acts 2:36**, "...God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

**Romans 10:9**, "...the Lord Jesus..."

### **The Spirit is called Lord**

**2 Corinthians 3:17**, "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

## **ALL THREE ARE MENTIONED AS CREATORS**

**Isaiah 45:11-12, 18**, "Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come...I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded..."

### **The Father is Creator**

**1 Corinthians 8:6**, *"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."*

### **The Son is Creator**

**John 1:1-3**, *"...the Word...All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."*

**Colossians 1:16**, *"For by him (Christ) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visibly and invisible...all things were created by him, and for him:"*

### **The Holy Ghost is Creator**

**Job 33:4**, *"The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life."*

## **ALL THREE ARE CALLED COMFORTER**

### **The Father is the Comforter**

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4**, *"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."*

### **The Son is the Comforter**

**John 14:16-20, 26**, *"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever...I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you...But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name..."*

## The Holy Ghost is the Comforter

We already read **John 14:16**.

**Acts 9:31**, *"...in the comfort of the Holy Ghost..."*

We often refer to God as "THE THRICE HOLY GOD." We do so because of what we find in the Bible concerning God. We find God exalted as "*Holy, holy, holy*," on two occasions in the Bible: **Isaiah 6:3 & Revelation 4:8**.

Let us take a look at the account in **Isaiah 6:3-10**.

We find our thrice Holy God.

**Isaiah 6:3**, *"And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."*

The Lord speaks and says "*who will go for us?*"

**Isaiah 6:8**, *"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"*

Please note carefully what the Lord said, "*Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?*" The Lord said "I" and then he said "us." Who is included in the "us."

The scene in **Isaiah 6** is mentioned in the New Testament. I would like to consider two of those references to the scene in **Isaiah 6**.

Read **John 12:35-41**. The context is referring to Jesus Christ and those who reject Him.

**John 12:35-41**, *"These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him."*

Isaiah was speaking about when he saw the glory of Jesus Christ. Included in the "us" is the Lord Jesus Christ.

But there is yet another mention of **Isaiah 6** in **Acts 28**.

**Acts 28:25-26**, *"And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them."*

According to Paul, who was speaking? The **Holy Ghost** in **verse 25**.

Therefore we conclude that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are included in the expression "us" found in **Isaiah 6:8**. There was one voice, yet three speaking. This is the mystery of the Triune God. They are One, and yet they are distinct.

**1 John 5:7**, *"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."*

**2 Corinthians 13:14**, *"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."*

We worship One God. There is only One True & Living God. But we make the declarative statement that "The One True & Living God is a Triune God." Some may debate the individual parts of Scripture. However, if you

take the entirety of the Bible revelation, you come to the conclusion that there is One Triune God.

### **(3) Third, God Has Worked on Behalf of Man as The Father, The Son, & The Holy Ghost.**

#### **THE CREATION OF MAN**

Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 2:7; Colossians 1:16; Job 33:4

#### **THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST**

**The Holy Ghost Conceived the Son.**

**Matthew 1:18, 20,** *"...child of the Holy Ghost."*

**The Son Was God made Flesh.**

**Matthew 1:23,** *"...they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."*

Read **John 1:1, 14.**

**The Son Said He Came Forth From God the Father.**

**John 8:42,** *"Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me."*

#### **THE DEATH OF CHRIST**

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### **The Father Delivered the Son**

Romans 8:32; John 3:16

### **The Son Gave Himself and Laid Down His Own Life**

John 10:18; Galatians 2:20

### **It Was Through the Spirit that Christ Offered Himself to God**

Hebrews 9:14

## **THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST**

### **The Father Raised Up The Son**

Acts 2:24

### **The Son Had Power to Raise Himself Up**

John 10:18; John 2:19

**The Spirit Quickened the Son according to 1 Peter 3:18.**

## **THE RESURRECTION OF MAN**

The Father & the Son are mentioned together to quicken the dead in **John 5:21.**

The Spirit will quicken the dead according to **Romans 8:11.**

## **THE INSPIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURE**

**God - 2 Timothy 3:16**

**Christ - 1 Peter 1:10-11**

**Holy Ghost - 2 Peter 1:21**

## **THE MINISTERS AMONG MEN**

**God the Father - 2 Corinthians 3:4-6**

**God the Son - 1 Timothy 1:12**

**God the Spirit - Acts 20:28**

## **THE INDWELLING PRESENCE OF GOD IN BELIEVERS**

**The Father - Ephesians 4:6**

**The Son - Colossians 1:27**

**The Holy Ghost - 1 Corinthians 6:19**

## **THE WORK OF SANCTIFICATION IN THE BELIEVER'S LIFE**

**The Father - Jude 1:1**

**Jesus Christ - Hebrews 2:9-11**

**The Spirit - 1 Corinthians 6:11**

## **THE ETERNAL SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER**

**The Father - John 10:29**

**The Son - John 10:28**

## **The Spirit - Ephesians 4:30**

### **THE SALVATION OF THE BELIEVER**

#### **Man is Reconciled by the Son**

##### **John 3:17-18**

**1 Peter 3:18**, *"...Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh..."*

#### **He is Regenerated by the Spirit**

##### **Romans 8:9-11, 14-15**

#### **He is Reconciled by the Father**

**2 Corinthians 5:18-21**, *"...God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ...reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them..."*

God's workings among men (especially in salvation) may be viewed as coming:

**From** the Father; **By** the Son; **Through** the Spirit.

**Ephesians 2:18**, *"For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."*

**Romans 8:26; Romans 5:1-2**

**2 Corinthians 13:14**, *"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."*

## **(4) Fourth, God is A Person Who Has Made Himself Known to Man**

As we speak of God as a Person, we are not saying that God is a man like unto us. We are declaring that God possesses the characteristics of personality. God is declared throughout the Bible to be the "Living God."

God is not an idol fashioned from gold and silver. God is not an image carved into wood or stone. God is not some distant force or being that cannot be known. **GOD IS A PERSON.** God can speak to us, and we can speak to Him. God can be worshipped by man. Man can learn to walk with God. Mankind can know God intimately and personally.

Consider what Moses in **Exodus 33:12-13**.

**Exodus 33:12-13**, *"And Moses said unto the Lord, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight. Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people."*

God knew Moses, and Moses in turn wanted to know God. This was also Paul's great desire! Paul had not arrived at a perfect knowledge of God. Read **Philippians 3:7-14**.

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**Philippians 3:7-14**, *"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."*

The knowledge of the Lord cost Paul everything according to **verse 8**. Paul wanted to know *"Him."* Paul considered all the treasures of the world to be but dung in light of the knowledge he received of the Lord.

The Psalmist said in **Psalm 42:2**, *"My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God..."*

**Psalm 84:2**, *"My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God."*

## **GOD IS UNSEARCHABLE**

In **Isaiah 40:10-25**, we find a number of rhetorical questions being asked.

**Verse 13-14**, *"Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught*

*him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?"*

**Verse 18**, *"To whom then will ye liken God? Or what likeness will ye compare unto him?"*

**Verse 21**, *"Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? Hath it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?"*

**Verse 25**, *"To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? Saith the Holy One."*

God is incomprehensible, He is infinite. If we could understand everything there is to understand about God, then He would no longer be God.

Mankind is finite and limited.

The New Testament also declares the awesomeness and superiority of God by asking rhetorical questions.

**Romans 11:33-34**, *"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! Now unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counsellor?"*

God is unsearchable, yet He is knowable.

## **GOD IS KNOWABLE**

God Desires to be Known. Before the fall, man enjoyed a great fellowship with God. Yet as soon as that fellowship was broken by man's rebellion, God sought him out. The Lord God called unto Adam and said, "Where art thou?"

**Genesis 3:9**, *"And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?"*

Did God not know where Adam was? Of course God knew where Adam was. But God wanted Adam to know that He was looking for him. That although Adam rebelled against His Creator, His Creator still wanted to speak with him.

God has spoken and has made Himself known to man. This knowledge of God is not abstract. The knowledge of God concrete.

**Hebrews 1:1-3**, *“God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also be made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”*

At the close of the Biblical revelation we find the same appeal made to man.

**Revelation 22:17**, *“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”*

**The Bible is the documentation of man’s continuous rebellion against God, and at the same time God’s continuous call to reconciliation with Him.**

## **GOD IS AVAILABLE TO MAN**

How can we know God? There is certainly an important question. Many speak of “GOD” yet very few know God.

Do we like to boast or glory in something?

**Jeremiah 9:23-24**, *"Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord."*

### **We Know God Through A Direct & Supernatural Revelation**

**Hebrews 1:1**, *"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets..."*

Consider those two words "God...spake." We should always pause and meditate on these two words...Three questions are answer in those one verse: What? When? How?

**What?** God spoke and made Himself known to man. **When?** The expression *"at sundry times"* speaks of many portions in various times and agency. The Old Testament was delivered gradually over a period of roughly 1,100 years, from Moses to Malachi. It refers to the progressive nature of the supernatural revelation. **How?** The expression *"diverse manners"* refers to various means. In the Old Testament we find God speaking in dreams and vision, voices, stone carvings, handwriting on the wall, angles, etc...

### **We Know God Through The Son**

**Jeremiah 31:33-34**, *"But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Known*

*the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."*

Read **John 14:6-11**.

**John 17:3**, *"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."*

### **We Know God Through the Spirit**

**1 Corinthians 2:9-14**, *"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."*

Review, concerning the declarative statements about God:

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In conclusion I would like to ask one question, and leave you with three sobering statements.

### **Are we interested in knowing God?**

A true understanding of God can only come from the pages of Scripture.

A true understanding of God is what is missing in our modern day churches.

A true understanding of God is bound to have a deep and significant impact upon our lives.

I pity the Christianity that is unwilling to consider the pages of Scripture, the Christianity that is more interested in what it feels about God, rather than what God reveals about Himself.

I pity the Christianity that is more interested in looking like the world than in being a holy and peculiar people. If God cannot be recognized in our modern day churches, then the knowledge of God will be lost in the generations to follow.

I pity the Christianity that is unmoved, unchanged, and unaffected by the truth about God.