

## YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

### LESSON 4: THE GOD WE WORSHIP

#### Introduction

What are the two main teachings of the Bible?  
What is the main difference between these two teachings? In this lesson, we will learn more about the God who gave us His word in the Bible.

#### The Natural Knowledge Of God

What do people know about God **without** the Bible?

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The things that people know about God without the Bible are part of the *natural knowledge* of God (what people know about Him *by nature*).

- Those who say there is no God are called:
- Those who say we cannot be sure if there is a God or not are called:
- The Bible says those who do not believe there is a God are \_\_\_\_\_.  
Psalm 14:1 (473)

#### The Revealed Knowledge Of God

Why has God told us more about Himself in the Bible?

John 17:3 (1)

What are some things about God that we learn *only* from the Bible?

Revealed knowledge of God is what we can know about God from what He revealed about Himself in the Bible.

## Describing God

How would you answer if someone asked you, "What is God like?" Putting the natural knowledge of God and the revealed knowledge of God together, we can say quite a bit about what God is like.

### A Few Characteristics Of God

A little Latin:      omni = all  
                              potent = strength  
                              scient = knowledge

God is a spirit	_____
God is eternal	_____
God is unchangeable	_____
God is omnipotent	_____
God is omniscient	_____
God is omnipresent	_____
God is holy	_____
God is perfect	_____
God is faithful	_____
God is good to all	_____

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| a. Mt 19:26  | b. Lev 19:2   | c. Dt 32:4  | d. Jer 23:24 |
| e. Ps 90:1-2 | f. Ps 139:1-4 | g. Lk 24:39 | h. Ps 145:9  |
| i. Mal 3:6   | j. 2 Tim 2:13 |             |              |

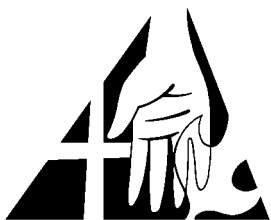
After looking at some of these Bible passages, we might be a little afraid of God because He is so holy and powerful. Read Ps 103:8-13 and list some other very important attributes of God that are **revealed** to us in the Bible:

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### God is Triune



The Bible also teaches us that God is *triune*. The word "triune" is not actually found in the Bible, but it is a Latin word that means "three in one." **The Bible describes God as being three in one.**

The three "persons" of the Godhead are:

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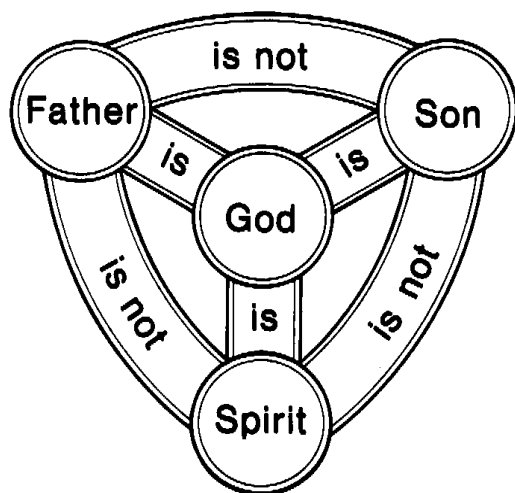
- Three in one meaning that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are each 100% God - yet there is only one God.
- Deuteronomy 6:4 (83) reminds us that there is only one God.
- Numbers 6:24-26 (87) reminds us that there are three "persons."

### God Is "Three In One" *and* "One In Three"

- If the Bible calls each of the three *God*, does this mean that there are three Gods? (No, God is three in one)
- If the Bible says there is only one *God*, does this mean that two of the three are not really God? (No, God is one in three)

### The Relationship Within the Godhead

- Jesus is the son of the Father      John 1:1 (547), 14 (586), 18 (438)
- The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son      John 15:26 (80); Galatians 4:6



It is impossible for us to understand how God can be triune. For example, Jesus says, "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30). Yet even though they are one, we know that the Father did not die on the cross, only Jesus did! How can this be? We do not know. We can only repeat what the Bible says about the Father, Son, and Spirit, the one true God.

Father, Son, and Spirit are all referred to as *God*.

Father	2 John 1:3
Son	1 John 5:20(545)
Spirit	Acts 5:3-4 (724)

Yet there is but *one* God . . . Triune!

## The Special Work Of Our Triune God

Although it is true that all three persons of the Godhead are involved in every aspect of our salvation, the Bible tends to speak of "special work" that each person does.

CREATOR \_\_\_\_\_

REDEEMER \_\_\_\_\_

SANCTIFIER \_\_\_\_\_

**Sanctify**

To set  
apart  
from sin

- In the church year, *Trinity Sunday* is when we celebrate the triune nature of our God. Trinity Sunday is the Sunday after Pentecost (57 days after Easter).



## Assignment

- Bible Reading Schedule 3 from the book of Luke (Mon-Fri)