

Pray # 2

Title: WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

Text: Deuteronomy 6:4

Pray

We are in a series of messages on WHAT WE BELIEVE as Christians. What is it that we Christians believe. Today, I want to come to that statement that a lot of people have a hard time understanding. ^(2A) WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, REVEALED IN THE TRIUNE GODHEAD, EXISTING ETERNALLY IN THREE PERSONS: FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT."

I am thrilled that you are here today. And if God is gracious, I am going to try and teach some understanding about the TRI-UNITY OF GOD.

Dear friends, I believe with all of my heart that the root of every problem in the christian life is a misunderstanding or a misapplication of who God is and what He can do. I think the great tragedy in our culture, today, is the failure to know God, to understand God, and to realize how great He is. The great purpose of the ^{Christian} believer, which is outlined so clearly in the book of Revelation, is to worship, and praise God ^{and ~~to~~ glorify the God.}

Paul wrote in I Cor. 10:31 that whether we eat or drink or whatever we do, do all to the glory of God." This is not a time for man to exalt himself. It never has been. But, yet, we are obsessed ^{in our culture} with the glorification of ourselves. We are more interested in our own little needs and desires, then we are in God. ^{we care to check out say - The Pastor in the Service didn't meet my needs - all self} Dear friends, to know God is the greatest pursuit in life. There is nothing more important. Yet, to know the greatness of God is really an impossible task to explain in one sermon. But, I hope that we will understand, today, a little bit about WHO GOD IS.

(1) FIRST OF ALL, LET'S ESTABLISH THE FACT THAT GOD IS ONE. ^{We Believe that} Take your Bibles, please, and turn to Deut. chapter 6. Deut. chapter 6 verse 4. We read: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God. the Lord is one."

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Now, the Bible teaches that God is one. The Bible never says that God is three Gods. He is one. Some people use Deut. 6:4 and say that this verse proves that God cannot be three in one.

But An interesting thing, however, the word translated "one" is also the exact same word *in* Genesis 2:24. where it says "For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh."

If it is possible for two of us to become one, then it is also possible for God to be *more* *in* than one. The same exact word appears in both text.

But, let's establish the fact that we do not believe in three *different* Gods. We believe in one God. "The Lord is our God, the Lord is one."

Let's make that a little stronger. Turn to Isaiah chapter 44. Isiah 44. When we say that God is one, we mean that their is *absolutely* no competition. There is no one else. He is not "one among many Gods." There are no other gods. There is only one God.

Isaiah 44 verse 6. *It* says "Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel. And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts; I am the first and I am the last. There is no God besides me."

Look at Vs 8. "Do not tremble and ~~do~~ not be afraid; Have I not long since announced it to you and declared it? And you are my witnesses. Is there any God besides Me, or is there any other rock? I..KNOW..OF..NONE."

Chapter 45, please, verse 5, and 6. "I am the Lord, and there is no other. Besides me there is no God. I will gird you, though you have not known me. That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun, that there is no one besides me. I AM THE LORD, AND THERE IS NO OTHER."

Chapter 46 verse 9. We could go on and on. But, we will just read this one "Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other; I AM GOD, AND THERE IS NO ONE LIKE ME."

I think *Dear Friends* that we should be very strong in our understanding that God is one. And that means that there is no other God. There are non beside Him. He is the only one. The one and only God is the one about whom we are talking this morrowing. *Now* ~~The natural question then comes up. HOW IN THE WORLD CAN CHRISTIANS BELIEVE THAT GOD IS THREE IN ONE?~~

The natural question comes up, then, HOW IN THE WORLD CAN CHRISTIANS BELIEVE THAT GOD IS THREE?

First of all, when we talk about God being one and God being three, they are not ONE and THREE in the same sense. There are not three gods. There is only one God. But there are three persons. All of whom are called God. God is able to manifest himself in three persons: FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT. But He is not three Gods. *He is one*

The word god refers to essence, substance, and being. We have generic term like that. We refer to someone who is human. We can have three people all described as being human...made of the same substance.

But, in a way that is a weak illustration. Why? Because the three human beings are three individual substance. And they are not one and the same. So, the illustration breaks down. Though the qualities and components of that which is human is in all three, because they are unique separated, localized in a body form, they are not the same substance. And therefore, even three people are not an adequate description of God being three in one.

Some people says, "well what about H₂O..the formula for water. Can it not appear as a solid, and as a gas, and as a liquid?"

But, as we examine that, even though they are all H₂O, the fact of the matter is that the solid is not the same as gas. And the gas is not the same as the liquid.

Some say, "Well, what about a triangle?" After all a triangle has three equal sides. But, yet, one side does not comprise the entire triangle. It is simply a side.

When we come to describe God we are stuck in many ways with human illustrations. It is impossible to describe the greatness of God.

People often ask me, "Do you understand the tri-unity of God?" Absolutely not. I cannot understand the tri-unity of God. All I can do is to take the statements of the Bible and look at them carefully.

The question is: "IS GOD AND ALL OF HIS ATTRIBUTES THAT MAKE HIM GOD AND NOT MAN, IS HE FATHER...IS HE SON...IS HE HOLY SPIRIT."

There is only one God. There are not three gods. Now, can we describe in the scripture the attributes of this great God as being FATHER, AND SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT? That is the question.

Now, let me give you a few little things that in christian theology they use to prove the Trinity. I just want to take a moment to walk through these things.

For example, we have the use of plural pronouns. Turn to Genesis chapter 1 Gen. chapter 1. Now, these are the common ways people use to describe the tri-unity of God. And they will tell you the use of plural pronouns.

By the way, there is one verse that uses a plural verb. Which is highly unusually when you think about it. And it is found in Genesis 35:7. It uses a plural verb in describing God.

But normally the way people use this proof goes like this: It would be impossible to have one person speaking and referring to himself as an "us" or a "we." They feel that this is very conclusive.

Example: Genesis 1:26.. "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness."

Look over at chapter 3 of Genesis verse 22.. "Then the Lord God said, 'Behold the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil."

Turn over to chapter 11 of Genesis and look at Vs 5.. (Read Vs 5-7)
God is speaking and he says "LET US." N

Now, how do we deal with that?

First of all, I don't believe it is possible in and of itself to prove conclusively that God is three in one by those pronouns. You say, "what do you mean?"

Well, for example, some false religious teaching say, that God is talking about himself and angels. So, they have the creation of angels before man. And we know that that is true. Because the book of Job tells us that the angels of God were singing praises to God when he made the earth and he made man. So, angels were created before man. So, they have God talking to angels saying: "Let us make man in our image and after our likeness."

Whether you agree or not it is a possibility. LET US MAKE MAN.

There are some cults that have people on earth today in heaven then.. And the "us" is referring to a plurality of people. Of course there is no proof of that.

The fact is that plural pronouns are used of God. And you can use a lot of arguments to get out of that. But, it is one fact. But not conclusive.

Come now to the N.T. Matthew chapter 3. We have, also, the matter of the baptism of Jesus. And this is usually used to prove that God is three in one. The baptism of Jesus. Matthew chapter 3 verse 16..Matthew 3:16..

(Read Vs 16-17)

(2) Many books on Christian theology will tell you that this is a proof for the Tri-unity of God. Now, I must disagree somewhat. Because this text never calls Jesus God. And when it refers to the Spirit it simply says "THE SPIRIT OF GOD. So, there is no real proof in that text of what we say.

But, there is strong suggestion in that text as to the tri-unity of God. But, it does not prove that God is three in one. -And that is what I want you to see.

(3) Now, a third line of proof that you will often hear is in Matthew 28:19. Let's turn there, please. Matthew 28 verse 19. Now, in this verse we have the great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. And the way this is phrased causes some people to say that this is conclusive proof, beyond a shadow of doubt that God is three in one. So, Let's look at it.

Vs 19 says..."Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Now, those who believe otherwise say, "Well, it doesn't say they are God. It only says baptizing in the name of..."

Christian teachers would answer. Well, the word "name" is singular. It doesn't say in the names of. So, there is only one name. Which is it..FATHER. SON...OR HOLY SPIRIT?

We do know that the word "name" deals with character. And it is referring to character of the individual. And it is singular.

False cults would answer.. "Yes, but the word „name" is never in the plural, when referring to any name of the godhead. So, you have no proof one way or another, there.

Christian teachers would answer. Wait a minute. You have the definite articule "the" in front of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That always identifies and specifies the individual.

You also have the repetition of the conjunction.. "in the name of the father"...And..the son...and the holy Spirit.

Let me put it to you another way. Suppose I have a can of paint up here on the pulpit. And in this can I have red, while, and blue paint. And it was all mixed together. And I would say that this is a can of red (comma) blue (comma) and white paint.

But, suppose I wanted to tell you without showing you that I had three cans up here..one of red..one of blue..and one of white. How would I say it in English? I would say that I have a can of blue paint..and ..a can of red paint..and..a can of white paint. And you would know that there would be three cans and not one can. And you see that is the grammatical structure of Matthew 28:19. The conjunction is repeated . The definite articule in front of each person is repeated. But, the name is still singular..Not plural. I believe this text is very strong in proving the Tri-unity of God.

Now, one more text that is often used to prove the Tri-unity of God is 2 Cor. 13:14. Would you turn there, please. 2 Cor 13:14 says.."The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all."

Now, False cults have a wonderful time with this verse when Christians try and use it to prove the tri-unity. Because they can clearly point out that only one of the three concepts --Grace, love, and fellowship are used of God. They say that if the Trunity was meant..why doesn't it say "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Instead it says "the love of God." Almost proving that the other two "Jesus" and the Holy Spirit" are not god.

Why am I not talking about them? Because they don't prove the point.

Man is also told to be holy. Man is also told to be faithful. Man is also told to be loving. So, those attributes do not prove that God is who he is.. separated from man. WHAT ATTITUBES MAKE GOD ..GOD AND NOT MAN? What attitubes can man never be? That is how you learn about God and who he is. And that is how you determine whether God is three in one. And I want to give you just 6 attitubes for you to understand about the nature of God.

(1) Number one, GOD IS SOVEREIGN. If you ask, what is God like? He is sovereign. He acts indepentently of himself. He is in charge of everything. He is the supreme ruler over all. And man is not that. Man is limited by his enviroment, by his relationships with other people, by his abilities, by his skills, by his military power. We could go on and on. The Bible teaches that God is absolutely sovereign.

I am amazed at how many people believe that only the Father is sovereign. They don't understand what the Bible teaches about Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Now, to deminstrate soverignity, turn to Psalms 113. Psalms 113. Man is not sovereign. God is. Psalms 113 verse 4 says.."The Lord is high above all nations; His glory is above the heavens." God's greatness is being discribed.

Look at Psalms 115 verse 3.."But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever he pleases."

Look at chatper 135. Psalms 135 verse 5 and 6. This deals with the sovereignty and greatness of God. "For I know that the Lord is great, And that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the Lord pleases, He does, In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps."

God's absoulte sovereignty. He is in the heavens. His throne is above all. He does whatsoever he pleases.

Now, does the Bible teach that about Jesus? Turn to Psalm 24. Psalms 24. Is Jesus sovereign? False cults will teach you that Jesus is not sovereign. He cannot be sovereign because he was limited here on earth.

Psalms 24 verse 7.....(REad Vs 7-10)

Now, if you bring this passage up to those who denie the tri-unity of God, they will say that this passage proves nothing. Because this passage refers to the heavenly Father. You will then respond. But, it calls Him the "lord of host." And they will say.. "That is right. Because the Father is Lord of host."

Now, turn to Isaiah 44. ^{Referring to} Isaish 44 and look at Vs 6. And I ask the question IS he Lord of host the heavenly Father? ^{of Jesus} Isa. 44:6 says "Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his what? Redeemer, the Lord of hosts."

Who is the Lord of hosts? According to Isa. 44:6 it is the Redeemer. Who is the Redeemer that shall come out of Zion? The Messiah, himself. Non other then Jeus Christ is the Lord of host. And according to Psalm 24 it is He who is the "king of glory."

Even in I Cor chapter 2, ^{verses} Paul said that they crucified the "LORD OF GLORY." And if they had know that, they would never have done it. Jesus is the ^{Lord} ~~king~~ of glory. He is sovereign.

That is not all that I want you to see. Turn to John 5. John 5 and notice Vs 22. Sovereity means that he does thing in and of his own desire and will. He is not controlled by any outside forces or opinion. He does what he wants to. He is absolutely sovereign in everything.

John 5 verses 22 and 23. Jesus says (Read Vs 22--23)
Two very strong verses about the sovereignty of our Lord Jesus.

Look over at chapter 10 verse ¹⁷⁻¹⁸ 18 and look at his sovereign control over his own death and resurrection/ Look at vs 17... (REad Vs 17-18)

The sovereignty of christ over his own death and his own resurrection. All judgment was committed to the Son. He is the ^{Lord} ~~King~~ of Glory.

I say to you that the Bible teaches the sovereignty of Jesus Christ.

Turn to I Cor chapter 12. You ask, What about the Holy Spirit. Is he sovereign? I Cor 12 verse 11. This is a discussion about Spiritual gifts. And concerning the Holy Spirit and His sovereignty acting indepentently of himself, we read this.. "But one and the same Spirit works all thses things, distributing to each one individually just as he wills." That last little pherase deminstrating the sovereignty of the Holy Spirit.

He is distributing these ^{GIFTS} "as He Wills." His own will determines who has which gift. The Holy Spirit is sovereign.

(2) Now, a second characteristic or attribute of God which makes God, god and not man, is the fact that God is eternal. He is not limited by time. Man is not eternal. Man has a beginning. God does not. God has always existed.

I wonder if anyone here could give us a dissertation on what it means to be eternal? Every time you try your head hurts. Do you realize that the Lord inhabits eternity? Now, figure that one out.

How can you dwell in eternity all at the same time? Or, here is another one Jesus said: "before Abraham was I am." If he said, "I was" ..that would have been a tremendous statement. It means that he would have been living four thousand years ago in 2185 B.C. But, Jesus didn't say "I was". He said, "before Abraham was, I am." The eternal, self existing one..presently existing...and also existing before Abraham. How did he do that?

Here is another one for you. How did God take John and transfer him into the future, that has not yet happened in our time, and tell him that the things he saw were actually happening? And then to write whatever you are seeing.

When John inquired about it..it was not a trance, it wasn't a vision, God wasn't making it up. He was actually there watching it all happen..all the events of the tribulation period and the coming Kingdom of God. In other words, it is already set out and in the mind of God as though it has already happened. God dwells in all eternity at once.

Now, God was there when it all started. And God will be there when it all ends. But the word start and "end" are not words that characterize God. God doesn't have beginning and end. God isn't cause and effect...start and finish. He has always been there. He started time and He will conclude time. One day he will say, "time shall be no more." He just set the whole thing up and He knows it. He is the greatest replay machine known to man. He sees everything at once.

I thought about it once watching a pro-football game in one of my moments of carnality. (ha) And I am watching this game and they do the re-play. And I am watching this replay and thinking.."I know what is going to happen. I just saw it." YOU know, it gave me a feeling of power...(HA) Here they are giving this little replay. And I knew exactly what was going to happen.

Now, I was watching a football game with my son. He had left the room to get some food. When he came back into the room they were showing a replay. He didn't know that. I said, "Dan, John Taylor is going to drop the ball in the end zone." My son says.."You watching a replay?"

But, I thought about that. God is like that. He knows everything. The Bible says that He knows how many days you will live before you were even born. He even knows how many times you are going to wander away from Him. That ought to blow your mind. Psalms 56:8 tells you about that. He knows the day you were going to be born. He knows the day you are going to die. He knows everything about you. Do we understand who this God is? He is the eternal God. He is absolutely timeless. Boy, that is pretty heavy.

(1) Now, people are willing to give God the Father credit on this. Turn to Psalms 90. In my opinion even if you are talking about God the Father,I believe a lot of people have faulty ideas about who He is. They say that they believe He is eternal. But they have never read the statements about that. So, they are not sure. But once you read these statements it blows your mind. The more you know on this subject the less you know. The more I study this subject the less confidence I have in what I know. That is why I thank God for the Bible. It gives me great understanding. But, it is literally impossible to know how great God is.

In Psalms 90 look at verse 1 and 2.."Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were born, or thou didst give birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."

Isn't that beautiful? I just love the way that is expressed. God is from everlasting to everlasting. He is the eternal God. I could spend this whole day and night just explaining the eternal character of God. The Bible is filled with it..

(2) But the question is..IS JESUS ETERNAL? I had a guy, standing at my door, tell me that there is no where in the Bible that says that Jesus is eternal.

Turn to Isa. 9:6. Isa chapter 9 verse 6. A good Christmas text.

(Read Isa 9:6-7)

Interesting. He is the everlasting Father. The father of the ages. The father of eternity. Now, who are we talking about? We are talking about the child that was born and the son that was given. He is called the eternal Father

I think that clearly says that the Messiah, Jesus, is the eternal God. But, turn to Hebrews chapter 7. Hebrews 7.

In the N.T. book of Hebrews we find the PERSON AND WORK OF JESUS CHRIST. And boy does it glorify Him in wonderful ways. But, in Hebrews chapter 7 I believe we have clear indication of the eternal nature of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 7:1.."For this Melchizedek"...Who ask: who in the world is that? Well, he is mentioned in Genesis 14. You say, "that doesn't tell be anything." Well hang on. "This Melchizedek, king of Salem." That means "peace." "Priest of the most high God." He is a king and a Priest....."who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings"

There was a battle in which Abraham was persuading those who had captured Lot and his family. Abraham wins the battle and brings back all the spoils. It says that Abraham is return from the slaughter of the kings. Now this guy comes out of Salem, which of course is the root word for Jerusalem. He comes out, he is a king and a Priest, and he blesses Abraham.

Vs 2 says, "to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all the spoils was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness" That is what the word "Melchizedek" means."And then also king of Salem, which is king of peace."

Now, watch this next verse. "Without father, without mother." Now, that is one interesting person. "Without father, without mother, without engealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he abides a priest perpetually or continually."

Now, there are two ways of looking at that. One, there is a historcial person who comes on the sence. He has no start..no begining. And is a type of Christ.

The second way to look at this is that this is non other than an O.T. apearance of Christ, himself. What we call a Christ-o-pher..an appearacne of Christ in the O.T.

Now, continue in the teaching of the passage it gets very interesting. Vs 24 says, "But he". Now, we are talking about Christ. "But he" Jesus, "on the other hand, because He abides forever, holds His priesthood permanently. Hence also He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."

Who are we talking about? We are talking about Jesus in that verse. ^{Now} ~~But~~, back in Vs 3 it said that he was made like the son of God and he abides a priest perpetually. The thought of the chapter is a perpetually priesthood. And that perpetually priesthood is applied to Jesus. Therefore, whether by type or acturality, Melchizedek has to be a clear teaching that Jesus never had a beginning, never had an end. No real Father or mother.

You say, "Well he was born as a baby." I know. But he existed before he was born. That is what we call the incarnation. God becoming flesh.

But, he was the eternal God who became flesh. No father or mother. No genealogy, no beginning of days, no ending of life. He remains for ever and ever. He is the eternal God.

You say, "wait a minute. That doesn't say for sure that Jesus is eternal." Isa 9:6 says it for sure. Jesus is the everlasting Father.

How many texts does it take to tell us that God Almighty is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

You say, "Where does it say that the Holy Spirit is eternal?"

Turn to Hebrews 9 and look at Vs 14. Hebrews 9:14.. "how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God." WHAT IS THE HOLY SPRIT CALLED? THE ETERNAL SPIRIT. Only God is eternal. Man is not eternal.

(3) Now, a third attribute of God is that He is omnipresent. Every where present. I want to take just a moment to describe this. What does this mean?

I happen to believe that God dwells in my physical body. I really believe this. The Bible says that my body has become the Temple of the Holy Spirit of God. I believe that God is in my body.

Now, I look at some of you seating down here. And based upon your testimony are christians. And I believe that God is dwelling in your body.

Now, let me pick on someone. AL is a Christian. AMEN.. Al you are a christian, right? I believe God, therefore, is dwelling in his body.

But, I just got through saying that God is dwelling in my body.

Now, there is _____ over there. _____ are you a christian? You had better be. (ha) Anyway.. I see _____. And _____ God dwells in your body. And yet, God is dwelling in my body. And on and on I could go..

Now, some of us by that alone have just limited our knowledge of the omnipresence of God. Because the truth is that God is also dwelling in the space in between. There is absolutely no place...and when I say place, I have just described my weakness...there is no place where you could be where God is not.

When we say "omnipresent" we mean God is everywhere present at exactly the same time.

Now, watch this carefully. Right now, God is here. But God is also on the other side of the planet. But, God is also on Mars. God is also on Saturn. God is also beyond it all. God is also dwelling in a place he calls the third heaven. NOW, HOW CAN HE BE EVERYWHERE AT ONCE? You are asking me? How do I know.

I am trying to understand. All I am saying is that is what the Bible teaches God is everywhere at once. The moment you begin to limit God and localize Him and get him down in terms you can handle, you then have a problem in your life. Which is going to cause a lot of other problems.

You see, one of my problems is trying to hide. I want to do something wrong. So, I try to hid. Don't want anybody to know about it. But, the truth is that "all things are open and naked to the eyes of God with whom we have to deal. So, how could I run away from God? It is impossible. He is everywhere.

Now, people seem to understand this about the Father. Isa 57:15 would be a good text. It speaks about his omnipresence. But, what about Jesus. Is that true about Jesus? Yes it is. Turn to Matthew 28. Matthew chapter 28.

Now, according to the Bible Jesus ascended into heaven and is now at the right hand of the throne of God. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT? That is what the Bible says...

Now, this physical body that he died in and rose again. And he is at the right hand of the throne of God in a place called heaven at this very moment.

Now, let me ask you a question. Do you believe that Jesus is here right now? I just said that the Holy Spirit is dwelling in your life and my life. IS JESUS, ALSO, DWELLING IN YOUR LIFE?

I had a Sunday School teacher say to me, once, Pastor I believe we are doing harm to our children if we ask them to ask Jesus to come into their heart. I said, "What do you mean?" "Well, he couldn't possible come into their heart if He is at the right hand of God in heaven." She said that it is really only the Holy Spirit who comes into their heart. Because Jesus is at the right hand of the throne of God in heaven."

NOW, IS IT WRONG FOR A TEACHER TO SAY THAT JESUS IS GOING TO COME INTO YOUR HEART? Of course not. Because you cannot separate them.

In John , Jesus taught that the Father and the Son will both come and make their home in you. Jesus said that they would be in you forever.

You see, a part of our problem is faulty theology. Listen, it is correct to say ..THE FATHER IS IN ME..THE SON IS IN ME...THE HOLY SPIRIT IS IN ME. They are all God. And they cannot be separated. And Jesus taught us that they would abide with us.

WHAT ABOUT JESUS SPECIFICALLY?

Matthew 28:20 Jesus said, "teacing them to observe all that I commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Now, what the false teachers say that means is that Jesus is with you in spirit. As He sits up in heaven He is thinking about you..he is praying for you.. and that is what it mean.

But it doesn't say that. It says "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS." That is what it says, Look over to Hebrews chapter 13. Hebrews chapter 13 verse 5 says.."let your life be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for HE (meaning Jesus) He has said, I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU, NOR FORSAKE YOU."

That is pretty strong, isn't it? What are we talking about? We are talking about Jesus. So, he is also with us all. He is omnipresent.

What about the Holy Spirit? Turn to Psalms 139. Psalms 139. This is one of the great text of the Bible to encourage our hearts. It deals with the knowledge of God...the presence of God..the power of God. Some wonderful things are said. I love this text. If you ever get down or discouraged, and you need something that will encourage your heart, then read Psalms 139

But, let's look at Vs 7.....(Read Vs 7-12)

Who is this talking about? Vs 7..The Holy Spirit. We cannot flee from his presences. He is everywher. So, God is omnipresent.

(4) And also God is ALL KNOWING. The Bible says that God, the Father, knows all things. But, does Jesus know allthings?

Some people have told me that Jesus didn't when he was on earth. Because the Bible says that He didn't know the day nor the hour when he would come again. Do you remember that? Matthew 24.

Now, I ask you. Did Jesus volintar restrict himself. Or, does that passage teach that he really did not know all things?

When they captured Jesus in the garden of Gethsemena, was he all powerful. Or, was he limited? Did He voluntarily restrict His divine attitubutes and power or was he really limited?

Look , please, at John chapter 2. You will probably remember this from our study of John. These are wonderful verses.

Look at John chapter 2 verse 23. God is all knowing. And that refers to the Son and the Spirit and God the Father. John 2:23..(READ Vs 23-25)

There it is. Praise be to the Lord. He is all knowing. He knows what is in every man.

In chapter 16 of John. Chapter 16 verse 30. His disciples said.. "Now we know that YOU know all things, and have no need for anyone to question YOU: by this we believe that YOU came from God."

You see, his knowledge clearly convinced the disciples that he had come from God because He knew all things

WHAT ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT? Turn to I Cor. chapter 2. I Cor 2 verse 11. Is the Holy Spirit all knowing? Does He know all things? Vs 11 says.. "For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in Him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the SPIRIT OF GOD."

Does the Spirit have the knowledge of God? Sure he does. "No one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God."

God is all knowing. The Father is.. The Son is.. and the Holy Spirit is..
(5) Number 5.. God is omnipotent (om-nip-po-tent) or, all powerful.

Now, I want you to turn to Revelation chapter 19. I think some of the neatest stuff about the omnipotence of God is in the book of Revelation. And I love to use this scripture with those who deny the Tri-unity of God.

In Revelation 19 verse 1.. we are in heaven. It is good to read these verses to understand what we are going to be doing forever.

Vs 1.. (Read Vs 1a..) Now, I would like to say something about silence. When everybody is really quiet, I get concerned. I guess I am a little funny at this point. When everybody is really quiet I get concerned.

There is the false idea that when we come to worship God we are to be silent.. AMEN".... Silence.. "The Lord is in His Holy Temple, let all the earth keep silent."... AMEN...

First of all, it said "let all the earth keep silent. It didn't say all those in the temple keep silent."

But, there is a feeling that quietness and silence is the right way to worship God.

Now, some of you are thinking.."Well, the Pastor is being critical."
NO, no..I am just having fun. I just want you to listen for a moment.

Is there any evidence that you know of in the Bible that teaches that?
I have rescreached this whole thing. I find words like "shout" "hallelujah...
"Praiseing God in song and cymbols and laud voices."

And what happens in our church? People say, "keep it down. You are to
laud." I believe I am justified. God loves loud noise..(HA) O.K.

Make a joyfull noise unto the Lord. I worry about people who are silent
all the time. They sit there and say nothing.

Hay! Do you love the Lord? Well say so. The Bible says that we ought to
say so with a Loud voice.

I wander we some of us will be comfortable in Heaven. We are going to have
to find the ushers to tone things down. It is unbelievable to me. The heaven,
are going to rung with the Praises of God. They are going to shout glory to
His name. And some of us get uncomfotable when some one says "AMEN" or they
shout or a I get a little excited in the pulpit.

I am not saying that we should go bananas here. I am saying we need to
think about our worship of God. And I think that the root of some of our
problems and our understanding and our theological thinking is in our
understanding of God and what the Bible says we should be doing towards Him.
Just think about it. All heaven is shouting out: HALLELUJAH..SALVATION AND
GLORY AND POWER BELONG TO OUR GOD.

Now, come down to Vs 5....(Read Vs 5-6)

Now, come back to chapter 1. I hope you are keeping these passage in mind.
Revelation chapter 1. You just read in chapter 19.."THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY REIGNS
Now, look at Vs 8.."I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and
who was and who is to come the ALMIGHTY..The omnipotent God.

Look at Vs 17..(READ VS 17-18)

Who is that talking about? Jesus Christ. And what is He called? Vs 8..
The Almighty..The omnipotent God.

Yes the Bible teaches that Jesus is omnipotent.

There are many ways to prove that, by the way. For example in creation: God created the heavens and the earth - Gen. 1:1. However, the Bible says that Jesus created the earth. John 1:3 says that "all things came into being through Him; and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being."

The Holy Spirit did it. Job 33 tells us very clearly that He created the earth and the universe. All parts of the trinity were involved in creation. All have the power of Almighty God.

You can prove that in creation. You can also prove that in the resurrection. In Ephesians 1:20 it says that God, the Father, raised Jesus from the dead. In John 10:18 it says that Jesus raised himself from the dead. In Romans 8:11 it says that the Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead.

Whatever act of great power that you could come up with, you will find the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit were all involved. The All powerful God (6) One last thing. God is also by very nature of the term infinite. That means "no limitations on his attributes. He is the infinite God.

Turn, please, to Job chapter 11. Job chapter 11. What is God like? Well, God is sovereign..God is eternal. He is omnipresent, He is all knowing. He is omnipotent, and he is infinite. And man is none of those.

In Job 11:7 it describes the problem we have about the infinite God when it says.....(Read Vs 7-9)

Beautiful words to describe the infinite character of almighty God.

Turn to Psalms chapter 40. Psalm 40 verse 5. In trying to understand who God is we come face to face with the concept of infinite.

Psalms 40:5 says(Read Vs 5)

Infinite..The word "infinite" means "no number." You cannot count His thoughts. You cannot count the wonderful works that God can do.

In Psalms 71 verse 15 we read..(Read Vs 15).....I do not know the sum of them. He is the infinite God.

Psalms 145 verse 3...Isn't this fun. Just turning pages..Psalms 145:3 says. (Read Vs 3) ..The infinite God/

Psalms 147:5 says....(Read Vs 5)

Romans 11:33 says that God's riches and wisdom is unsearchable.

Now, I ask you. Does it ever say that about Jesus?

Turn to Colossians chapter 2. Colossians chapter 2. Does the Bible ever teach that Jesus is infinite? Colossians 2 verse 3..The subject is Christ and verse 3 says "in whom(in Christ) are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge". DO YOU BELIEVE THAT? In Jesus are hidden all --not some--but all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Ephesians 3 verse 8 says "to me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ."

You can never study and find the end to the unfathomable riches of Christ. You can never know all there is to know about Jesus. In Christ alone it is unfathomable. His ways are past finding out. All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are in Jesus Christ.

Will what about the Holy Spirit? 2 Cor 2:10 says "For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things= even the depths of God."

God the Father is infinite. God the Son is infinte. And God the Spirit is infinite. He searches all things. Even the depths of God.

Dear friends, we believe in ONE GOD, who reveals himself to us ~~As~~ FATHER SON AND HOLY SPIRIT.

Shall we close in prayer