

Doctrinal Statement

Person of God

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Nature of God

There is only one God (Deut. 6:4; Isa. 44:6) that eternally exists in three distinct Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 13:14; Mark 1:9-13). All three are co-equal and co-eternal in essence, nature, attributes, and love with one another (John 17:24; 10:30; Gen. 1:2,26-27). While these three Persons are equal in essence, they are distinguishable in their relationships with one another (2 Thess. 2:13-17), as well as their functions in God's redemptive plan of humanity (Tit. 3:4-6; Heb. 9:14; 1 Pet. 1:2-12).

Attributes of God

God has incommunicable attributes- those which are distinct between God and humanity- such as: self-existence (John. 5:26; Exod. 3:13-14), infinite power (Matt. 19:26; Heb. 1:3), infinite knowledge (Isa. 40:28; Rom. 11:33), infinite presence (Ps. 139:7-10), eternity, perfection (Deut. 32:4; Matt. 5:48), and immutability (Ps. 102:26-27; James 1:17). He also has communicable attributes- those which He shares with humanity- such as: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Gal. 5:22); as well as holiness (1 Pet. 1:16), righteousness, justice (Ps. 89:14; Rom. 3:25-26), grace, mercy (Eph. 2:4-5), and wisdom (Rom. 11:33-34). Above all, God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness and truth, forgiving of sins, and just (Ex. 34:6-7).

God the Father

God the Father is a personal, spiritual being who is separate from and above His creation (Ex. 3:13-14; John 4:24), yet at the same time present in all of creation as its sustainer and redeemer (Ps. 139:7-10). God is unchanging in His essence, character, promises, and purposes (Mal. 3:6) but by choosing to enter into relationships with creation, He allows Himself to change with regard to His attitudes and actions (Ex. 32-33; Isa. 59:2). God knows all things, past,

present, and future (Ps. 139:1-6; Rom. 11:33), and His power is such that he is able to do whatever He wishes (Deut. 3:24; Ps. 103:19; 135:6), yet He limits Himself by choosing to partner with humanity, placing them as co-rulers on His behalf (Gen. 2; Matt. 28:18-20). God is love and desires a relationship with all of humanity (Gen. 2; 1 John 2:2; 4:16) but when people love, worship, and serve themselves or other gods, He allows them to be overtaken by the evil one, as they will have to give an account on the Day of Judgement (Rom. 1:18; 14:12; Col. 3:6).