**Topic: The Doctrine of God (General)**

**Worldview Brief: #100**

**Objective**: Understand the big picture of who God is and what scripture says about Him.

# Primary Scripture(s):

* **Psalm 147:5**: “Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.”
* **Psalm 90:2**: “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”
* **1 John 4:8**: “Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”
* **2 Corinthians 13:14:** “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

# Additional References to Consider:

# Isaiah 43:10 (There is only one God, there will never be nor has ever been another)

# Malachi 3:6 (God is immutable in nature; God does not change)

# Romans 12:19 (God is the one who will inflict justice on the evil in this world)

# Isaiah 42:8 (Glorifying God is the greatest purpose of God Himself and mankind)

# Matthew 3:16-17 (Baptism of Jesus showing the Father, Son, and Spirit)

# Psalms 33:5 (God is not only loving, but a righteous God of justice)

# Genesis 1:1 (God is the Creator of Time (beginning) Space (heaven) and Matter (earth)

# John 20:28 (Jesus Christ is the eternal God in the flesh, the second person of the Trinity)

# John 3:16 (Jesus Christ is the savior of the world for all who believe in Him)

# Hebrews 13:8 (God is the same yesterday, today, and will remain the same forever)

**Summary Statement**: God is the infinite, eternal, unchanging, all powerful and knowing creator of the universe. God has existed eternity past in a perfect community inside is oneness as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (The Trinity). God is a loving, just, righteous, holy, God (to name a few) and is the standard by which all things that are good are based on.

**Primary Points to Keep in Mind:**

1. God is self-existent and eternal in nature and there is only one God.
2. God never changes because God is perfect in holiness and righteousness.
3. God is all powerful, knowing, and sovereign over creation and the universe.
4. God is perfect in love, yet that love is balanced in justice, holiness, and mercy.
5. God is communal in nature, and eternally existed as Father, Son, and Spirit.
6. God seeks to glorify Himself and creation’s greatest purpose is to glorify God.
7. God was manifested in the flesh in Jesus Christ to save mankind from sin.

The Seven Key Points Regarding: The Doctrine of God

1. **God is self-existent and eternal in nature and there is only one God.**

**Brief Explanation**: There is only one God (Isaiah 43:10). God is eternal in nature, has always existed, and is actually the creator of time itself (Genesis 1:1) because time is part of the universe (which is created). How can God be the uncaused cause? Logic says things that go from not existing to existing need a reason for that transition. God on the other hand always existed, so He doesn’t need a cause.

1. **God never changes because God is perfect in holiness and righteousness.**

**Brief Explanation:** God never changes (Malachi 3:6) and never needs to change, God is already perfect. God has been the same for all time, and will remain the same (Hebrews 13:8). God is not only perfect; God is the standard for perfection. All things good are good because they are compatible with the nature and purposes of God, all things evil are contrary to God’s nature.

1. **God is all powerful, knowing, and sovereign over creation and the universe.**

**Brief Explanation:** God is infinite in power and knowledge (Psalms 147:5) which leads to His sovereign control over all things. God’s power is seen primarily through creation, God brought a universe into existence from nothing simply by speaking. God has all knowledge and power.

1. **God is perfect in love, yet that love is balanced in justice, holiness, and mercy.**

**Brief Explanation:** God is love, by nature, because Godly love (agape in Greek) is a way of explaining how God treats an relates to Himself (Father, Son, and Spirit) and mankind. While God is loving, God is also a good judge who will bring justice. Justice and love are balanced.

1. **God is communal in nature, and eternally existed as Father, Son, and Spirit.**

**Brief Explanation:** Love is only actualized and shown in relationship, for God to be love by nature He must be relational by nature too, and that’s exactly what scripture says. God, who is singular, exists in three persons (relational entities) God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is one (Isa. 43:10) in being and three in personhood (2 Cor. 13:14, Mat. 3:16-17). Three are one.

1. **God seeks to glorify Himself and creation’s greatest purpose is to glorify God.**

**Brief Explanation:** The greatest aim of God is to bring Himself glory (Isa. 48:2) and is also the purpose of creation itself (Psalms 19) and mankind. God’s glory is the greatest good possible.

1. **God was manifested in the flesh in Jesus Christ to save mankind from sin.**

**Brief Explanation:** Jesus Christ is God (John 20:28) in flesh, come to save mankind from the punishment of sin. Jesus Christ is fully God, and fully man, and the only savior (John 3:16).