

Theological Series—Our Triune God of Love

10:30 Morning Worship Service:

1 John 4:7-16

Love Within the Godhead

- 1. Who is God and how do you know?**
- 2. He has revealed Himself in the Bible.**
- 3. One God in Three Persons: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.**
- 4. This relationship is at the heart of God's Essence.**
- 5. All Three Love One Another Perfectly—God Is Love.**
- 6. This Love Has Been Lavished Upon Us.**

Conclusion: The God of the Bible, the Christian God, is unique in all of Human History. He alone is God, the true and living God, and there is none like Him. At the same time He exists forever as three distinct persons while remaining one God. This truth, what we call the *doctrine of the Trinity* is of great comfort to all who place our faith in Him. For He alone is worthy to be praised and His essence requires that He is good and loving so that our praise never misshapes Him. He is forever loving and true. His generous, overflowing love continues to delight within the Trinity and to overflow upon us as Christ's Beloved.

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⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because **God is love**. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent **his only Son** into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, **if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another**. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his **Spirit**. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that **the Father** has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. **God is love**, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Galatians 4:1-7

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

4. What is God?

God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

5. Are there more Gods than one?

There is but one only, the living and true God.

6. How many persons are there in the Godhead?

There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.