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***Welcome To The  
New Testament Baptist Church***

*Current Series*  
***Bible Doctrine***

*Today's Message*  
***The Nature of God***

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# Introduction

- **John 4:24**
  - We must be grounded in Who God is
- Secular mindset: Whoever God is to you that's Who God is  
But....
  - You cannot make God be anything you want
  - God is who He is, and He is not changed or fashioned after our own design or thinking

# God is Spirit

- **Definition:** He is an immaterial substance. God is a pure spirit, not possessing or inhabiting a body, because of his invisibility.
  - Col. 1:15; Heb. 11:27; I Tim. 1:17

J.P. Boyce - “When we ascribe spirituality to God, we do not intend simply to assert that He possesses a spiritual nature, but that His nature is exclusively spiritual. By this we mean that He is has not material organization, that He has neither body nor members of the body such as we have.”

- Some Scriptures ascribe bodily parts to God in a metaphorical sense so that our finite minds can comprehend His attributes in some measure.
  - Eyes: Prov. 15:3
  - Arm: Exodus 6:6
  - Face: Ps. 27:8
  - Other passages speak of God's back, hand and foot
- This helps us to understand God's relationship to us

# Characteristics of God's Spirituality

- 1) *God is eminently above all spiritual beings. Heb. 12:9*
  - All spiritual being derive their existence from God
- 2) *God is an incorruptible spirit. Rom. 1:23*
  - God is not subject to moral or natural corruption
- 3) *God is an immortal spirit. I Tim. 1:17; 6:15-16*
  - God cannot die and all life comes from Him
- 4) *God is an invincible spirit.*
  - God cannot be hurt or overwhelmed by anyone or anything

# The Spiritual Nature of God is Essential to His Deity and Attributes

- 1) *Immensity implies spirituality. Ps. 139:7-10*
  - God cannot be measured or limited by space
- 2) *Eternity implies spirituality.*
  - God cannot be measured or limited by time
- 3) *Independence implies spirituality. Rom. 11:33-36*
  - God needs nothing
- 4) *Immutability implies spirituality. Mal. 3:6; James 1:17*

# God is One

- Deuteronomy 6:4 – “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD.”
  - God, in His essence is indivisible and undivided
- Polytheism: The doctrine of a plurality of gods or invisible beings superior to man.
- Monotheism: The doctrine or believe of the existence of one God only.
  - The doctrine of the Trinity does not teach 3 gods

## Conclusion

- Understanding the true nature of God is important.
  - Having a proper understanding of God is vital for where we go next in our Christian life

“We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God. This is true not only of the individual Christian, but of the company of Christians that composes the Church.”

A.W. Tozer

- Our direction needs to be guided by an unadulterated view of Who God is.