

ONLY GOD

(Homecoming 2012 message)

TEXT: Psalm 86:8-10

INTRODUCTION: While we have rightly honored **people** today who were instrumental in laying the foundation for this church and nurturing and supporting it for 47 years, we would be wrong to convey the impression that Friendship Baptist Church can be explained in human terms. The only adequate explanation for this ministry is – **“GOD”!** He was the Architect and Builder. He provided for it and protected it. He called its pastors and gave them to this congregation. He has foiled the attempts of Satan to divide, dilute, and distract again and again. He alone has preserved the integrity of this ministry, and to Him alone must go all the glory!

OUTLINE: What qualities does the Bible attribute only to God?

- I. Only God does “Wondrous Things.”**
(Psalm 72:18; 86:10)
 - A.** He created the worlds (2 Kgs. 19:15; Neh. 9:6).
 - B.** He is building the church (Matt. 16:18; Jer. 3:15).
 - C.** He protects His own (Isa. 37:20).

- II. Only God is True.**
(John 17:3)
 - A.** Jesus is God (Jn. 1:1; 10:34; 20:28; Tit. 2:13).
 - B.** Jesus is Truth personified (Jn. 1:14; 14:6).

- III. Only God can Forgive Sins.**
(Mark 2:7)
 - A.** No other man can forgive sins (Ps. 51:4).
 - B.** The Bible nowhere teaches self-forgiveness.

- IV. Only God is Wise.**
(Romans 16:27; 1 Timothy 1:17; Jude 25)
 - A.** He alone is omniscient (Ps. 147:5).
 - B.** He alone dispenses wisdom (1 Cor. 1:30; Ja. 1:5).

CONCLUSION: God alone is totally self-sufficient. He can “do it all.” The only adequate explanation for the created worlds, for the Church, and for the sustaining of all things is **“God.”**

In view of this great truth, how should we respond? The answer is in Psalm 62:5

*“My soul wait thou **only** upon God.”* Let us honestly examine ourselves to make sure that we have no other secret confidences. We must be convinced of our absolute helplessness and of God’s all-sufficiency.