

There is Only One God - A Christian Foundational Truth

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I Corinthians 15:24-25,28 Then cometh the end, when he (Jesus) shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

Introduction: The "*Statement of Fundamental Truths*" are the CORE BELIEFS of OUR FAITH – the FOUNDATION of WHAT WE BELIEVE! **They are non-negotiable tenets of faith.**

Understanding and adhering to Christian doctrine is crucial and essential for the following reasons:

1. Foundational Doctrine forms the basis of faith and everyday Christian practice
2. Foundational Doctrine guides believers in their relationship with God and with one another
3. Foundational Doctrine shapes Christian understanding of salvation and morality
4. Foundational Doctrine serve as a litmus test to identify true Christian teaching
5. By grasping these fundamental beliefs, Christians can navigate their faith with clarity and confidence, ensuring that their beliefs align with the core tenets of Christianity. (*ref. Statement of Fundamental Truths, Assembly of God*)

The FIRST Sermon in this series was, “The Bible is the Inspired Word of God.”

The 3-legged Table - the Foundation of our Faith in the Bible:

- The Inspiration of the Scriptures – The Bible contains the actual “WORDS of GOD to MAN.”
- The Bible is “WITHOUT ERROR.”
- The Bible is “TRUSTWORTHY.” “GOD’S PROMISES are UNCHANGING & RELIABLE.”

I. The SECOND Fundamentals of Truth SERMON is, “THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD.”

God is the eternal “I AM,” the Creator of heaven and earth, the Redeemer of mankind, & revealed in scripture as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

II. As Stated in the Bible - Who is God? God is:

1. *The Creator of the World!*
2. *The Lord and Master of all Christians on earth and in heaven!*
3. *Our Heavenly Father, who we communicate with in daily prayers!*
4. *Our Redeemer and Savior!*
5. *Both our Judge and Advocate at the same time!*
6. *Our source of power to live a Victorious Life over temptation, sin, & the Kingdom of Darkness!*
7. *Our Provider – our Great Shepherd who provides all the things we need!*
8. *Our Protector – our safe Tower of Refuge. Our shield and shelter in time of help!*
9. *Our Anchor in a shifting and continuously changing world!*
10. *Our Healer when we are sick or when doctors no longer can help!*
11. *Our Friend and Counselor that always leads us down the right path of life!*
12. *Our Teacher and Guide to what’s RIGHT or WRONG and into all TRUTH!*
13. *Our Corrector and Chastiser when we begin to STRAY!*
14. *Our Source of Comfort when we are discouraged or mourning over the loss of a Loved One!*
15. *Our Osias and Encourager who sends words of encouragement and spiritual refreshing!*
16. *Our Spring of Everlasting Joy that rises up continuously throughout our journey!*
17. *Our Peace in the midst of a Troubled Season!*
18. *Our Friend who understands us like no one else and stays by us closer than a brother!*
19. *The Eternal King of Heaven, Head of the Church, and the soon coming Ruler of all the Earth!*

20. Our Hope of Today and Our Eternal Future!

III. Why we Believe & Teach the “Trinity of God” - God in 3 Persons:

(1). The Teaching of the Trinity Rests upon the Bedrock of Scripture – a Solid Biblical Foundation:

- **TEXT - I John 5:7** For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
- **Matthew 3:16-17** And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the *Spirit of God descending like a dove*, and lighting upon him: And lo a *voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son*, in whom I am well pleased.
- **II Corinthians 13:14** (*Apostle Paul's Salutation*) The grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and the **love of God**, and the **communion of the Holy Ghost**, be with you all. Amen.

(2). Jesus taught about the Trinity:

- **John 5:20-23** For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will show him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.
- **John 14:7-10** If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.
- **John 16:7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.
- **Acts 1:4-5** And, being assembled together with them, (*Jesus*) commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but **wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.**

IV. The Mystery of our Triune God – The Mystery of the Godhead

1) The Truth is - Our God is a Great Mystery and we know very little about Him:

Romans 11:33-36 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! **how unsearchable are his judgments**, and **his ways past finding out!** For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory forever.

2) Some things the scripture teaches us about the Trinity:

- *It is impossible to separate the Trinity - When we see one member of the Trinity – we see the entirety of God in His Fulness – The Trinity is inseparable!*
- *Each member of the Trinity has a Distinct Identity – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. -- The Father is the Father; the Son is the Only Begotten of the Father; and the Holy Spirit is the One proceeding from the Father and the Son.*
THE GREAT COMMISSION – (JESUS COMMANDED) **Matthew 28:19** *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*
- *Each member of the Trinity has a Proper Position – God the Father sits upon the Throne in Heaven – God the Son sits at His right hand and is the High Priest of heaven – God the Holy Spirit (HIS FUTURE POSITION IN HEAVEN IS A MYSTERY) yet - today – HE dwells upon the Earth*

- in the Believer's heart, convicting sinners, presiding over the church, restraining evil, overseeing the work of Christ!

○ *Each member of the Trinity shares the same Nature and Attributes – EXODUS 34 - GOD IS LOVE – GOD IS GOOD – GOD IS FORGIVING – GOD IS MERCIFUL – GOD IS GRACIOUS – GOD IS LONGSUFFERING – GOD WILL BY NO MEANS CLEAR THE GUILTY ...*

○ *Each member of the Trinity possesses the Full Deity of God - Each One is to be Honored as God*
Luke 12:10 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.

V. Closing:

Samaritan Woman at the Well – **John 4:19-26** The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, *that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship*. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **God is a Spirit**; and they that worship him **must worship him in spirit and in truth**. The woman saith unto him, *I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ*: when he is come, he will tell us all things. **Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.**

We find SOME interesting proclamations by Jesus about the Trinity:

○ *God is a Spirit – He is a Being without a PHYISCAL BODY or HUMAN LIMITATIONS – HE IS GOD ALMIGHTY!*

○ *How to Properly WORSHIP GOD:*

○ *SALVATION IS OF THE JEWS – He is not the God of other Religions – Abraham did not make a covenant with the Muslim's God! True Salvation comes only through the Jewish Jesus!*

Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

○ *THE PLACE of WORSHIP is NOT IMPORTANT - the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.*

○ *ALL MUST WORSHIP GOD in a SPECIFIC WAY - IN SPIRIT and IN TRUTH -*

▪ *In Spirit - from within the HEART - WHERE THE SPIRIT OF MAN LIVES*

▪ *In Truth – with an honest and open HEART to God seeking to obey Biblical Truth*

○ *Jesus proclaimed, He was (is) – MORE THAN A PROPHET – He was (is) the Son of God – the TRUE Messiah – I that speak unto thee am he.*

Exodus 3:13-15 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM**; and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: **this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.**

GOD ISN'T REQUIRED TO EXPLAIN HIMSELF TO US. HE IS WHO HE SAYS HE IS!

WE ARE REQUIRED TO ACCEPT HIM BY FAITH AS HE HAS REVEALED HIMSELF TO BE!

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Psalms 77:13-14 ...*who is so great a God as our God? Thou art the God that doest wonders*