

01 • God: One or Three?

Nothing matters more than having a relationship with God. Knowing God is more significant than knowing anything else (Hos 6:3; John 17:3). And yet, God is **always** more than I can understand and greater than I can grasp (John 1:18; Rom 1:23; 1 Tim 1:17; 6:16).

One of the great truths revealed in the Bible is that there is only _____ God (Deut 6:4). And yet, we read of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. How can this be?

Do you ever get lonely? You know what that feels like because you are one being who is one person. You're not a *duality* (one being who is two persons) or a *trinity* (one being who is three persons), you're a *unity*—one being who is one person. When you're alone, you might get lonely because it's just you, by yourself.

But God is more. God is **one being** in _____ **persons**. Not three Gods; just one. Not one person; three persons. What does that *mean*? What's it look like? Maybe the best place to start is to notice how these events are described:

- Jesus' _____ (Matt 3:16-17)
- Jesus' _____ (Matt 28:18-20)
- John's _____ (John 3:34-35)
- Jesus' _____ (John 14:25-26)

We'll learn this month that God the Father fulfilled a wonderful plan to send God the Son to save us and God the Spirit to guide us. God is **above** us, **for** us, and **with** us! Nothing else, no one else is like our God. He is more glorious than we can possibly imagine!



For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ A key term or idea used in Scripture to describe God is *deity*. How do these passages help us understand a little more about God's nature:
 - Acts 17:29?
 - Romans 1:20?
 - Colossians 1:15-19?
 - Colossians 2:8-9?
- ▶ What about other beings? Are humans "**divine**" beings? Do angels have "**divine nature**"? Is Satan "**deity**"? If not, what does that mean?
- ▶ We noticed four instances where Father, Son and Spirit are evident or referenced. What else can we learn from:
 - Peter's message to Cornelius and his household (Acts 10:36-38)?
 - Paul's prayer for the saints in Corinth (2 Cor 13:14)?
 - Paul's message of unity in Christ for Jews and Gentiles (Eph 2:13-18)?
 - The introduction of Peter's first epistle (1 Pet 1:1-2)?

