

**Bible Doctrine 101**  
**Session 1: Who is God?**  
A Study of Theology Proper

**Why Should We Study Theology?**

1. It gives us \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It impacts the way we choose to live.
3. It allows us to articulate our \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1 Peter 3:15

**I. Can we know God?**

1. We all have a \_\_\_\_\_ to know God.

2. We can \_\_\_\_\_ God, yet we cannot \_\_\_\_\_ all there is to know.

- Job 11:7; Isaiah 40:18; 1 John 5:20

3. God Himself is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our knowledge. All truth is God's truth.

- Ever since sin entered the world, man has worked to introduce his own truth into the equation.

4. God initiated the process of \_\_\_\_\_ Himself. God wanted us to know Him! See: Galatians 1:15-16

5. When you know Him, you can:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (John 17:3)
- Grow (2 Peter 3:18)

- Beware (Hebrews 10:26-27)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 11:33-36)

6. When you look at yourself, you see the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

## II. How can we know God?

### A. \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation

1. Creation (Psalm 19:1-6)

- Examples: Seasons, Human Body, Finely Tuned Universe

2. \_\_\_\_\_

- A moral, intelligent, living being must come from a moral, intelligent, living maker.

### B. \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Timothy 3:16)

2. Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:15)

## III. What is God's character?

God is:

1. \_\_\_\_\_: He exists endlessly. (Psalm 90:2)
2. Free: He is independent of His creation. (Isaiah 40:13-14)
3. Holy: He is separate from all that is common or unclean. (Isaiah 6:3-5)
4. \_\_\_\_\_: He is unchangeable. (Malachi 3:6)
5. Love: He is love, not loving. He seeks the good of the loved. (1 John 4:8)
6. Omnipotent: He has all power. (Genesis 17:1)

7. \_\_\_\_\_: All of Him is in all places at all times. (Psalm 139:7-11)
8. Omniscient: He knows everything. (Hebrews 4:13)
9. Sovereign: He is the supreme power. (Proverbs 16:4)
10. True: He is truth, not he tells the truth. (Romans 3:4)

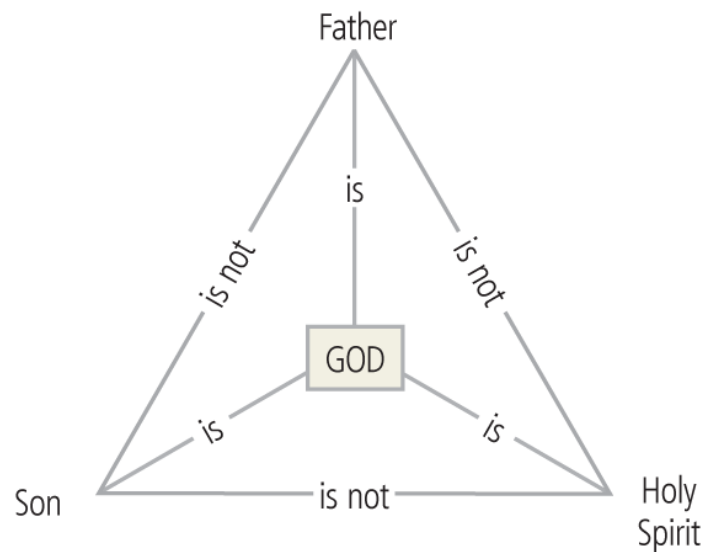
#### IV. What is God called?

1. Elohim
  - Used 2,570 times in the Old Testament. Translated as “God”
  - “Strong one, mighty leader”
2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Used 5,321 times in the Old Testament. Translated as “LORD”
  - “Self-existent one”. I AM. Jehovah. (Genesis 2:4, Psalm 57:9)
3. Adonai
  - “Lord, master, owner.” (Joshua 5:14)
4. God
  - Greek: *Theos*. Most common designation in New Testament.
  - This word designates Jesus as God (John 1:1)
5. \_\_\_\_\_
  - Used 717 times in the New Testament. Understood easily by Greek culture. (Romans 10:9)
  - A term of surrender. (Luke 6:46)
6. \_\_\_\_\_
  - A distinctive revelation of the New Testament. Used 15 times in the Old Testament, but 245 times in the New Testament. (Galatians 4:6)

## V. What is God's nature?

- The most unique doctrine in all of Christianity is that our God is one, yet He is \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is affirmed as God. (John 6:27)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is affirmed as God. (Colossians 1:17, Matthew 28:18)
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is affirmed as God. (Acts 5:3-4, John 3:5-8)



*No one has seen the sun, but we have seen its light. We have seen its power. No man has seen the Father, but we have seen the Son. Through the Holy Spirit, we see God's power.*