



# Deeper

ANCIENT TRUTHS THAT ANCHOR US



Center City Church

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# **The Doctrine of GOD**

*GOD IS Beyond us and Near to us*

# GOD IS: The One Beyond us and Near to us

1 *Who* GOD is

2 *How* we know who GOD is

3 *Why* it matters who GOD is

4 *Our response* to who GOD is

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# 1 *Who* GOD is

*I AM WHO I AM* tells us...

1. GOD has no equal

1. GOD has always been and always will be

1. GOD is all you need

1. GOD knows us and wants to be known by us



## 2 How we know who GOD IS - CREATION

Romans 1:19-20

***19** For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. **20** For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.*

## 2 *How we know who GOD IS - GOD's WORD*

Hebrews 1:1

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## 2 How we know who GOD IS - GOD's SON

Hebrews 1:1-2

Long ago, at many times and in many ways,  
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but  
in these last days he has spoken to us by his  
Son,

## 2 How we know who GOD IS - GOD's SON

John 1:1-3

*1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.*

## 2 How we know who GOD IS - GOD's SON

### **John 1:14**

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

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*Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that **I AM** [He], you will die in your sins. (John 8:24)*

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*Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I AM [He], and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.” (John 8:28)*

## 2 *How we know who GOD IS - GOD's SON*

*Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM.**” (John 8:58)*



## 2 *How we know who GOD IS - GOD's SON*

*Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that **I AM**. (John 13:19)*

## 2 How we know who GOD IS - GOD's SON

*Jesus...went forward and said to them, “Whom are you seeking?” They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I AM [He].” ... Now when He said to them, “I am [He],” they drew back and fell to the ground. (John 18:4-6)*

### *3 Why it matters who GOD IS*

*God-less : God is small or non-existent*

*God-positive : God is big and distant*

### 3 *Why it matters who GOD IS*

God-*less* seeks joy and life on their own

God-*positive* uses God as a MEANS to  
get joy and life

God-*centered* has experienced God as  
the ONE WHO IS joy and life

### 3 *Why it matters who GOD IS*

Jesus said... *“I have come that they may have life, and have it in all its fullness.”*

(John 10:10)

This is our “WHY” for our EACH ONE. LOVE ONE. Gospel initiative

*3 How do we respond to who GOD is*

## **Romans 5:5**

*God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to  
us.*

### *3 How we respond to who GOD is*

#### **Romans 8:15**

**15** For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

### *3 What we can do to know who GOD IS*

#### **Prayer:**

“Father, pour your Spirit into my life, so I can see your Son, and truly know you.”

#### **Praise:**

Psalm 67:3 *“Let the peoples praise you, oh God.  
Let all the peoples praise you!”*