

"GOD IS"

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GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO "DIE-FORS"

- 4 Levels: Die For, Divide Over, Debate Together, Decide for Ourselves
- *"Divisive people are ones who elevate lower-level issues to divide-fors."*
"False teachers treat die-for issues as questions open for humble discussion."
- Grids for deciding levels:
 - Exegetical certainty? Theological Importance? Biblical Emphasis? Historical Agreement in the Church?
 - CERTAINTY: Biblical certainty based on clarity and frequency in the Scriptures. CENTRALITY: Effect on other doctrines, including the character of God and the definition of the Gospel. CONSEQUENCES: Importance and impact among God's people. CONSISTENCY: The historical testimony of the Church about the certainty, centrality, and consequences among God's people.
- Another model: Dogma, Doctrine, Theory, Speculation (*compared to Scientific Law, Principle, Theory/Hypothesis, Speculation*).

THE "DIE-FORS" ABOUT GOD

4) Introduction

- a) *"What we believe about God does not matter at all, but it makes all the difference."*
- b) Where should we begin? With God or with His Self-revelation?

5) Our Statement of Faith about God:

- a) ***We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.***

6) NINE STATEMENTS:

- a) **GOD IS** (*Romans 1:19-20, 2:14-15*)

- i) We are not _____!

- b) **GOD IS** _____ (*Isaiah 40:12, 25-28*)

- i) He is _____ enough!

- c) **GOD IS** _____ (**morally**) (*Isaiah 6:2-3; Luke 18:18-19*)

- i) He _____ does right!

- d) **GOD IS** _____ (**in covenant-faithful love**) (*1 John 4:7-9*)

- i) He always does the _____!

- e) **GOD IS THREE-IN-ONE** (*Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Peter 1:2*)

- i) He shares a _____ with us!

- f) **GOD IS THE CREATOR . . .**

- i) of _____ things, (*Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-3*)

- ii) from _____, (*Hebrews 11:3; Romans 4:17*)

- iii) in freedom. (*Nehemiah 9:6; Isaiah 40:18; Acts 17:24-25*)

- g) **GOD IS** _____ (*Isaiah 55:8-9*)

- h) **GOD IS "UNITY/SIMPLICITY"**

- i) *To worship God as He is NOT is to commit idolatry. To desire to become like God without knowing Who He is and "how He thinks" is "man-made religion."*

- i) **GOD IS . . . the great, good, good, Trinity, _____ in His Son, Jesus Christ, with His attributes in _____ at the Savior's cross.**

"But we know the WHO!"

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