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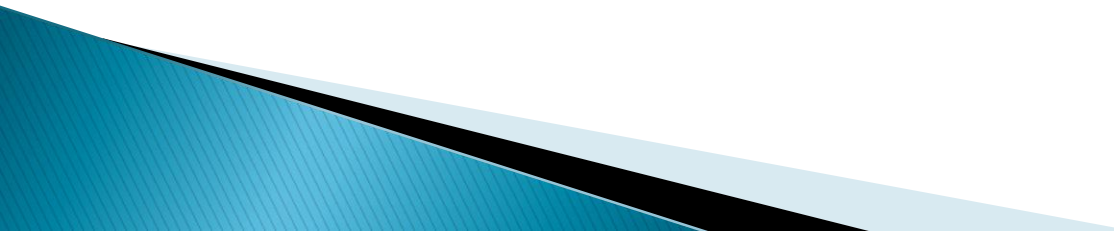
A Study

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Article II – God

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, and Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.



God's Uniqueness

- ▶ There is one and only one living God.
- ▶ There is one and only one true (authentic/genuine) God.
 - Key Scriptures
 - John 17:3
 - 1 Corinthians 8:4, 6
 - Deuteronomy 6:4
 - Jeremiah 10:10

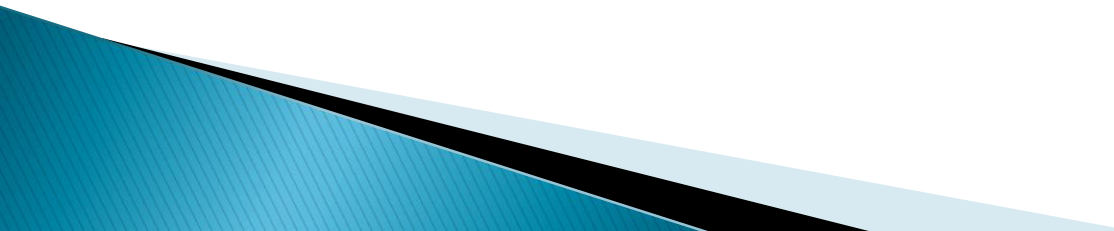
God's Person

- ▶ God is an intelligent Being.
 - Ps. 40:5, 17; 139:17; Amos 4:3; 1 Cor. 2:11
- ▶ God is a spiritual Being.
 - John 4:24; John 1:18; 1 Tim. 1:17; 6:15–16
- ▶ God is a personal Being.
 - Exod. 3:14

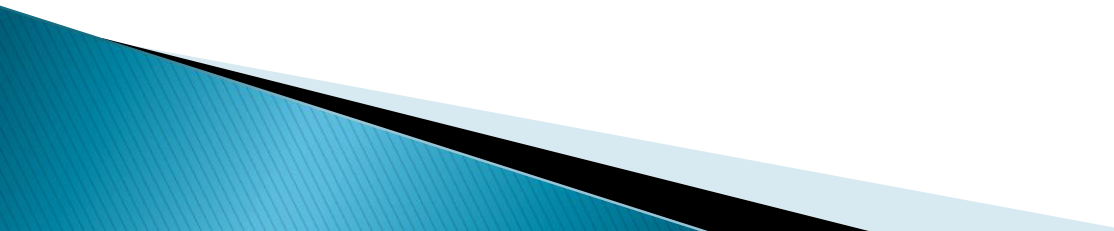
God's Actions

- ▶ God is Creator.
 - Gen. 1:1–2:4
 - Ps. 19
 - Col. 1:16, 17a
- ▶ God is Redeemer.
 - Exod. 6–12
 - Mk. 10:45
 - Col. 1:13–14
- ▶ God is Preserver.
 - Matt. 10:29
 - Heb. 11:3
 - Col 1:17a
- ▶ God is Ruler.
 - 1 Chr. 29:11–12
 - Dan. 4:17
 - Rev. 19:11–16

God's Character and Attributes

- ▶ God is Holy.
 - Lev. 11:44
 - ▶ God is all powerful (Omnipotence).
 - ▶ God is all knowing (Omniscience).
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God's Expectations

- ▶ Humankind's love.
 - ▶ Humankind's reverence.
 - ▶ Humankind's obedience.
 - Key Text: Matt. 22:36–40
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God's Nature

- ▶ God is eternal.
 - Psalm 90:1–2
 - Jude 25
 - Ephesians 3:21
- ▶ God is triune.
 - God the Father
 - God the Son
 - God the Holy Spirit