**Who is God?**

Understanding the Nature of God

(The Doctrine of the Trinity)

**Today: The 1NESS OF GOD**

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1. **Every cult or false religion has a misconception or perversion of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
2. **God can be defined \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

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* **1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* **Many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**\*\*\*\*Sidewalk interviews\*\*\*\***<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rBKSuxtKBg> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_8RBhsVOgI> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nll1NjUVFA>

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*Atheism vs theism, then...Monotheism vs polytheism (Israel and Judea) Judaism rejects everything about Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and salvation. It is a different God they believe in today and is a false religion. Islam embraces Jesus but only as a prophet and teacher. Mormonism believes Jesus is the spirit brother of satan! Jehovah's witnesses reject Jesus as God and believe he was an angel Created by God.*

1. **Every cult or false religion (defined socially and/or theologically) has a misconception or perversion of the nature of God**.

Important to allow God to define Himself. There are many opinions but His opinion is the only one that counts.

1. **God can be defined ontologically and relationally.**

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* + Who is God Ontologically? Kim, ontologically is a human female, born June 5, 1970 enough said. But God?
	+ Who is God Relationally? Kim is a sweet compassionate person who is encouraging and forgiving.

*Relationally - I could never believe in a God who would send people to hell. A rejection of God’s character not God’s existence. I don't like that type of God. We don't have a choice- he is who he is and we don't define him! He defines himself. There are many opinions but God has already defined himself & we must stick with his definition.*

*Richard Dawkins (the God Delusion) presumes that if you believe God exists and created the universe then you have a bigger problem- you have to answer the question who or what made God. But this is circular reasoning because it gets you nowhere.  But if God is eternal then this dilemma is solved. Eternal universe or eternal God?*

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* **1LORD** Lord lord
* **1SAVIOR**...there is one way to heaven. Yes this is a narrow minded statement. " I just refuse to believe in a God that rejects other religions" God loves you and wants to forgive you so because he knows what's best for us, he HATES theses religions because they deceive. Msg to Judea!
* **1VOICE**..when God spoke, miracles happened & people became witnesses of his power & His glory.
* **Many witnesses**!!!!!!!!!!!!People were watching when Elijah challenged the 600 prophets of Baal! Largest valley in the land! Baal was silent but God spoke loudly!
* It's not that he got here 1st, he's the only one here!!!!
* How does God feel when people are ignoring him and listening to statues of deities that don't exist? I wonder how we would feel if something nonexistent were deceiving our kids? It hurts when you are being ignored!
* Allah or Judaism or the gods of Mormonism, the watchtower are no different. They are fakes and people are following fakes! That hurts God he hates deception! We must love people but hate the false religions that deceive them.
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**Athanasian Creed**

Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith;

Which faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the catholic faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;

Neither confounding the persons nor dividing the substance.

For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one, the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit.

The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated.

The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Spirit incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal.

And yet they are not three eternals but one eternal.

As also there are not three uncreated nor three incomprehensible, but one uncreated and one incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Spirit almighty.

And yet they are not three almighties, but one almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God;

And yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord;

And yet they are not three Lords but one Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge every Person by himself to be God and Lord;

So are we forbidden by the catholic religion to say; There are three Gods or three Lords.

The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone; not made nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And in this Trinity none is afore or after another; none is greater or less than another.

But the whole three persons are coeternal, and coequal.

So that in all things, as aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

He therefore that will be saved must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe rightly the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

30. For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man.

31. God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and man of substance of His mother, born in the world.

32. Perfect God and perfect man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.

33. Equal to the Father as touching His Godhead, and inferior to the Father as touching His manhood.

34. Who, although He is God and man, yet He is not two, but one Christ.

35. One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of that manhood into God.

36. One altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

37. For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ;

38. Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead;

39. He ascended into heaven, He sits on the right hand of the Father, God, Almighty;

40. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

41. At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies;

42. and shall give account of their own works.

43. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

44. This is the catholic faith, which except a man believe faithfully he cannot be saved