**Edward Christian Church- “*God: Who is He?”* -pt5b Dec 13, 2016**

People of All **Ages**, **Lifestyles** ask the same **questions**, *"Does God* ***know*** *me?" "Does God* ***love*** *me?" "Can God ever* ***forgive*** *me?"* **Underneath** these questions lies an even more **basic issue**. **What** is God really **like**... **Who is He?**

Characteristics **of Each Member of the Trinity**

People want to **know** who God **is**, what He **does** and **why** He does things the **way** He does. To **answer** these **questions**, we must **understand**, *"Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him"* -**Heb 11:6**

Natural **Attributes..*The essential being of God,* characterizes Him** Inwardly

* **Incomprehensible**—Unfathomable **and** **Mysterious**
*"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!" -***Romans 11:33**
	+ **Since** *God is incomprehensible,* **there is** always more **to learn about Him. We Can** discover **the** mystery **of all that He is as He** chooses **to reveal Himself**
* **Self*-***Existent—**Life** **in** Himself
*"The Father has life in himself so he has granted the Son to have life in himself."* **-John 5:26**
	+ **Since****God is**Self-Existent*,* **He** **can** never **be** destroyed, die or cease to exist. **He will** always **be there for me.**
* **Self-**Sufficient—Within **Himself**, **God is** able to **act**
*"From him and through him and to him are all things." -***Romans 11:36**
	+ **Since****God is**Self-Sufficient*,* **He does not** **need** anything **or** anyone **else to** accomplish **His will for me.**
* **Infinite**—Boundless
*"Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast……." -***Psalm 139:7-12**
	+ **Since****God is**Infinite*,* **His** power and presence **know no** limit, **and He can do as He** pleases **in my life.**
* **Transcendent**—Above **All**
*"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."-***Isaiah 55:9**
	+ **Since** **God is** Transcendent, **I can** trust **His** perspective**, which is** beyond **mine.**
* **Sovereign**—**Supreme** Ruler
    *"All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: 'What have you done?'"* -**Daniel 4:35**
	+ **Since****God is**Sovereign*,* **He rules over** all things**/ His will** cannot **be thwarted.**

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