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—<u>Unfathomable</u> 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 <u>always more</u> to learn about Him. We Can discover the mystery of all that He is as He chooses to reveal Himself
- Self-<u>Existent</u>—Life in <u>Himself</u>

"The Father has life in himself so he has granted the Son to have life in himself." -John 5:26

• Since God is <u>Self-Existent</u>, He can <u>never</u> be <u>destroyed</u>, <u>die</u> or <u>cease to exist</u>. He will <u>always</u> be there for me.

• Self-<u>Sufficient</u>—<u>Within</u> Himself, God is able to act

"From him and through him and to him are all things." -Romans 11:36

- Since God is <u>Self-Sufficient</u>, He does not need <u>anything</u> or <u>anyone</u> else to <u>accomplish</u> 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 <u>Infinite</u>, His <u>power</u> and <u>presence</u> know no <u>limit</u>, and He can do as He <u>pleases</u> in my life.
- Transcendent—<u>Above</u> 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 <u>Transcendent</u>, I can <u>trust</u> His <u>perspective</u>, which is <u>beyond</u> 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 <u>Sovereign</u>, He rules over <u>all things</u>/ His will <u>cannot</u> be thwarted.