**Edward Christian Church- “*God: Who is He?”* -pt4a November 22, 2016**

People of All **Ages**, **Lifestyles**, **Arenas** of Life 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?**

**Questions About God**

It seems there are **many** different **views** / **opinions** about **God**. *"****How*** *can God be* ***three*** *in* ***one****?" "****Why*** *is it* ***necessary*** *to* ***believe*** *in* ***Jesus****, wasn't He* ***just*** *a* ***man****?" "****Why*** *does it* ***matter*** *if there is a* ***Trinity****?"* These **questions** are most **often sincere**. Yet at times they are raised **only** as a **smoke** screen to **shun** any personal **accountability** to **God** for **change**.

 *"The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'"* **-Psalm 14:1**

* **Question: *"****How* ***Many*** *True* ***Gods are here?"***
* There is **Only One True God**.

 *"I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God."* **-Isaiah 45:5**

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* **Question: *"Where*** *Did* ***God Come From?"***

This is a **logical question**. God has **No Beginning** and **No End**. We can’t **Fully Understand** a **Being** who has **Always Been** because we are **Limited By Time**. **But** God is **Not Measured** by **Time**; rather He **Measures Time** by **Himself**. His **Eternal Nature** is to **Result** in our **Awe** and **Worship** of Him rather than our **Intellectual Understanding** of Him.

 *"Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from*

 *everlasting to everlasting you are God." -***Psalm 90:2**

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* **Question: *"Does*** *the* ***Bible*** *Say There Are* ***Three Gods?"***
* **No.** The Bible **Clearly Teaches** that there is **One God** in **Three Persons**.

 *"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one." -***Deuteronomy 6:4**

This word ***One*** in Hebrew is ***echad***, which means ***"united one."*** For **Example**, at a grocery store you will see one **Bunch** of bananas, a **Stalk** of celery or one **Cluster** of grapes.

* ***Echad*** is a **Compound Unity**. In Scripture a compound unity is seen in these examples:
	+ **Two Persons** becoming **One** **(*echad*)** **flesh**

*"A man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." -***[Genesis 2:24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+2%3A24)**

* A **Different Word** in Hebrew, ***Yachid****,* is used for a ***"single oneness."***
	+ **Abraham** took his **Only** (*yachid*) **son**.

*"Then God said, 'Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.'" -***Genesis 22:2**

* + From the **Beginning** of the Bible, **God** is presented as a **Compound Unity**.

*"God said, Let us make man in our image, in our likeness.'" -***Genesis 1:26**

There is **One God** in **Three Persons**.

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