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?"
 - o 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

• 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

- Question: "Does the Bible Say There Are Three Gods?"
 - No. The Bible <u>Clearly Teaches</u> that there is <u>One God</u> in <u>Three Persons</u>. "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 <u>Compound Unity</u>. 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

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