

Basic Bible Doctrine Lesson 2**June 12, 2011****GOD'S BEING EXO 3:13-15**

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Our Salvation

GOD'S BEING

A close look at God has a sandpaper effect...
 Unfathomable...cannot understand or wrap our minds around it....

Read Exodus 3:13-15 (God appears to Moses at the burning bush)

“I Am who I Am” v. 15b (READ) This is **My** memorial-name to all generations.
The great ” I AM”

This name sets God apart from his creation.

It reveals him for what he is within himself.

He exists in and of himself.....we do not
 He is absolutely self sufficient.....we are not
 He is eternal.....we are not

A. Self existent

God has no origins.....therefore answerable to no one

His existence does not depend on anyone or anything.....
 Therefore he never needs to explain himself

B. Self sufficient

He has no needs.....he depends on no one

God does not need.....worshipers, Helpers or Defenders Eph 1
 Mat 28:18

God gains nothing from us

Application: We can rest in His sufficiency and marvel at the blessing that he stoops to work through us.

C. Eternal He is, always has been , and always will be. Ps 90:1,2
 Rev 4:8

App:

He can be trusted (He does not change)
 HE WILL KEEP HIS PROMISES

He is inescapable (His attitude toward sin will not change either)

THE TRINITY

Comment on the Athanasian Creed (use I-pad)

Arius vs. Athanasius

A. ITS IMPORTANCE

If the diety of the Trinity can be removed, God is robbed of us Glory
ie: Jesus, if not God could not propitiate for our sins.

B. THE DIFFICULTY

How can 3 = 1 SC How many persons in the Godhead?

We can only know what God reveals to us in his word.

No English word to describe adequately.

God is unfathomable. **Ro 11:33,34**

C. THE IMPORTANT POINT

It is not whether we can understand but whether we will believe what the Bible says about the Father, Son and Spirit and their relationship to each other.

D. 5 POINT BIBLICAL SUMMARY

1.

One God

Deut 6:4 "...Lord our God is one God"

1Cor 8:4 "...no God but one"

Eph 4:6 "one God and Father of us all"

Three Persons

Gen 1:26 "Let **Us** make man in **Our** image,..."

Gen 11:7 "Let **Us** go down and confuse their language..."

Isaiah 6:8 "...whom shall I send and who will go for **Us**?"

2. Jesus is Fully Divine—the 2nd person of the Godhead who became man.

We will look more in depth at this when we get to the Person of Christ.

This is where the crux of the debate on the Trinity is to be found--

The primary dislike arises because of the unwillingness to give
Such an exalted position to “the man” Jesus Christ

This has been going on since AD 336 Athanasius vs. Arius

3. The Holy Spirit is fully God

This is understood because divine attributes are ascribed to Him

Everlastingness(eternal)	Heb 9:14
Omnipresence	Ps 139:7-10
Omniscience	1Cor 2:10,11
Omnipotence	Lk 1:35

4. While fully God, the 3 persons of the Godhead have different roles.

The Father sent the Son into the world Mk 9:37, Mt. 10:40, Gal 4:4s

Father and Son send the spirits Jn 14:26, 15:26, 16:7

WE WILL LOOK AT THEIR ROLES AGAIN WHEN WE GET TO
REDEMPTION

We do not know fully what this means and it is usually described as subjection—

Remember this does not mean inequality

THEY ARE STILL THE SAME IN SUBSTANCE AND EQUAL IN
POWER
AND GLORY

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In the work of God the members of the God-head work together

Creation

God Gen 1:1, Ps 102:25

Son Col 1:16, Jn 1:3

Spirit Job 33:4

Incarnation Luke 1:35

Baptism of Lord Mt. 3:16,17

Atonement Heb 9:14

Resurrection

God Ac 2:32

Son Jn 10:17,18

Spirit Ro 1:4

Our Salvation 1Pe 1:2

Mt. 28:19

We can say meaningful thing about the Trinity but it is still UNFATHOMABLE

We should be humbled before the Trinity as we are before God's Being
IT SHOULD DRIVE US TO WORSHIP

DANIEL WEBSTER WAS ONCE ASKED HOW A MAN OF HIS INTELLECT
COULD BELIEVE IN THE TRINITY. HOW CAN YOU BELIEVE $3 = 1$?

HE REPLIED, I DO NOT PRETEND TO UNDERSTAND THE ARITHMETIC OF
HEAVEN NOW.