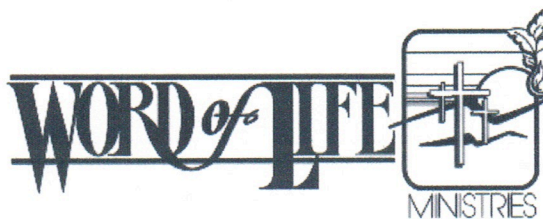


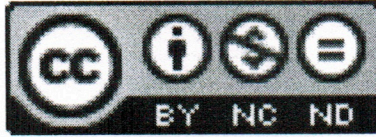
Understanding God



*The first of four Study Manuals
To be used in conjunction with
The study of the Holy Spirit.*

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To have a clear understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives - it is necessary to know how He operates like the Father and the Son, as well as, how He carries a different emphasis from that of the Father and the Son. To help us gain that understanding, we are going to take an individual look at the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Our purpose is to learn to understand them and know them in a more personal way; as well as, understand how each of them relates differently to our lives.

This booklet deals with scriptural descriptions of God. (Hebrew - Elohim ----- Greek - Theos) When studying the word "GOD", it must be kept in mind that these Hebrew and Greek words refer to the Trinity in general. Therefore it can be difficult to understand if the verse is referring to all the members of the Trinity, or if it is specifically referring to one of the Trinity. Sometimes this can be discovered by looking closely at the context. As you study the scriptures which deal directly with the Father, it will be easily seen that ALL ORIGINATES WITH AND FLOWS FROM THE FATHER. ALL IS BROUGHT TO MAN THROUGH THE SON, AND IS APPLIED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT!!! So as you begin studying in this first booklet, bear in mind - eventhough some of the scriptures could be applied to Jesus, and/or the Holy Spirit - they are still very accurate descriptions of what the Father is like. REMEMBER: WHAT THE FATHER IS - THAT IS WHAT THE SON AND HOLY SPIRIT ARE. The Flow is ALWAYS from the Father. The Son and the Holy Spirit are of the Father and One with the Father.

In this first booklet, we are trying to get to know God. How He thinks - What He wants - His perspectives - Our relationship with Him - Etc. All of the scriptures in this study refer to the Father, eventhough the complete Trinity is included via the definitions of the word "God".

In a Nut-Shell, this is how we can differentiate the Father's working with man from Christ's and the Holy Spirit's -- and how we can differentiate Christ's working with man from the other two -- as well as differentiating the Work of the Holy Spirit:

The Father: He is the Source of everything. He is the one ultimately in control. He is the supreme authority in the Trinity. The Son and Holy Spirit answer to the Father. He is the one who sets the Destiny of ALL things. He is the ultimate originator of ALL things. He takes care of the overall picture of the Life. Covenants are made with the Father. He is the one planning, working, and bringing to pass everything in the Trinity's destiny for our lives.

The Son: He is the Savior. He is the one who has established the covenant between man and the Father. He is the direction giver from the Father to the Holy Spirit. He is the mediator/intercessor between man and the Father. He is the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit. He is the Head

of the Church. He carries the government of His church and of this world on His shoulders. He is the Problem Resolver between the Father and man. It is through Christ that everything flows from the Father to man, and Vice/Versa.

The Holy Spirit: He is the one actively at work on this earth with man. He is the one who is literally with us at all times. He is the one who lives with us and in us. He is the Counselor/Comforter/Helper. He is the one who applies what Jesus says the Father desires. He is the one who helps us perform what the Father desires. He is the one who habitually speaks with us, teaches us, leads us, works with us, and ministers to us/through us according to what the Father desires.

ALL THINGS OF GOD come to us FROM THE FATHER, THROUGH JESUS THE SON, BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. In a very concise manner, this is the difference in the working of the Three in our lives. Until we can understand that they are one in purpose, character, power, glory, desire, attitude, etc. --- but yet very different in personality, office, responsibility, and their operation with man --- We will have difficulty really grasping why the Holy Spirit is here on this earth. That will hinder us in responding to and flowing with Him; WHICH WILL HINDER OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND EFFECTIVENESS.

I. We will look First of All at the general application of the references to "God" in the scripture. (This is not an Exhaustive listing of all the Scriptures on this subject) These verses (eventhough they deal in the realms of "Elohim" and "Theos") do describe the Father. (They also describe the Son, and the Holy Spirit) Our main purpose, however, is to gain a knowledge and understanding of the FATHER.

A. 62 Facts about God.

- He is a person. (Job 13:8, Heb. 1:3)
- He has a spirit body. (Dan. 7:9-14)
- Shape. (John 5:37)
- Form. (Phil. 2:5-7)
- Image and likeness. (Gen. 1:26, 9:6, I Cor. 11:7, James 3:9)
- Back parts. (Ex. 33:23)
- Heart. (Gen. 6:6, 8:21)
- Hands. (Ps. 102:25-26, Heb. 1:10)
- Fingers. (Ps. 8:3-6, Ex. 31:18)
- Right hand. (Rev. 5:1-7)
- Mouth. (Num. 12:8, Isa. 1:20)
- Lips. (Isa. 11:4, 30:27)
- Tongue. (Isa. 30:27)
- Feet. (Ex. 24:10, Ez. 1:27)
- Eyes. (Ps. 11:4, 18:24, 33:18)

- Ears. (Ps. 18:6, 34:15)
- Head. (Dan. 7:9)
- Hair. (Dan. 7:9)
- Arms. (Ps. 44:3, John 12:38)
- Loins. (Ez. 1:26-28, 8:1-4)
- Voice. (Ps. 29, Rev. 10:3-4)
- Breath. (Gen 2:7)
- Countenance. (Ps. 11:7)
- Soul. (Matt. 12:18, Heb. 10:38)
- Anger. (I Kings 11:9)
- Repentance. (Gen. 6:6)
- Jealousy. (Ex. 20:5, 34:14)
- Hate. (Prov. 6:16)
- Love. (John 3:16)
- Pity. (Ps. 103:13)
- Fellowship. (I John 1:1-7)
- Pleasure and Delight. (Ps. 147:10)
- Joy. (Neh. 8:10, Gal. 5:22)
- Peace. (Gal. 5:22)
- Patience. (Gal. 5:22)
- Gentleness. (Gal. 5:22)
- Goodness. (Gal. 5:22)
- Faithfulness. (Gal. 5:22, I Cor. 10:13)
- Meekness. (Gal. 5:23)
- Self-Control. (Gal. 5:23)
- Spirit. (Ps. 143:10, Isa. 30:1)
- Spirit Faculties, as mind. (Rom. 11:34)
- Intelligence. (Gen. 1:26, Rom. 11:33)
- Will. (Rom. 8:27, 9:19)
- Power. (Eph. 1:19, 3:7,20, Heb. 1:3)
- Truth. (Ps. 91:4)
- Faith. (Rom. 4:17, 12:3)
- Hope. (I Cor. 13:3)
- Righteousness. (Ps. 45:4)
- Knowledge. (Isa. 11:2)
- Wisdom. (I Tim. 1:17)
- Discernment. (Heb. 4:12)
- Immutability. (Heb. 6:17)
- He wears clothes. (Dan. 7:9-14)
- Eats food. (Gen. 18:1-8, Ex. 24:11)
- Rests. (Gen. 2:1-4, Heb. 4:4)
- Dwells in a city. (John 14:1-3)
- Sits on a throne. (Isa. 6, Dan. 7:9-11)
- Walks. (Gen. 3:8, 18:1-8,22,33)
- Rides. (Ps. 18:10, 68:17, Ez. 1)
- Manifests other powers and bodily presence like other beings.

B. Attributes of God.

- Mercy, Truth, Righteousness, and Peace. (Ps. 85:10-11)
- A Spirit being. (John 4:24)
- Invisible. (Col. 1:15)
- Immortal and Eternal. (I Tim. 1:17)

- Infinite. In Presence. (I Kings 8:27) In Power. (Mt. 28:18)
In Acts. (Mt. 19:26) In Time. (Dt. 33:27, Ps. 90:2,
Isa. 57:15) In Knowledge. (Rom. 11:33) Greatness.
(Ps. 145:3)
- Omnipotent. (All power - Rev. 19:6)
- Omnipresent. (All places - Ps. 139:7-12)
- Omniscient. (All knowing - Ps. 147:5, Heb. 4:13, I Jn. 3:20)
- Life. (Jer. 10:10, Jn. 5:26, Heb. 7:16)
- Self-Existent. (Ex. 3:14, 6:3, John 1:4, 5:26)
- Immutable. (Ps. 102:27, 2 Tim. 2:13, Heb. 6:18, James 1:17)
- Perfect. (Dt. 32:4, Ps. 18:30, Mt. 5:48)
- Truth. (Dt. 32:4, Jn. 17:3, I Jn. 5:20)
- Wisdom. (Rom. 11:33, I Tim. 1:17)
- Love. (John 3:16, Rom. 15:30, I Jn. 4:8)
- Holy. (Ex. 15:11, Isa. 6:3, I Pet. 1:16)
- Righteous. (Rom. 3:21-31, Heb. 12:5-12, I Jn. 1:9)
- Faithful. (I Cor. 10:13, II Cor. 1:20, Heb. 6:18)
- Merciful. (Rom. 12:1-2, II Cor. 1:2, Titus 3:5)
- Good. (Mt. 5:45, Rom. 2:4, Acts 14:17)
- Provident. (Job 38:41, Mt. 7:25-33)
- Mercy, Faithfulness, Righteousness, Justice, Preservation,
Kindness, Providence, Satisfaction, Life, Light. (Ps. 36:5-9)
- Justice. (Isa. 45:21)
- Might. (Isa. 11:2)
- Glory. (Isa. 33:21)
- Deliverer, Healer, Preserver, Holiness, Comforter, Provider,
Protector, Helper. (Ps. 30:1-11)
- A Strong Rock, A House of Defense, a Fortress, Lord God of
Truth. (Ps. 31:2-5)
- A refuge, a strength, a very present help in trouble. (Ps. 46:1-11)
- Strong Habitation, Rock, Fortress, Hope, Trust, Strong Refuge,
Instructor. (Ps. 71:3-17)
- Man's Portion, Good, A Hiding Place, A Shield, Righteous, Near
to Man. (Ps. 119:57, 68, 114, 137, 151)
- My Strength, My Teacher of Warfare, My Goodness, My Fortress,
My High Tower, My Deliverer, My Shield, My Trust, My Conqueror,
My Deliverer. (Ps. 144:1-10)
- God, King, Great, Gracious, Full of Compassion, Slow to Anger,
Great in Mercy, Good to All, Tender and Merciful to all Creation,
Righteous in all His Ways, Holy in all His Works, Near to all
who pray in Truth. (Ps. 145:1-18)
- Book of Romans. A Witness. (1:9) Uncorruptible. (1:23)
Impartial. (2:11) Judge. (2:16, 3:6) God of all Men. (3:29)
God of Patience and Consolation. (15:5) God of Hope. (15:13)
God of Peace. (15:33, 16:20) Only Wise One. (16:27)

C. Things God is to man.

- Our Strength, Our Song, Our Salvation, Our El (Strong One),
Our Father's Elohim (Creator), A man of War, Jehovah.
(Ex. 15:2-3)
- A Shield and Exceeding Great Reward. (Gen. 15:1)
- A Jealous God. (Ex. 20:5)

- Gracious. (Ex. 22:27)
 - Their Part and Inheritance. (Num. 18:20)
 - The Blessor, the Preserver, the Provider, the Lover, the Peace Giver, the Caretaker of His People. (Num. 6:24-26)
 - Eternal Refuge, Protector and Sustainer, Deliverer from all Enemies, Fountain of Life, Saviour, Shield and Defense, Sword of Offense. (Deut. 33:27-29)
 - See: II Samuel 22.
 - A Help and a Shield. (Ps. 115:9-11)
 - Refuge and Fortress. (Ps. 91:2)
 - Deliverer. (Ps. 40:17, 70:5, 91, 144:2)
 - Buckler. (Ps. 18:2, Prov. 2:7)
 - Horn of Salvation. (Ps. 18:2, II Sam. 22:3)
 - High Tower. (Ps. 18:2, 144:2)
- D. Five Characteristics of God. (Num. 14:18)
- Longsuffering, Great in Mercy, Forgiving Iniquity and Transgression, By no means clearing the Guilty, Visits the Iniquity of the Fathers upon the Children.
- E. Things that Please God.
- Blessing Israel. (Num. 24:1)
 - Israel being His people. (I Sam. 12:22)
 - Unselfish Praying. (I Kings 3:10)
 - Christ Suffering for men. (Isa. 53:10)
 - Christ as His servant. (Matt. 3:17, 12:18)
 - Men saved by the foolishness of preaching. (I Cor. 1 18-24)
 - Setting of members in the body. (I Cor. 12:18)
 - His plan of Resurrection. (I Cor. 15:38)
 - Christ being the Fulness of the God-head bodily. (Col. 1:19)
 - Preachers being separated to the Gospel of Christ. (Gal. 1:15)
 - Men having faith. (Heb. 11:5-6)
 - Sacrifices of Praise Continually. (Heb. 13:15-16)
 - Solomon desiring wisdom to bless the people. (I Kings 3:9-10)
 - Sacrifices of Righteousness. (Ps. 51:19)
- F. Four Assurances of God's Integrity. (Num. 23:19)
- He cannot lie. He does not change His promises, even when under pressure to do so. What He says, He will do. He will make good what He has spoken.
- G. Nine things God requires of Men. (Deut. 13:4)
- Walk after Him. (Gen. 17:1, Ex. 18:20, Deut. 8:6, 10:12)
 - Fear Him. (Deut. 4:10, 10:12,20)
 - Keep His Commandments. (Deut. 12:28)
 - Obey His Voice. (Deut. 11:27, 13:4, 27:10)
 - Serve Him. (Deut. 6:13, 10:12,20; 11:13)
 - Cleave to Him. (Deut. 10:20, 11:22, 30:20)
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- Look after orphans and widows. (James 1:27)
 - Keep from being polluted by the world. (James 1:27)
 - Love Him with all Heart, Soul, Mind, & Strength. (Mk. 12:29-30)

- H. God's Faithfulness. (Joshua 23:14, II Cor. 1:20)
- God is completely trust-worthy. If He has promised it, He is completely willing, capable, and ready to perform it.
- I. Three Eternal and Unchangable Facts. (II Chron. 15:2)
- The Lord is with you while you are with Him.
- If you seek Him, He will be found of you.
- If you forsake Him, He will forsake you.
- J. Seven Troubles God Rescues and Protects us From. (Job 5:19-27)
- Famine. War & Battle. Gossip & Slander. Destruction & Calamity. Wild Beasts, Stones, and Rocks of the Field. Your Dwelling will be protected, with the promise of many offspring. A Premature or Sickly Death.
- K. Thirty Benefits from God. (Ps. 103)
- Forgiveness of all Sin. (v. 3)
- Healing of all Diseases (v. 3,)
- Redemption from all Destruction. (v. 4)
- Crowning with Lovingkindness. (v. 4)
- Crowning with Tender Mercies. (v. 4)
- Satisfaciton with Good Things. (v. 5)
- Renewal of Youth like Eagles. (v. 5)
- Justice of All Oppression. (v. 6)
- Knowledge of God's ways. (v. 7)
- Knowledge of God's acts. (v. 7)
- Mercy and Grace. (v. 8)
- Patience of God, Slow to Anger. (v. 8)
- Plenty of Mercy. (v. 8)
- Temporary Reproof, Not Continual. (v. 9)
- Passing of God's Anger. (v. 9)
- Merciful Dealings with our Sins. (v. 10)
- Patient Tolerance of our Sins. (v. 10)
- Infinite Mercy to Fearful Ones. (v. 11)
- Removal of Sins Far Away. (v. 12)
- Fatherly Pity to His Children. (v. 13)
- God's knowledge of our Frame and His Love regardless of it.(v. 14)
- God's memory of Our Frailty. (v. 14)
- Man's brevity of Life. That He might not live long under the curse. (v. 15-16)
- Eternal Mercy. (v. 17)
- Mercy, especially to those who Fear God. (v. 17)
- Eternal Righteousness. (v. 17)
- Righteousness to Covenant-keepers. (v. 18)
- Righteousness to the Obedient. (v. 18)
- A Dependable Throne of Grace. (v. 19)
- Membership in God's Kingdom. (v. 19)
- L. Six Points of Isaiah 44:25-26.
- Frustrates the signs of Liars. Makes Diviners mad. Turns the wise men backward. Makes their knowledge foolish. Confirms the word of His Servants. Performs the counsel of His messengers.

M. Things God Hates.

- The Froward Man. (Prov. 3:32, 11:20)
- A Proud Look. (Prov. 6:16-17)
- A Lying tongue. (Prov. 6:17, 12:22)
- Hands that Shed Innocent Blood. (Prov. 6:17)
- A Wicked, Scheming Heart. (Prov. 6:18)
- Feet Quick to Sin. (Prov. 6:18)
- A False Witness that speaks lies. (Prov. 6:19)
- A sower of discord. (Prov. 6:19)
- Wickedness. (Prov. 8:7)
- A False Balance. (Prov. 11:1)
- Sacrifice of the Wicked. (Prov. 15:8, 21:27)
- The way of the Wicked. (Prov. 15:9)
- The thoughts of the Wicked. (Prov. 15:26)
- The Proud of Heart. (Prov. 16:5)
- Justifying the Wicked. (Prov. 17:15)
- Condemning the Just. (Prov. 17:15)
- Divers Weights. (Prov. 20:10, 23)
- Divers Measures. (Prov. 20:10)
- Refusing to Hear the Law. (Prov. 28:9)
- Prayer of the Rebel. (Prov. 28:9)

N. Thirteenfold Providence of God. (Ps. 145:14-20)

- He upholds all that Fall. (v. 14)
- Raises up all that are bowed down. (v. 14)
- All eyes look to Him for Life. (v. 15)
- He gives all their meat in Due Season. (v. 15)
- Satisfies Every Living Thing. (v. 16)
- Is Righteous in all Ways. (v. 17)
- Is Holy in All His Works. (v. 17)
- Is Near to All who Pray in Truth. (v. 18)
- Fulfills the Desire of them that Fear Him. (v. 19)
- Listens to Their Cry. (v. 19)
- Saves them that Fear Him. (v. 19)
- Preserves all that Love Him. (v. 20)
- Will Destroy the Wicked. (v. 20)

O. Characteristics of God. (Acts 17:24-31)

- Made the world and everything in it.
- Is Lord of Heaven and Earth.
- Doesn't live in buildings built by Humans.
- Doesn't need anything from man.
- Gives all men Life, Breath, and Everything Else.
- Set procreation into place in man.
- He decides the Times of man: Birth, Life-span, Death, Etc.
- He decides exactly where man should live.
- He did this so man would: Seek Him, Reach Out to Him, & Find Him.
- He is not far from all men.
- He is the Sustainer of all life.
- Man is God's Offspring.
- Therefore, He doesn't look like gold, silver, stones, or man-made Images.

- He commands all men, everywhere to repent.
- He has set the day of Judgement.
- He has determined the one who will judge.
- Proof of this, is He raised Jesus from the Dead.

P. Ways to Tempt God.

- Murmuring. (Ex. 17:2)
- Unbelief. (Ex. 17:7, Heb. 4:1-11)
- Rebellion. (Num. 14:22, 21:1-9)
- Provoking God. (Ps. 78:17-18, 56)
- Backsliding. (Ps. 78:41,56)
- Hardening the Heart. (Ps. 95:8-9)
- Lust and Sin. (Ps. 106:14, Ex. 32)
- Idolatry. (I Cor. 10:18-22)

Q. Seven Things God will do.

- Bring Hidden Things to Light. (I Cor. 3:13)
- Reveal Secrets of Men. (Rom. 2:16)
- Reward each man. (I Cor. 3:11-15, II Cor. 5:10, Rev. 22:12)
- If We confess our sins, HE WILL: (I John 1:9)
 - Be Faithful to Us
 - Be Just with Us
 - Forgive Us Our Sins
 - Cleanse Us From All Unrighteousness

R. God is Called.

- The Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. (II Cor. 1:3, 11:31, Eph. 1:3, 3:14, Col. 1:3)
- The Father of Mercies. (II Cor. 1:3)
- The God of all Comfort. (II Cor. 1:3)
- The Father of Glory. (Eph. 1:17)
- The Father of All. (Eph. 4:6)
- The Father of Spirits. (Heb. 12:9)
- The Father of Lights. (James 1:17)
- The God Of Peace. (Phil. 4:9)

S. Nine things God has done for us. (Eph. 1)

- Blessed us with Every Spiritual Blessing. (v. 3)
- Chose us to be Holy and Blameless. (v. 4)
- Predestined us to be saved. (v. 5)
- Placed us in a position we can praise Him. (v. 6, 13)
- Redeemed us and Forgave our sins. (v. 7)
- Lavished His Grace on us. (v. 7-8)
- Made the Mystery of His will known to us. (v. 9)
- Sealed by the Holy Spirit. (v. 13)
- Guarantees our Inheritance. (v. 14)

T. Seven more things God has done for us. (Eph. 2:1-13)

- Resurrected us from the Dead. (v. 1,5)
- Loved Us. (v. 4)
- Saved Us. (v. 5, 8-9)
- Made us sit down with Him. (v. 6, 10)

- Made a plan for us. (v. 7, 10)
 - Created us in Christ. (v. 10)
 - Made us nigh by Christ. (v. 13)
- U. God's Love For Us Is. (Eph. 3:18)
- Boundless (Width)
 - Endless (Length)
 - Fathomless/Exhaustless (Depth)
 - Measureless (Height)
- V. Groups of People who have no inheritance in God's Kingdom.
- Eph. 5:5-6
 - Gal. 5:19-21
- W. Requirements of God's will in Sanctification. (I Thes. 4:3-18)
- Abstain from Fornication and all Sexual Sins.
 - Learn to Control your bodies.
 - Don't live in passionate lust
 - Not to Defraud a brother through lust or sexual sins with his wife.
 - Stay away from sexual impurity. (As God sees it)
 - Do not despise God.
 - Love one another.
 - Increase in Love.
 - Lead a Quiet Life.
 - Mind Your own business.
 - Work with you hands.
 - Walk honestly before men/Win their respect.
 - Be dependent only on God.
- X. Two things that are always God's Will. (Unconditionally) (I Tim. 2:4)
- That all men be saved.
 - That all come to the knowledge of the truth.
- Y. Three things God Cannot Do.
- Lie. (Titus 1:2)
 - Deny Himself. (II Tim. 2:13)
 - Be Tempted with Evil. (James 1:13)
- Z. God is the Head of Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- Matt. 28:18, I Cor. 11:3, 15:27-28, Eph. 4:4-6
 - (The Next Booklet will show very plainly that God the Father is the Highest Authority in the God-Head)

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