

The Doctrine of God

1. Who is God and what is He Like?

- God is the Sovereign-Eternal Creator (the only God who is): He is spirit, self-existing, unchanging, infinitely great & personal (vs9-11; Neh 9:6; Jn 4:24; 5:26; Mal 3:6; Ps 145:3; Ps 139; 1Jn 1)
- God is one God who is three Persons: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit (v9; Dt 6:4; Mt 3:16ff; 28:19)
- God is holy: He is good, faithful, perfect, & righteous in all His ways (vs3,13; Lev 19:2; Ps 34:8; 1Co 1:9; 10:13ff; Heb 3:6; Jm 1:17)
- God is light: He is pure, excellent, beautiful, glorious & knowable (1Jn 1:5; Ps 150:2; 27:4; Ex 15:11; Jer 9:23f)
- God is love: He is Father to the fatherless, a protector of widows, who is merciful, gracious & patient toward sinners (v13; 1Jn 4:7ff; Ps 68:6f; Ex 34:6)
- God is King: He is LORD, Judge of all the earth, Savior of the world, and jealous for His own glory (Ps 47:6ff; Gen 18:25; 1Th 4:10; Ex 34:14)

2. What does God Do?

- God is fulfilling His own plans & purpose: for His own glory (vs10-13; cf. Rom 1:1-6; 11:28ff)
- God is redeeming a people for Himself: who are called by His Name (vs12-13; Eph 1:3ff; Is 43:6f)

- God executes righteous judgment: and He will make all things new (v8; Rev 20:11ff; 21:5)

3. A Summary of the Doctrine of God

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory. (EFCA Statement of Faith #1)

4. How then shall “We” Live?

- Love & Worship God: repenting of idolatry & unbelief (vs1-8; Dt 6:4ff)
- Embrace Trinitarian Theology: & proclaim the God-glorifying gospel (cf. 2Co 13:14; Jn 3:35; 5:20; Ro 16:25ff)
- Delight ourselves in the Lord: for our joy & God’s glory (v13; Ps 37:4)