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WEEK 1 - THEOLOGY PROPER

DEFINITION OF THEOLOGY PROPER: Doctrine/Study of God (Nature, Character, Attributes)

The Bible does not attempt to prove God's existence: it simply declares it.

NAMES OF GOD: (REVEAL HIS CHARACTER)

1. Elohim - The Ruler
2. El Shaddai - The Almighty
3. Yahweh - The Lord (holy, personal covenant name) ... same as Jehovah.
 - a) Jehovah Jireh - the Lord our PROVIDER
 - b) Jehovah Rophe - the Lord our HEALER
 - c) Jehovah Nissi - the Lord our VICTORY
 - d) Jehovah Shalom - the Lord our PEACE
 - e) Jehovah Raah - the Lord our SHEPHERD
 - f) Jehovah Tsidkenu - the Lord our RIGHTEOUSNESS
 - g) Jehovah Adonai - the Lord our LORD (or the One in charge of us - MASTER)

THE TRINITY

DEFINITION: The 3-in-1 Godhead.

FACTS:

1. One indivisible essence (one God) - Deut. 6:4
2. Three Persons (self distinctions) - Matt. 28:19
3. Order in Godhead: Father, Son, Holy Spirit
(All equal, different purposes)
4. Mystery of Godhead: We cannot understand all about God, but must accept biblical statements by faith.

THE ESSENCE OF GOD

DEFINITION: That which underlies all outward manifestations of God's nature ... the reality itself of His being.

1. Immaterial - God is a Spirit; not limited to any location or to a body.
(Acts 17:24; John 4:21; Exodus 20:4)
2. Invisible - no one has ever seen God, nor can anyone ever see Him.
(Unlike any other god) - Deut. 4:15-19; Ex. 33:20; Jn. 1:18
3. Life - God is alive; possessor of life; everything needs Him to exist.
(Psalm 115:3; Jer. 10:10; 1 Thess. 1:9)
4. Personality - God is a person; self-conscious; self-determined; can relate to us. (Ex. 3:14; Job 23:13; Gen. 18:9; Gen. 6:6)

NATURE OF GOD: God is LOVE - He does not possess the Quality of love; He IS LOVE! It is His nature.

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD:

DEFINITION: Things ascribed to God correctly / that which He has revealed about Himself.

1. INFINITE - Not limited in any way.
2. SELF-EXISTENT (Heb. 11:6) - Contains life in Himself.
3. ETERNAL (Deut. 33:27) - No beginning or end; always was & always will be.
4. OMNIPOTENT (Isa. 40:26) - All-powerful (There's nothing He can't do).
5. OMNISCIENT (Job 21:22) - All-knowing (There's nothing He doesn't know).
6. OMNIPRESENT (Ps. 139:7,8) - Everywhere at once (Nowhere He is not).
7. IMMUTABLE (Mal. 3:6) - Unchangeable (same always).
8. SOVEREIGN (Ps. 66:7) - In control of all things ultimately.
9. FAITHFUL (Deut. 7:9) - Always has and always will keep His Word, promises, and covenants.
10. GOOD (Ps. 52:1) - Immeasurable abundance of goodness, kindness, and benevolence.
11. JUST (Acts 3:14) - God of righteousness and justice; stands for what is true, is never wrong.
12. MERCIFUL (Num. 14:18) - Full of compassion and mercy when we don't deserve it (but rather, deserve death).
13. GRACIOUS (Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 2:3) - His undeserved/unearned favour towards us.
14. HOLY (Lev. 19:2) - Perfect and absolutely pure. His nature is contrary to sin.