

## Who Is God?

Other than the Bible, volumes and volumes of books have been written over the centuries on this question. It's probably *the* most important life question we can ask. How we answer it affects every other important question like where did we come from, why are we here, what happens after we die, etc.

Our Statement of Faith puts it this way: *There is only one God, existing forever in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (the Trinity). Each person of the Trinity is fully God but distinct in personality and purpose in relationship to mankind.*

But that is a little short on specifics about who God is and what He is like. So here is an expanded list of things about God we can draw from the Bible:

God is...

- the Trinity of three eternal persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ) and God the Holy Spirit—three in One God;
- the creator of time and the material universe – all that ever was, is, or will be;
- the creator of all life and all mechanisms by which life sustains itself;
- the creator of mankind, made uniquely in God's image; • transcendent – He\* exists above and apart from His creation;
- omnipotent – He is infinitely all-powerful to accomplish anything and everything He wills;
- omniscient – He possesses perfect knowledge; there is nothing He does not know;
- omnipresent – He is always near, next to everyone, close to everything...God's presence holds the material universe together;
- sovereign – He alone has undisputed authority—absolutely nothing happens in His creation that He does not either cause or allow;
- perfectly loving and perfectly just – He alone can perfectly combine love and justice, mercy and judgment with regard to His relationship with men and women; and
- forgiving – He is the only Being capable of “real” forgiveness in that He not only forgives our sins but He chooses to remember them no more.