The Baptist Faith and Message

II. God

There is one and only one living and true God.

He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

A. The Unity and Trinity of God

- a. One God Deuteronomy 6:4-5
- b. Trinity
 - i. God the Father is Distinct and is God John 6:26-29 (27)
 - ii. God the Son is Distinct and is God John 8:58
 - iii. God the Holy Spirit is Distinct and is God Luke 1:35

B. Attributes of Supreme Deity

- a. Omnipotent Matthew 19:26, Acts 4:24, Exodus 4
- b. Omniscience Psalm 139:1-6
- c. Omnipresence Psalm 139:7-10
- d. Immutability James 1:17

C. Attributes of Absolute Morality

- a. Holiness Leviticus 11:44 (and others)
- b. Righteousness & Justice Ezra 9:15
- c. Goodness
 - **i. Loving I** John 4:7-8
 - ii. Merciful James 5:11