

## Practical Theology – Lesson 15 – “God the Father”

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#### Making it Personal - We all know God first from “General Revelation”

- Psalm 19:1-2 (1-6), Romans 1:19-20 – Declared by creation, understood by His creation
- Personal Testimony – Boy Scouts
- Romans 2:15 – Human conscience
- Personal guilt is already understood, so that when we hear the gospel we can respond.

#### Doctrinal Statement

We believe that the Godhead eternally exists in three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—and that these three are one God, having the precise same nature, attributes, and perfections and worthy of precisely the same honor, confidence, and obedience.

#### God the Father, and the Godhead (Trinity)

- Genesis 1:1,4 – Elohim, Jehovah Elohim
- Genesis 12:1, 26:2-3, 28:13-14 – Jehovah speaks to Abraham, Isaac, Israel
- Exodus 3:5-6, 14-15 – Declared Identity “I AM”
- Deuteronomy 6:4 – Jehovah (“I AM”) our Elohim (God, plural form), Jehovah is One.

#### Distinctive references of the Persons of the Trinity

- **Each have distinct ministries, for example, the Father sent the Son, Son sent the Spirit, Spirit Indwells us. Distinctive identification is by ministry, not attributes.**
- Matthew 28:19 – Great Commission – Baptize by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- II Corinthians 13:14 – Benediction referencing the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- Hebrews 1:1-2 – God who spoke through prophets, sent His Son
- (Mark 12:29; John 1:14; Acts 5:3-4; Rev. 1:4-6)

#### Attributes of God (more later)

- Eternal Nature – eternal past and future
- Self-Existence – nobody created God
- Omniscience – all powerful
- Omnipotence – all knowing
- Omnipresence – everywhere
- Immutability – unchanging
- Holy – Without sin
- Righteous & Just – In accordance to judgment
- Goodness – i.e. Lovingkindness towards mankind
- Truth – Without deception