

THE PERSON OF GOD
(John 14:7; Psalm 50:21)

I. ASKING the Question

- A. Definition should not depend on our **IMAGINATIONS**
- B. Definition must be determined by **SCRIPTURE**

II. FRAMING the Divine Picture

- A. God is **SPIRIT** (John 4:24; Luke 24:39)
 - 1. He is not a **MATERIAL** being
 - 2. He is neither **TANGIBLE** nor **PHYSICAL**
 - 3. Anthropomorphic expressions reveal what God is **LIKE**, not who He **IS**
- B. God is **OMNIPRESENT** (Ps. 139:7-10; cf. 46:1; 145:18)
 - 1. He is without **SPATIAL** limitations of a **PHYSICAL BODY**
 - 2. “His **CENTER** is everywhere, and His **CIRCUMFERENCE** is nowhere”
 - 3. Therefore, He’s always **PRESENT** to **HELP**
- C. God is **INVISIBLE** (John 1:18; Col. 1:15)
 - 1. He cannot be **REDUCED** to **FINITE** images
 - 2. OT theophanies were the pre-incarnate **CHRIST** in **HUMAN FORM**

D. God is a PERSON

1. He possess personality: MIND, EMOTION, and WILL
2. He RELATES to us, and we can INTERACT with Him

E. God is OMNISCIENT (Heb. 4:13; Is. 40:13-14; 46:10; cf. Matt. 11:21, 23)

1. He always knows all PEOPLE, THINGS, and EVENTS as they TRULY ARE
2. He knows all things POSSIBLE had He done things DIFFERENTLY
3. He perfectly knows all DETAILS of the FUTURE
4. He never LEARNS anything
5. He always knows what is BEST in every SITUATION

F. God expresses EMOTION (Ps. 45:7)

1. He LOVES what is RIGHT and DELIGHTS in what conforms to His HOLY character
2. He HATES what is EVIL and GRIEVES at what FAILS to conform to Him

G. God is ETERNAL (Gen. 21:33; Ps. 90:2; 1 Tim. 6:16)

1. He's the UNCREATED first CAUSE of everything
2. He can never CEASE being WHO HE IS

H. God is SELF-EXISTENT (Ex. 3:14)

1. He has no NEEDS unmet within HIMSELF
2. He was under no CONSTRAINT or NECESSITY to CREATE