

Doctrine of the Essence of God

1. God is One in Essence, i.e. the divine essences are resident in each Member of the Godhead.
2. There are three Personalities but One in Essence, such Essences are shared equally.

ESSENCE OF GOD - CO-Equal, CO-Infinite and CO-Eternal

Rom 1:20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Col 2:9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,

Isa 48:16 "Come near me and listen to this: "From the first announcement I have not spoken in secret; at the time it happens, I am there." And now the Sovereign LORD has sent me, with his Spirit.

Mat 3:16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.

Mat 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

2.1 The One Godhead as can be seen from the above cited Scriptures is made up of three personalities or manifestations: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

2.1.1 The personalities of the Trinity are closely related, just as there is one egg, there is also the yoke, the white and the shell. Yet it is one egg.

Joh 10:30 I and the Father are one."

Joh 10:38 But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father. "

Joh 17:11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one.

Joh 7:37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

Joh 7:38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

Joh 7:39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

2.2 So you can see from these verses the intertwining of the several and collective personalities of the Trinity are uniquely Three in One, Separate but One.

3. The essences of God are prevalent in each Member of the Trinity:
(1) Sovereignty (2) Righteousness (3) Justice (4) Love (5) Eternal Life
(6) Omniscience (7) Omnipresence (8) Omnipotence (9) Immutability
(10) Veracity.

1. **Sovereignty** He has supreme volition and always has possessed the powerful rulership of all things.

1.1 There is no higher power or higher volition.

1.2 All things are subject unto Him.

1.3 Everything falls under the permissive Will of God.

1.4 God desires the best for us but because of our volition and imperfect choices, He provides less than the best but perfect.

1.5 God is sovereign and there will come a time at the Second Advent when the Father will say to the Son: "now is Your time, implement operation footstool." Until then however the Lord laughs from heaven at how serious man considers him and herself.

Psa 2:1 Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

Psa 2:2 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

Psa 2:3 "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters."

Psa 2:4 **The One enthroned in heaven laughs;** the Lord scoffs at them.

Psa 100:3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; **we are** his people, **the sheep of his pasture.**

Psa 104:17 There the birds make their nests; the stork has its home in the pine trees.

Psa 104:18 The high mountains belong to the wild goats; the crags are a refuge for the coneys (animals and birds seeking shelter).

Psa 104:19 The moon marks off the seasons, and the sun knows when to go down.

Psa 104:20 You bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl.

Psa 104:21 The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God.

Psa 104:22 The sun rises, and they steal away; they return and lie down in their dens.

Psa 104:23 Then man goes out to his work, to his labor until evening.

Psa 104:24 How many are your works, o LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Psa 104:25 There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small.

Psa 104:26 There the ships that go to and fro, and the leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

Psa 104:27 These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

Psa 104:28 When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

Psa 104:29 When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

Psa 104:30 When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

Psa 104:31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works--

Psa 104:32 he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

Psa 104:33 I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Psa 104:34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.

Psa 104:35 But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more. Praise the LORD, o my soul. Praise the LORD.

Phi 2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

Phi 2:11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Isa 45:23 By myself I have sworn. my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.

Rom 14:11 It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God."

Rev 5:13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

2. Righteousness - God is absolute Righteousness.

2.1 His Righteousness is independent and incomparable.

2.2 The Righteousness of God cannot have fellowship with the righteousness of man and since man's righteousness is like "filthy rags," a problem exists, but thankfully, God solved that problem.

2.3 God recognized this problem in eternity past and made provision for the problem through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

2Co 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Rom 3:22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference,

Isa 64:6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

Psa 116:5 The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

Psa 145:17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.

3. Justice - God is fair; it is impossible for Him to be unfair.

3.1 The holiness of God is made up of His Righteousness plus His Justice.

3.2 What the Righteousness of God demands the Justice of God must execute.

3.3 Because of the efficacious sacrifice of Christ on the cross, God is free to deal with us as family.

3.3.1 This because his Righteousness was satisfied and therefore His Justice must execute what His Righteousness demands.

3.4 God is absolutely Just because there is no iniquity in Him.

3.5 There are two laws of God which come from his Righteousness as relates to the believer's discipline.

3.5.1 The Law of Volitional Responsibility - God permits natural results of sin.

Pro 5:1 My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of

insight,

Pro 5:2 that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge.

Pro 5:3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil;

Pro 5:4 but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword.

Pro 5:5 Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.

Pro 5:6 She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths are crooked, but she knows it not.

Pro 5:7 Now then, my sons, listen to me; do not turn aside from what I say.

Pro 5:8 Keep to a path far from her, do not go near the door of her house,

Pro 5:9 lest you give your best strength to others and your years to one who is cruel,

Pro 5:10 lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich another man's house.

Pro 5:11 At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent.

Pro 5:12 You will say, "How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction!

Pro 5:13 I would not obey my teachers or listen to my instructors.

Pro 5:14 I have come to the brink of utter ruin in the midst of the whole assembly."

Pro 5:15 Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well.

Rom 13:1 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Rom 13:2 Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

Rom 13:3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear on the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you.

Rom 13:4 For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

Rom 13:5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.

Rom 13:6 This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.

Rom 13:7 Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay

taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Hos 8:7 For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk; the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.

Gal 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

3.5.2 The law of Divine Corrective Action - God corrects to improve.

1Pe 1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

1Pe 1:7 These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Heb 12:11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

1Co 11:31 But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.

1Co 11:32 When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

Rom 5:3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;

Rom 5:4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Heb 5:8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered.

3.6 The Justice of God works with the unbeliever in order to provide maximum environment, pressure and/or reward to facilitate "faith in Christ." The Scriptures make clear mankind is without excuse. It can never then be said that God is not just and righteous.

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us, not **willing** that any should perish, but that all should come to **repentance**.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall ultimately pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the

works that are therein shall be burned up.

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Joh 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient ...

Rom 2:1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

Psa 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.

Act 3:14 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

Rev 15:3 and sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb: "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages."

4. **Love** - The Scriptures tell us "God is Love" and yet the Scriptures indicate there are two kinds of love.

4.1 To understand divine or even human love, we must know Bible Doctrine.

4.1.1 There is love which is an **Agape** kind of love. This love depends on the subject to produce the action of love; for example:

Joh 3:16 "For God so **loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, **love** your wives, just as Christ **loved** the church and gave himself for her.

4.1.2 This is love from the ultimate; in the case of God from His Essence. In the case of mankind this type of love can only come from pregnant Doctrine metabolized in the soul.

4.1.3 Now we can better understand why **Agape** love must be produced by the believer, i.e., only God or His Mind (Bible Doctrine) can produce

Agape love.

4.2 There is a **Phileo** love which comes as an emotional response because the object of the verb produces the action. One may love ice cream because of the nature of the ice cream. One may love chocolate because of the nature of the chocolate. One may love a friend or sweetheart because of the pleasant and appealing nature of the object of the verb.

4.3 Our study relates to an Essence of God which is the **Agape** type.

4.3.1 God always has the right mental attitude toward us; it has nothing to do with the object (us). Once the Righteousness of God is satisfied then God is free to love us not only with **Agape** love but even with a **Philos** love.

4.3.2 For example: God has both **Agape** and **Philos** love for Jesus and for the believer when we are obedient.

5. **Eternal Life** - There never was a time when God was not; He always has been.

5.1 We have as believers (and in a sense so does the unbeliever) have "everlasting life" whereas God has "Eternal Life."

5.1.1 Everlasting life has a beginning but no ending.

5.1.2 Eternal life has no beginning and no ending.

Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Rev 1:11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Rev 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Eph 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Isa 48:16 Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the

Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

Isa 48:17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

6. Omniscience - God knows all things; He is all knowing and is not limited by time or choices.

6.1 God knows the end and the beginning as we have seen, nothing has been hidden from Him.

Psa 147:4 He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

Psa 147:5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

Isa 46:10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.

Isa 41:26 Who told of this from the beginning, so we could know, or beforehand, so we could say, 'He was right'? No one told of this, no one foretold it, no one heard any words from you.

Job 37:16 Do you know how the clouds hang poised, those wonders of him who is perfect in knowledge?

6.2 Certainly the Scriptures teach Gods' love and knowledge; all being part of His Omniscience.

7. Omnipresence – God is ever present, a difficult concept beyond both empiricism and rationalism.

7.1 God is not limited by time or space.

7.1.1 God is both a product of effect outside the mind; inherent with all and beyond the limits of experience.

7.1.2 God is therefore in the heaven and the earth simultaneously.

7.1.3 Jesus's agreeing to become human involved the imposition of many self-imposed restrictions; not the least was His omnipresence;

7.2 Two sobering thoughts:

7.2.1 You cannot escape the presence of God.

7.2.2 He therefore does not ever leave you, even in times of great distress.

Jer 16:17 My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from me, nor is their sin concealed from my eyes

Jer 23:24 Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD.

1Ki 8:27 "But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!

Isa 66:1 This is what the LORD says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be?

Deu 4:39 Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other.

Pro 15:3 The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

Heb 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall ultimately pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

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Joh 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient ...

Rom 2:1 Therefore thou are inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judges another: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judges doest the same things.

8. Omnipotent - God is all-powerful and limitless in ability.

8.1 For example:

8.1.1 God is mighty to save those who believe.

8.1.2 to believers He makes known ... "what is the exceeding greatness of His power."

8.1.3 He is mighty to keep the believer and nothing and no one can remove us from the earth until it is the Lord's time.

8.1.4 There is nothing too hard for God.

8.1.5 There is nothing impossible with God.

Psa 147:5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

Psa 93:1 The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and is armed with strength. The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved

Isa 55:11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Gen 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless.

Heb 7:25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Eph 1:19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength,

1Pe 1:5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Jer 32:27 "I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"

Job 42:2 "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.

Luk 1:37 For nothing is impossible with God.

Isa 40:8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God

stands forever."

Ecc 3:14 I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him.

1Co 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it

1Th 5:24 The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

9. Immutability

9.1. God is absolutely stable, He has never been in a slump and He never changes.

9.2 You can count on God to never change.

9.3 His Word is unchangeable.

9.4 His works are unchanging.

9.5 The person of Christ and His thinking are immutable.

9.6. You and I are totally unstable and desperately need the stability of His mind.

9.7 God is faithful to always deliver us from pressure and testing.

9.8 God is faithful in the administration of His plan for us and in His provision for us.

1Th 5:24 The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

1Pe 1:25 but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

Isa 40:8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."

Heb 6:18 God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged.

10. Veracity

10.1 God is absolute truth, an expression of His righteousness.

10.2 God's veracity is manifested in His ways.

10.3 God is said to be full of grace and truth.

10.4 Man is a liar but God is truth.

10.5. Wisdom has always existed even before the name of God. Wisdom and truth are synonymous.

Deu 32:4 He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

Psa 25:10 All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.

Psa 85:10 Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Psa 10:11 Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

Rev 16:3 The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea died.

Rom 3:4 Not at all! Let God be true, and every man a liar. As it is written: "So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge."

Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory; the glory as of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth.