

# Christian Doctrine

## God (Part 1)

### Attributes: Who Is He?

## God Is Spirit

### ➤ What Does This Mean?

- God's nature is spiritual. He is a spiritual being.
- He is not composed of physical material (for example, a body, like we have).

### ➤ Where Do We See This in Scripture?

- “God is spirit” ([John 4:24](#)). “A spirit does not have flesh and bones...” ([Luke 24:39](#)).
- This explains why He is invisible ([Col. 1:15](#); [I Tim. 1:17](#); [Heb. 11:27](#)).
- Jesus said that no one has seen God ([John 1:18](#); [5:37](#); [6:46](#)).  
\* God did reveal Himself to man in a few instances, and man was able to recognize His presence, but no one ever saw Him in His entirety (in all His glory). Note [Exodus 33:20](#): “You cannot see my face; for man shall not see me and live.”

**“Anthropomorphism” – Using human features to describe God and His actions in order to help us relate to Him. God is described as having eyes ([II Chron. 16:9](#)), feet ([Gen 3:8](#)), hands ([Is. 65:2](#); [Heb. 1:10](#)), ears ([Neh. 1:6](#); [Ps. 34:15](#)), etc. These are all analogies, not actual body parts.**

### ➤ What Does This Mean for Me?

- ⇒ We can now better understand the second of the Ten Commandments: not to make graven images/idols. No one knows what God looks like, so no image could accurately represent Him. God is above and beyond any handmade physical object. ([Ex. 20:4](#); note [Deut. 4:15-19](#))
- ⇒ As [John 4:24](#) states, we must worship God “in spirit and truth.” Since God is spirit we must worship Him in spirit. This means our worship should not be limited to certain places or formalities.