

# Christian Doctrine

## God (Part 2)

### Attributes: Who Is He?

## God Is Living and He Is a Person

### ➤ *What Does This Mean?*

- God is alive. By His nature, He is a living God. Thus, as Creator, He is the giver of all life.
- God is a person. God is not a “force” or “energy” in our Universe, but rather a person who can communicate intellectually and personally with mankind.

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

- He is called the “living God” ([Ps. 42:2](#); [Jer. 10:10](#); [I Tim. 4:10](#)).
- The living God is contrasted with dead idols ([Ps. 115:3-9](#); [Acts 14:15](#); [I Thess. 1:9](#)).
- He is the source and sustainer of all life ([Ps. 36:9](#); [54:4](#); [104:27-30](#); [John 5:26](#)).
- He has all the components of personality: intellect ([Ex. 3:7](#); [Acts 15:18](#)) and sensibility ([Ps. 103:8-14](#)); the ability to grieve and repent ([Gen 6:6](#)); the ability to have anger ([Deut. 1:37](#)), jealousy ([Ex. 20:5](#)) and compassion ([Ps. 111:4](#)); etc.

### ➤ *What Does This Mean for Me?*

- ⇒ God is our Creator, the One who gave us life. Without Him we would not even exist. He has given us physical life ([Gen 2:7](#)), and we must turn to Him for spiritual and eternal life as well ([John 5:24](#)).
- ⇒ God’s power over life enables Him to sustain life. The life we have, both physical and eternal, is securely in His hands ([Matt. 6:31-33](#); [John 10:27-29](#)).
- ⇒ God is a personal God who desires to have a personal relationship with each one of us. For this reason, God loves us, sent His Son to redeem us ([Rom. 5:8](#)), and calls us to love Him with all of our heart, soul and mind ([Matt. 22:37](#)).