## Basic Christianity – 5 "The Greatness of God"

I. Intro: Eph. 2:5-8 (KJV)

There are many mysteries associated with God – some to be discovered and unveiled; others to be known throughout the ages to come.

The Bible doesn't set out to prove God's existence. It simply declares and reveals that He is.

While we can't prove the existence of God in a scientific experiment (laboratory environment), there is evidence of God all around us.

In a scientific world, some are reluctant to believe in a being (person) they cannot see, smell, taste, hear or touch.

<u>NOTE:</u> Unbelief and an unbelieving mind will never have enough proof!! Many things cannot be proved scientifically in a test tube. Ex. Love, Courage, hope....

Four Great Truths About God

#1 Truth = God exists

Romans 1:18-21 (KJV) (NLT) (Amp.) – v. 20

Psalm 19:1-3 (KJV) (Isaiah 40:21-23; Acts 14:15-17) (ref)

Hebrews 11:6 (KJV) We believe God is, and is a rewarder of them who diligently seek Him.

Psalm 14:1 (KJV) The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.

#1 – There is a God, and you ain't Him.

#2 Truth = There is a Godhead (Romans 1:20)

Deuteronomy 6:4 (KJV)

One God, three Persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)

John 4:24 (KJV)

Colossians 2:8-9 (KJV) (Amp.) - v. 9

Jesus conversed with the Father constantly and spoke often of the Holy Spirit.

## #3 Truth = Attributes of God

Attributes are characteristics that make something what it is.

Ex. A ball – it must be round to be a ball.

- \* God is a Personal Being, and as such, has individual character traits that separate Him from all others.
- \* Some of these attributes are shared by us (mankind), since God created us in His image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-28)

Those are personal attributes.

Other attributes go beyond mankind and are true to Him alone. These are called "divine attributes."

## [ Divine Attributes ]

1. Omniscience - God knows all things

Psalm 139:1-4 (KJV)

Hebrews 4:13 (ref) all things are open and naked before Him

2. Omnipresence – God is present everywhere

Psalm 139:5-12 (KJV)

3. Omnipotence – God is all powerful

Job 42:2 (KJV)

Genesis 18:14 – nothing is too hard for God

Matthew 19:26 – all things are possible with God

Mark 14:36 - Jesus saith He knew all things were possible with God

## [Personal Attributes]

1. Holiness – God is without evil and is only good

Isaiah 5:16 (KJV)

II Corinthians 6:17 / I Corinthians 3:17 / I Corinthians 6:19 / I Corinthians 7:14 (ref)

2. Love - I John 4L8 (KJV) God seeks the best for everyone

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

John 13:34-35 (Love one another) John 15:12 (ref)

3. Justice – God applies righteous consequences equally to everyone; His judgments are sound and right (pure)

Justice is impartial judgment.

Psalm 89:14-15 (KJV)

Micah 6:8 (ref) / Isaiah 9:7 (ref)

Job 37:23 (ref) / I Chronicles 18:14 (ref) / Genesis 18:19 (ref)

#4 Truth = God is Sovereign – God can do whatever He wills.

His sovereignty exists in harmony with His goodness, righteousness and His Word.

Can't lie Can't sin Can't change NOTE: His all-knowing, all-power, everywhere present, works in harmony with holiness, love and justice.