



Section 2: Concerning The Godhead (Cont.)

Question 2: What is God?

Answer 2: God is a Spirit.

Memory Verse: **John 4:24**

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Support Verses: **2 Corinthians 3:17**

Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Romans 8:10-11

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Discussion Points:

1. What does the word "spirit" mean?

- The word means (from a collective Webster's 1828, Strong's Concordance & Thayer's Greek Lexicon), "breath; wind; an immaterial intelligent being; the immaterial and immortal part of man."
- This is a descriptive word for the one aspect of the nature of God, namely His eternal being.
- God as a Spirit limits the ability of man in his physical nature, to see Him.
- Consider the following verses in John 1:18 and Revelation 4:2-3.
- In the John passage we see a very declarative statement, "no man... at any time."
- And John adds to this declaration the circumstances which are necessary for man to have God visibly manifest to him... the Son.
- In the Revelation passage we see that even when John was in the "spirit" he was unable to God Who is a Spirit.
- He was able only to describe the glory or majesty that proceeded forth from the being that sat on the throne, namely God the Father.

2. What does God being a Spirit have to do with true worship?

- God has designed us, His special creation, as beings that are able to relate to Him.
- Being unable to see Him is irrelevant to our relationship and fellowship with Him.
- Consider 1 John 1:1-3 in light of this statement.
- God, being a Spirit, desires to relate to and fellowship with His special creation on His terms.
- God, not being a physical being, takes no pleasure in the deeds of our flesh.
- So therefore, our relationship with him is never contingent upon our fleshly deeds or desires.



3. How does God being a Spirit make it possible for Him to fellowship with us?

- The Bible makes it clear the life that we possess is the very breath of God.
- According to Genesis 2:7, the very breath of God is in us from creation.
- To be clear, that does not mean that the Holy Spirit of God is in us from creation, but rather the animating force of life, no doubt the power of the Holy Spirit of God.
- That implying, that man was created in the image of, and at the same time distinct from, God the Creator.
- This unique creation is distinct because of the communion that can exist between he or she and the Creator.
- No other created being has this distinct privilege or ability.
- So, our spirit is able to bear witness (relate to, and fellowship) with His Spirit.
- He has designed us for this purpose, and even went as far as Calvary to restore this ability in us to worship Him.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "Spirit of the Living God" (Chorus - #519 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "Father, I Adore You" (Chorus - #6 - Rejoice Hymns)