

## II. OF THE TRUE GOD

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

**WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ONE, AND ONLY ONE, LIVING AND TRUE GOD,** =Exodus 20:2-4; "Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thy self to them, nor serve them for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me" Genesis 17:1; "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me and be thou perfect." I Corinthians 8:6; "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things and we by Him." Ephesians 4:6; "One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Paul writing to believers.)

**AN INFINITE, INTELLIGENT SPIRIT,**=Psalm 147:5 "Great is our Lord, and of great power: His understanding is infinite." John 4:24; "God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." (Remember Jesus is the truth-John 14:6;)

**THE MAKER AND SUPREME RULER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH;** Psalms 83:18; "That men may know that thou, whose name, alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth." Psalm 90:2 "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." Jeremiah 10:10; "But the LORD is the true God, He is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide His indignation." [LORD (Hebrew-JEHOVAH) I. The primary meaning of the name LORD (Jehovah) is "the self-existent One." Literally (as in Exodus 3:14; "And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.") "He that is who He is, therefore the eternal I AM." But Havah, from which Jehovah, or Yahwe, is formed signifies also "to become," that is to become known, thus pointing to a continuous and increasing self-revelation. Combining these meanings of Havah, we arrive at the meaning of the name Jehovah. He is the self-existent One who reveals Himself." C.I. Scofield. Thus the name JEHOVAH which is translated LORD in our English Bibles, literally means "HE THAT IS THE SELF-

EXISTENT ONE WHO IS REVEALING HIMSELF MORE AND MORE." Remember Jesus used the term 'I AM' several times in the Gospel of John. John 6:35, 48; 8:12,58; 10:7, 9, 11, 14; 11:25; 14:6; 13:19 (Note: the word "I AM". "He" is italicized meaning it was not in the original manuscript) 15:5; Also consider all that Jesus told us about God the Father and God the Holy Spirit! Certainly, God revealed much about Himself through the coming of Jesus in human form that enabled us to understand God in ways man never could before.

**INEXPRESSIBLY GLORIOUS IN HOLINESS AND WORTHY OF ALL POSSIBLE HONOR, CONFIDENCE AND LOVE;** Exodus 14:11; "Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" Revelation 4:11; "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." I Timothy 1:17; "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen." Romans 11:33; "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!" Mark 12:30; "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment."

**That in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,** (or Holy Spirit—the terms mean the same. Different translators used different words.) Matthew 28:19; "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" (Note: Name not names. This is God's name) John 15:26; "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of me:" John 14:16-17a;(Note: The Trinity) "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever: even the Spirit of Truth." equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. I Corinthians 12:4-6; I John 5:7: "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." John 10:30; "I and my father are one." John 17:5; "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was" Acts 5:3-4; I Corinthians 2:10-11; Philippians 2:5-6; "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God: (because He was equal with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.) Ephesians 2:18; "For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father." II Corinthians 13: 14; "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."

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