

## The God of Love

The \_\_\_\_\_ of the *other* determines how you can \_\_\_\_\_ to that *other*

What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God?

How do you \_\_\_\_\_ God? How do you \_\_\_\_\_ to God?

**There is good \_\_\_\_\_ to believe that God exists**

Everything that \_\_\_\_\_ to exist has a \_\_\_\_\_

Key to human functioning, learning, and research

The \_\_\_\_\_ began to exist

Therefore: the \_\_\_\_\_ has a cause

We call that cause “\_\_\_\_\_”: an uncaused, personal \_\_\_\_\_

Believing in the existence of God is more \_\_\_\_\_

than believing that there is no God

**God (the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_) is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things**

Genesis 1:1-2

John 1:1-3

**God (the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_) is the only \_\_\_\_\_ of the world**

**and so He is to be \_\_\_\_\_ alone by all beings**

Isaiah 45:22-23

Philippians 2:9-11

**God is the one \_\_\_\_\_ (authority, being)**

**over all \_\_\_\_\_ and over all \_\_\_\_\_**

**in three \_\_\_\_\_: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**

Matthew 28:18-20: The \_\_\_\_\_ (tri-unity)

### Crossway Statement of Faith #1

We believe in **one God, Creator of all things**, holy, infinitely perfect, and **eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit**. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity **to redeem a people for Himself** and to make all things new for His own glory.

### The Big Idea:

**There is one and only one \_\_\_\_\_ God who has always existed and always will exist as three \_\_\_\_\_:**

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in loving \_\_\_\_\_ together**

1 John 4:7-10

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God,  
and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit  
be with you \_\_\_\_\_.

**God \_\_\_\_\_ us and offers \_\_\_\_\_ to us  
so we can join that perfect \_\_\_\_\_  
by His \_\_\_\_\_ of forgiveness and love**

### Application

**The greatest commandment is \_\_\_\_\_**

Love \_\_\_\_\_ completely

Be \_\_\_\_\_: God invites broken people like me and you  
into the perfect fellowship of the Trinity!

Since God is love, to be known by God in Christ  
is to be \_\_\_\_\_ perfectly by God

There is no part of us that is better when apart from God

We are to \_\_\_\_\_ God and be known by God

be \_\_\_\_\_ for Him and experience His compassion,

\_\_\_\_\_ Him and experience His care for us

Love \_\_\_\_\_ like God does

We are made in the image of God > made for loving \_\_\_\_\_

Invite other people

into the loving fellowship of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

Yet we are \_\_\_\_\_, so our love is far from perfect

- We point to the love of \_\_\_\_\_
- We strive to love by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Spirit
- We trust the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit who uses \_\_\_\_\_ people

### Revelation 19:6-7

### Reflection

- When you think about God, what thoughts or feelings naturally come to you? Why might that be?
- God gives us a startling image of the relationship of people with God: marriage. What is your reaction to God's choice to give this metaphor?
- How does your view of God and our relationship with Him in Christ need to be corrected or to grow?
- All Christians are to love their neighbors as themselves, yet that love will be expressed in different ways by different people in different settings. It will always involve self-sacrifice and putting the needs of others first. What might it look like for you to love your neighbor as yourself?