

DOGMA :: GOD THE FATHER

VARIOUS SCRIPTURE

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MESSAGE 3

You can't call yourself a Christian unless you are committed core Christian doctrine.
You can't be committed to the doctrine without understanding the **dogma**.

DOGMA DEFINITION ON SCREEN**REVIEW:**

- ❖ The Bible is the inerrant, authoritative Word of God.
- ❖ There is one God existing as Trinity.
TODAY WE MOVE TO THEOLOGY PROPER • HOW DO YOU IMAGINE THE FATHER? • ALL IDOLS!

DOGMA: GOD THE FATHER

BURNING BUSH: I AM // EXODUS: CLOUD/FIRE // WANDERING: ARK • BEYOND LANGUAGE

God is the **standard** for his **attributes**.

NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

THE STATEMENT

God the Father is an infinite personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of each person, He hears and answers prayer, and He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ (Deuteronomy 32:4-6, Psalm 139, Matthew 6:6-8, John 3:16-17, John 4:24, Romans 6:23, 1 Corinthians 8:6).

LCC Statement of Faith

... an infinite personal spirit ...

- ❖ INFINITE: no **boundaries** in time and space.
- ❖ PERSONAL: consciousness, **will**, differentiation.
- ❖ SPIRIT: entity without **physical** properties.

THESE IDEAS ALL START WITH JESUS

Jesus: God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

Jesus: For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.

John 5:26

**ALL OF GOD'S ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTES DERIVE FROM HIS ASEITY. • RECALL EXODUS 3:14
GOD IS "ONLY" (ANOTHER ENTITY LIKE HIM IS IMPOSSIBLE) • GOD IS "OTHER" • GOD IS HOLY**

... perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love ...

- ❖ PERFECT HOLINESS: completely **set apart**.

Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

Revelation 4:8 (see also Isaiah 6:3; Ezekiel 39:7)

**PERFECT HOLINESS • ILL: NORMAL BUT HOLY // THE "STEALTH" ACCORD // BABE RUTH BASEBALL //
RETIRED JERSEY, LIKE A NORMAL, BUT HOLY // GOD ISN'T "LIKE A NORMAL" // YOU HAVE NORMAL
GODS, BUT GOD IS A HOLY GOD, NORMAL HOLY THINGS, BUT GOD IS HOLY HOLY // HOLY X 3!**

- ❖ PERFECT WISDOM: always knows the **best** course of action.

To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his.

Job 12:13

- ❖ PERFECT POWER: every intention is **accomplished**.

I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.

Isaiah 46:10

- ❖ PERFECT LOVE: every **sacrifice** has been **made**.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

1 John 3:16

If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

Hebrews 10:26-27

**ALL THESE THINGS MAKE GOD SOVEREIGN TRUSTWORTHY KING AND JUDGE.
TRANSITION: WILL A GOD LIKE THAT CONCERN HIMSELF WITH PEOPLE LIKE US? YES, YOU ARE A
RESULT OF THE PERFECT WISDOM, PERFECT POWER, AND PERFECT LOVE OF GOD!!!**

... concerns himself mercifully in the affairs of each person ...

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Matthew 10:29-31

... hears and answers prayer ...

Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

Matthew 7:9-11

ILL: BART ROLLING ON THE COUCH LAUGHING

... and saves from sin and death ... through Jesus Christ.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:16-17

THE FATHER IS YOUR SAVIOR!

TAKE IT HOME:

BECAUSE HE IS TRUSTWORTHY, BELIEVE, PRAY, BE SAVED.

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