

A Who is God?

❖ He created us.

- The whole Trinity was involved in Creation (Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 45:11-12; John 1:3), and Jesus was the main cause.
- He created all the riches of Earth so we could enjoy them (Genesis 1:28-29; 2:8-13), even after sin entered the Earth (Deuteronomy 26:15). However, we have corrupted them (Ecclesiastes 7:29; 1 Chronicles 29:14).

❖ He became human.

- God merged His divine nature with human nature in the person of the Son—Jesus. That’s the greatest example of God’s love.
- God did everything possible to help us understand how much He cares for and loves us.
- Nevertheless, He lets us freely choose to live with Him or to let the love for material things separate us from Him like the young rich man did (Mat. 19:16-22).

❖ He redeemed us.

- We took what we shouldn’t—the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil—, so we incurred a debt that we couldn’t repay (Psalm 49:7-8).
- Jesus fulfilled His mission when He died at the cross. Our debt was paid in full. Divine justice was fully satisfied, and He is now waiting for our response to His sacrifice.

B Serving God.

- ❖ “God is not a man.” (Num. 23:19). We cannot understand His nature and His thoughts (Isa. 55:9). He is the Creator and we are His creatures (Psalm 100:3). He is a “jealous God” (Deu. 4:24) and He doesn’t tolerate any competition.
- ❖ He doesn’t want a divided heart or just a portion of it. He wants a love response and full surrender, and He’s not satisfied with anything less.

C Serving money.

- ❖ Before devoting yourself to your possessions, ask yourself: Do I really own them? (Deuteronomy 10:14; Psalm 50:10; Ezekiel 18:4; Haggai 2:8)
- ❖ We don’t own anything, even ourselves (1Co. 6:20). What can we do to avoid loving riches more than we love God?