

THE PERFECT PATH TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
LIFE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD
VOLUME 8: PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE
MESSAGE 2: WHO IS GOD?
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• **Introduction: Who IS God?**

- 2 Peter 1:1-12, 19
- 2 Timothy 6:6-12
 - (1Timothy 6:12) [*Amplified Classic Version*] Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold of the eternal life to which you were summoned and [*for which*] you confessed the good confession [*of faith*] before many witnesses.
 - 1 Timothy 1:18-19
- (Eph 1:3) [*King James*] Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:
 - Ephesians 2:6-8

• **2 Peter 1:4**

- The divine nature of God is in every believer at the moment of the new birth
- We need to make a choice and find the knowledge to partake of that divine nature – God has given us the Right to Partake of His Divine Nature

• We learn through:

- Verse 1: discover God’s Righteousness (God is Right – Correct)
 - Spiritual Correctness
- Verse 2: Through Knowledge
- Verse 3: Through Knowledge
- Verse 6: Add Knowledge to your Faith

• **Genesis 1 = “In the Beginning God”**

- Elohim = the Supreme Being
 - Triune (3 in 1) = Father, Son & Holy Ghost [all had their part in Creation]
- God is the creator, the only True God

I. **We Only Have a Concept of Time, Not Eternity**

- a. 24 Hours a Day
 - i. 7 days in a week
 - ii. 30 days in a month
 - iii. 365 days in a year
 - iv. 120 years for man on this earth
- b. God Lives in a Spiritual, Eternal Realm
- c. He uses Time for a frame of reference for man to understand

II. God identifies Himself to man through His Names

- a. Shakespeare: "Would a rose smell as sweet by any other name?"
- b. God's Names identify Who He IS to man
- c. **The Lord God Jehovah**
 - i. Jehovah = self-existent One
 - ii. El-Shaddai = the Almighty breasty One; all Provision
 - iii. *Adoni* = Lord, Master, Owner
 1. Lord (Webster's) = Supreme Power & Authority, ruler Governor
 2. For too long we've seen this part of God as the One Who will do whatever He wants, when He wants: no matter what that is [Sovereignty]
 3. Sovereignty = supreme Authority, self-governing

III. God Identifies Himself as Jehovah through Redemption

- a. *Jireh* = great provider [Philippians 4:19]
- b. *Rapha* = supreme healer
 - i. Exodus 15:26 = I AM the Lord that heals you
- c. *Nissi* = banner of Love, Victory & Protection
- d. *Shalom* = Peace [Nothing Missing, Nothing Broken]
- e. *Rohi* = our shepherd (Psalm 23)
- f. *Tsidkenu* = righteousness
- g. *Shammah* = every and always present
- h. *Sabaoth* = King of Glory (Psalm 24:10), Lord of Hosts
- i. *M'Kaddesh* = The God Who Sanctifies (sets in order)
 - i. [John 17:17]

IV. **JESUS THE CHRIST, LORD**

- a. Philippians 2:9-12
 - i. Every knee shall bow (sickness, lack are names that bow)
 - ii. The Redemptive Names Reveal God's plan for the Body of Christ
 - iii. THE CHRIST = the Anointed ONE