



GOD

Nature &  
perfections

# ISSUES



**1. Ability to know God**

**2. Knowing God vs. about God**

# INFERIOR VIEWS

## 1. Anti-theistic



# ANTI-THEISTIC

- **Atheism - denies existence**
- **Agnosticism - insufficient info**
- **Polytheism - pantheon of gods**
- **Henotheism - one god above many**
- **Pantheism - god is everything & everything is god**

# INFERIOR VIEWS

1. Anti-theistic

2. Biblical Departures



# DEPARTURES

- **Deism** - god is transcendent  
but not immanent  
impersonal, infinite, holy  
but not sovereign
- **Dualism** - 2 eternal & opposing  
principles
- **Mysticism** - over emphasis on  
immanence

# INFERIOR VIEWS

1. Anti-theistic

2. Biblical Departures

3. Christian Perversions



# PERVERSIONS

- **God of Love**
- **OT vs. NT God**
- **God after our Image**
- **Santa Clause God**
- **God our Servant**



# **ESSENTIAL NATURE**

## **1. He is Trinitarian**

# **TRINITY**

**“The Trinity is the point at which all Christian ideas and interests unite; at once the beginning and the end of all insight into Christianity.”**

**Meyer**

# TRINITY

- **Central Doctrine of Scripture**
- **Distinguishes Christianity**
- **Test of Orthodoxy**
- **Proper View of God**

# **ESSENTIAL NATURE**

- 1. He is Trinitarian**
- 2. He is Spirit**

# SPIRIT

- **Incorporeal**
- **Invisible**
- **Infinite**

# **ESSENTIAL NATURE**

- 1. He is Trinitarian**
- 2. He is Spirit**
- 3. He is Simple**
- 4. He is Living**
- 5. He is Personal**

# PERSONAL

- **Self-consciousness**
- **Self-determinations**
- **Personal Qualities**
- **Personal Terms**
- **Knowable**
- **Revealed In Christ**