

THEOLOGY PROPER



GLORY OF GOD

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D. The Inferior Views

INFERIOR VIEWS

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2. Biblical Departures

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a. Presupposition

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c. Denial

EXISTENCE

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2. Biblical Testimony

a. Biblical Assumption

b. Inner Testimony

c. External Testimony

d. Divine Testimony

EXISTENCE

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Biblical Testimony**
- 3. Rational Proofs**

RATIONAL PROOFS

- 1. Ontological - idea of God**
- 2. Cosmological - adequate cause**
- 3. Teleological - design**
- 4. Moral - sense of right & wrong**

ISSUES



1. Existence of God

2. Ability to know God

INCOMPREHENSIBILITY

➤ **His Incomprehensibility**

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Job 11:7 “Can you **discover** the depths of God? Can you **discover** the limits of the Almighty?
8 “They are **high** as the heavens, what can you do? **Deeper** than Sheol, what can you **know**?
9 “Its measure is **longer** than the earth And **broader** than the sea.

**He is not exactly like anything
or anybody**

AW Tozer

**Some of the characteristics
of the divine nature cannot be
known by a finite intelligence**

WGT Shedd

**Ps 139:6 Such knowledge is too
wonderful for me; It is too
high, I cannot attain to it.**

**Isa 55:8 “For My thoughts are not
your thoughts, Nor are your ways
My ways,” declares the Lord. 9
“For as the heavens are higher
than the earth, So are My ways
higher than your ways And My
thoughts than your thoughts.**

**Rom 11:33-36 Oh, the depth of
the riches both of the
wisdom & knowledge of
God! How **unsearchable** are
His judgments and
unfathomable His ways!**

Mt 11:27 "...; and no one knows the Son, except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father, except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

INCOMPREHENSIBILITY

- **His Incomprehensibility**
- **His Knowability**

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KNOWABILITY

- **Not unintelligible -**
cannot frame any idea
- **Incomprehensible -**
ideas are incomplete

SOURCES

1. General Revelation



GENERAL REVELATION

Rom 1:19-20 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

SOURCES

1. General Revelation
2. Special Revelation



SPECIAL REVELATION

Deut 4:35 “To you it was shown that you might know that the Lord, He is God; there is no other besides Him.

SOURCES

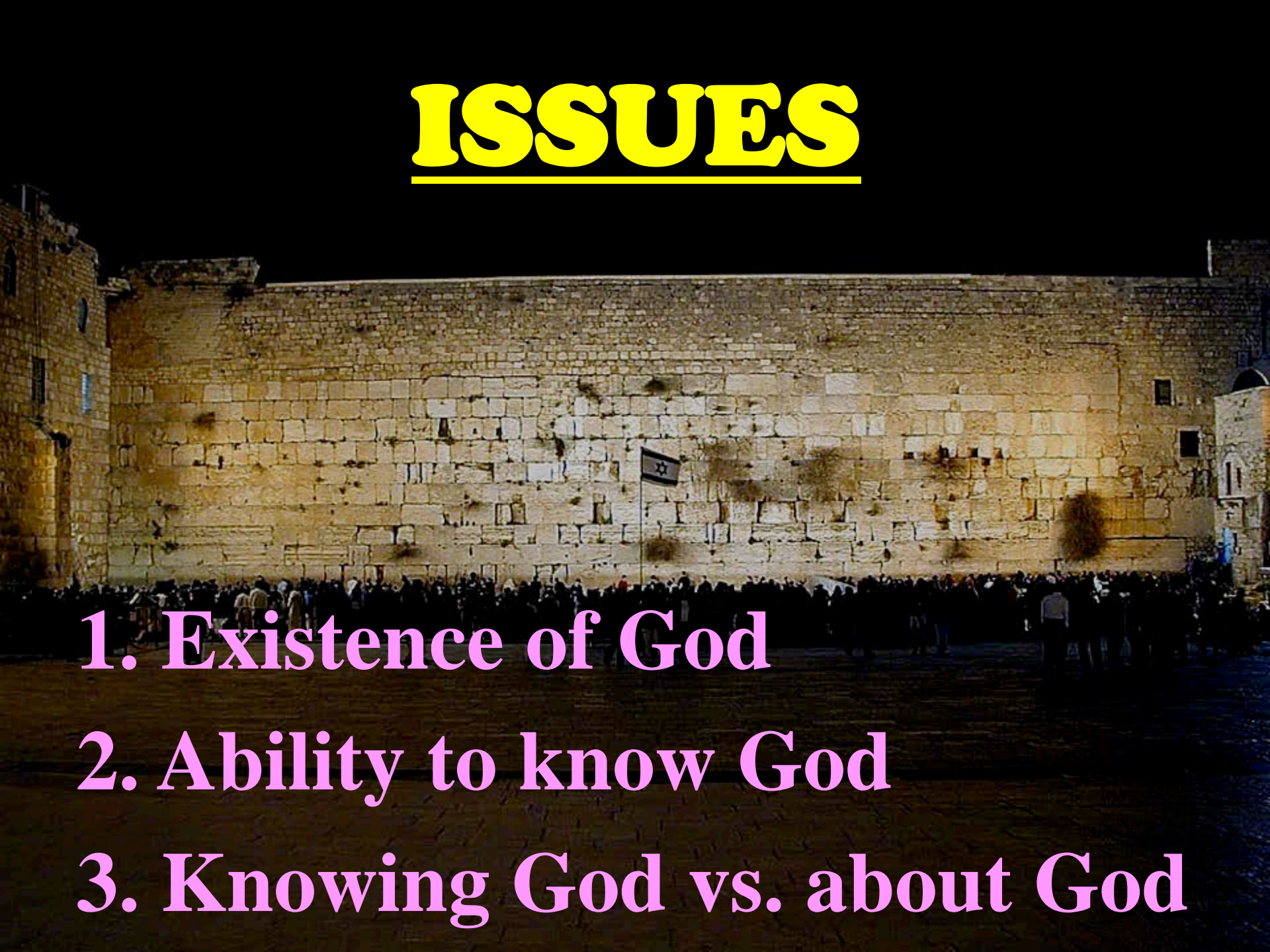
1. General Revelation
2. Special Revelation
3. Jesus Christ



JESUS CHRIST

**Jn 1:18 No man has seen God
at any time; the only begotten
God, who is in the bosom of
the Father, He has explained
Him.**

ISSUES

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GOAL

1. **Glory of God**
2. **Transformation**

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2. Essential Nature of God



ESSENTIAL NATURE

1. Trinitarian

“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

ESSENTIAL NATURE

1. Trinitarian

2. Spirit

“... exists as a being that is not made of any matter, has no parts, or dimensions, is unable to be perceived by our bodily senses, and is more excellent than any other kind of existence.”

Grudem

ESSENTIAL NATURE

1. Trinitarian

2. Spirit

Incorporeal - Jn 4:24

Invisible - Jn 1:18, 6:46

Infinite Spirit

ESSENTIAL NATURE

1. Trinitarian

2. Spirit

3. Simple

4. Living

5. Personal

“ ... it is ... of the utmost importance to maintain the personality of God, for without it there can be no religion in the real sense of the word: no prayer, no personal communion, no trustful reliance and no confident hope.”

Berkhof

PERSONAL

- **Self-consciousness**
- **Self-determinations**
- **Personal Qualities**
- **Can be Known**
- **Personal Terms**
- **Highest revelation - Jesus**

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3. Trinity



TRINITY

1. Introduction



“The greatest mystery of all revealed truth.”

“Probably no doctrine of the word of God is more far-reaching in it’s implications than that of the Trinity.”

Chafer

“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

“The doctrine of the Trinity is very decidedly a doctrine of revelation. Man could not know it or discover it by experience.”

Berkhof

OBJECTIONS

- 1. Biblical**
- 2. Theological**
- 3. Philosophical**
- 4. Cultural**
- 5. Practical**
- 6. Non-Christian**

TRINITY

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2. Importance



IMPORTANCE

1. Central Doctrine
2. Christian Uniqueness
3. Impact on Doctrines
4. Test for Orthodoxy
5. Historical Priority

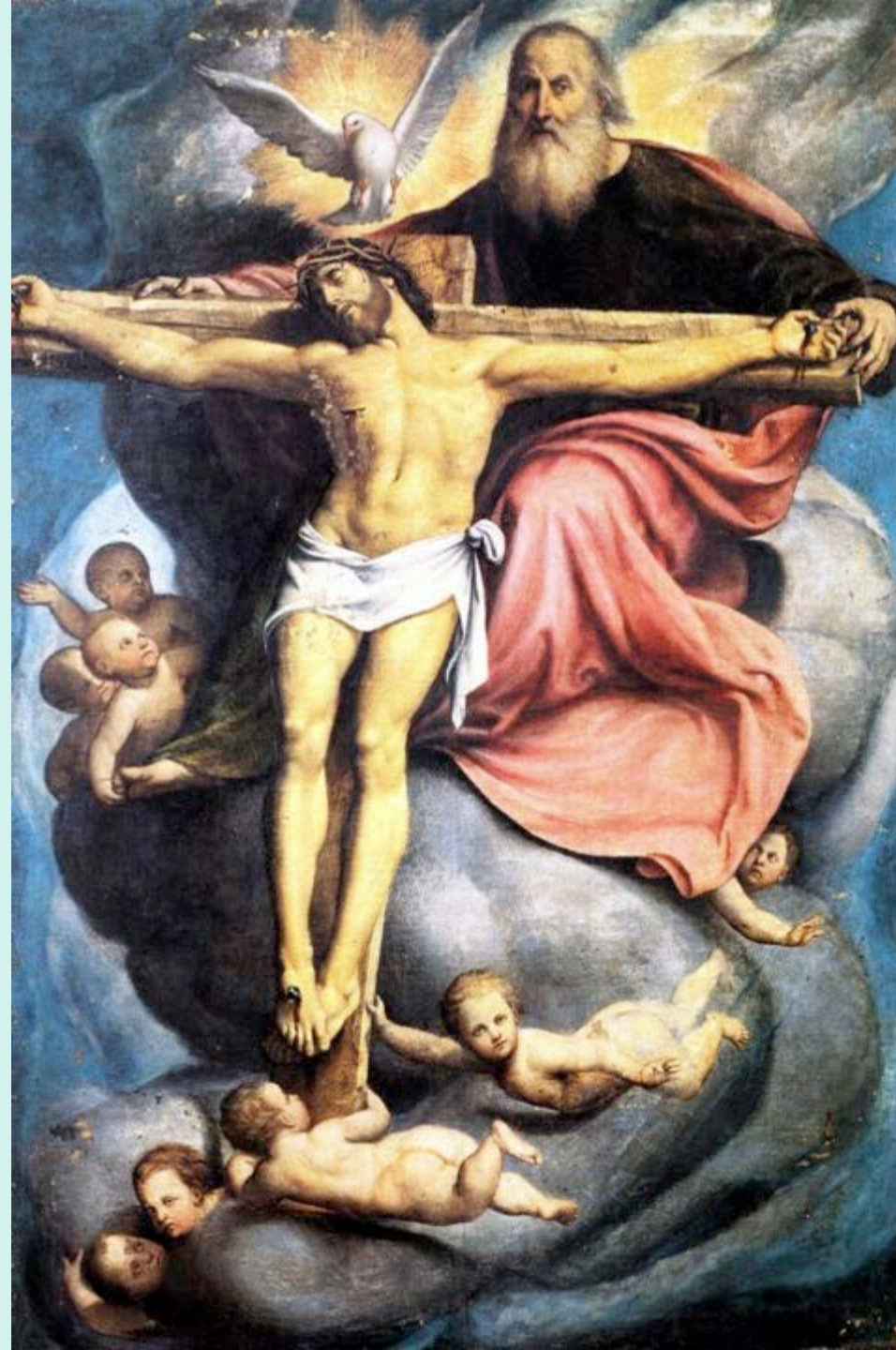
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3. Data



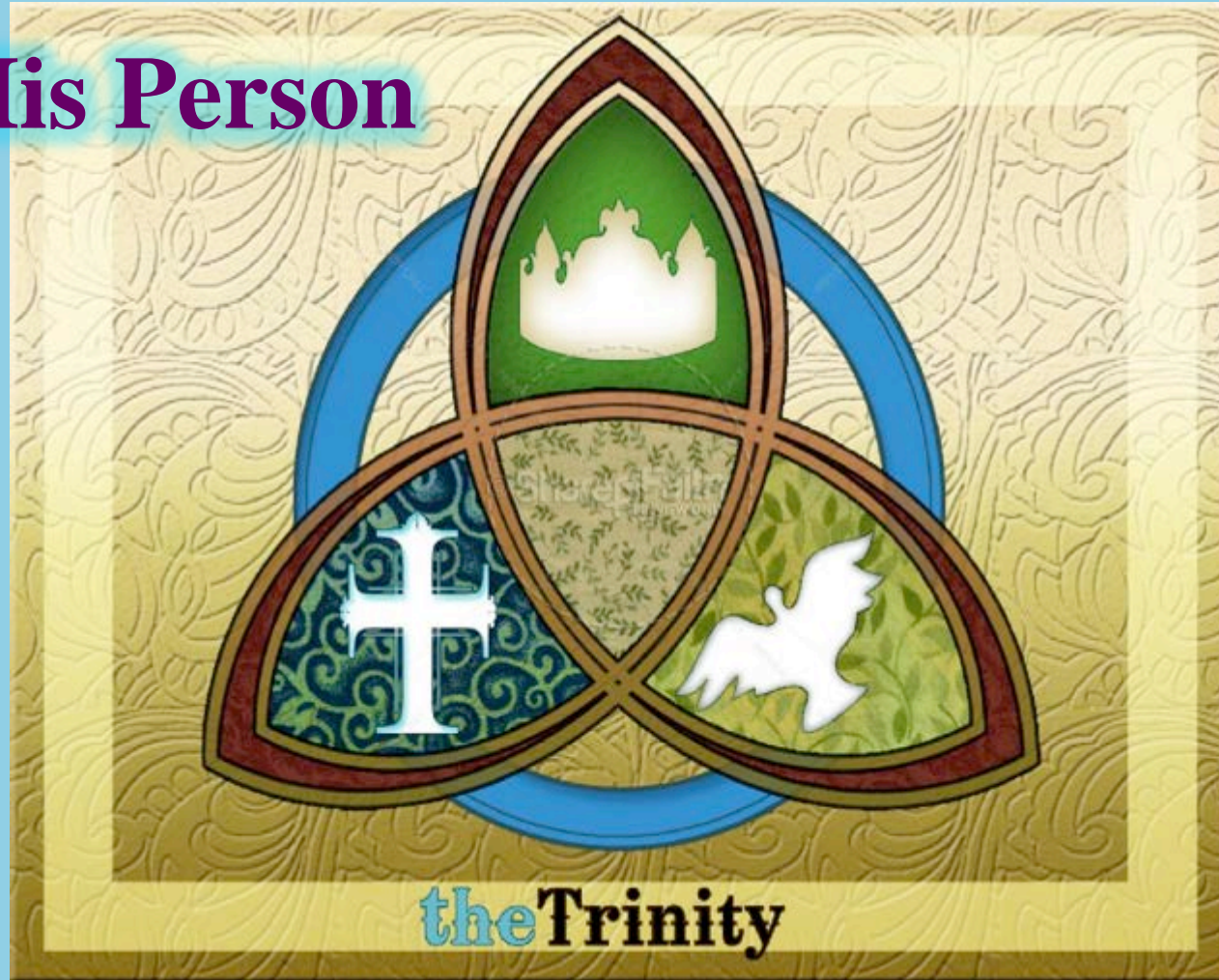
DATA

1. Unity
2. Subordination
3. Deity
4. Relationship



EVIDENCE

1. Unity of His Person



UNITY

- **Oneness, uniqueness, & unity**
- **OT - Deut 6:4, 4:35, Ex 20:3, Isa 44:6, 45:5-6**
- **NT - Mk 12:32, Rom 3:30, Eph 4:6, Jas 2:19**
- **Unity of Relationship**
- **Unity of Action**