

**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
**September 13, 2015**  
**Strong Foundations: God is**

**TEXT:** 2Pe 1:12-13 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know *them*, and be **established** in the present truth. (13) Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to **stir you up** by putting *you* in remembrance

The essence of any religious system must begin with some understanding of deity. We have revelation of who He is in the BOOK.

- ♥ We must believe that God is before we can come to Him. Heb 11:6
  - His existence is assumed from the beginning. "In the beginning God..." Everyone knows there is a God. Psalm 19:1-3
  - Psalm 14:1 It requires a peculiar kind of fool to deny the existence of God. (note Matthew 5:22) We are never called to argue the existence of God with anyone. Remember, if He doesn't believe there is a God, then he is a fool. Note Proverbs 14:7. We have 2 jobs: proclaim and perform: Romans 10:17 / John 14:11-12
- ♥ God not only exists, but He has revealed His nature in His Word.
  - God is Us. He is trinity. The Trinity of God is His tri-personal existence as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This concept is revealed in scripture, but never defined or explained
  - Deuteronomy 6:4 God is One God. There is no division in Him. God is revealed as three persons, distinct in personality and function. Genesis 1:1 God = Elohim a plural noun with a singular verb Genesis 1:26 Let US make man in our image
  - All three are a frequent fixture in Scripture: Matthew 28:19 / 2 Corinthians 13:14 / 1 Corinthians 12:4-6
    - The Holy Spirit is referred to as God and Lord Acts 5:3-4 / 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
    - Jesus Christ is fully God and reveals God in the flesh; John 1:1-18 / Matthew 11:27 / Philippians 2:6 / John 17:11 / John 14:9
    - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are co-equal in rank and deity. The Father conceives, the Son executes, and the Holy Spirit implements.

- The characteristics of God are revealed in Scripture. **It is important to adjust our believing to fit the Bible** so we will have an accurate picture of God. The devil has used TV, literature, and religion to twist the image of God in the minds of men. Hebrews 11:6 says that if we don't believe He is a rewarder we will not come to Him.
- Scriptures about God. Exodus 34:14 / Leviticus 19:2 / Deuteronomy 4:31,34 / Malachi 3:6 / Psalm 19:14 / Acts 4:24 / John 4:24 / Hebrews 12:23 / Titus 1:2 / Jeremiah 32:19 / Psalm 90:2 / Matthew 19:26 / Psalm 139:7-12 / 1 John 4:8 / 1 John 1:5 / John 3:33 / 1 John 1:9
- ♥ The New Covenant miracle: We can know God personally
  - Look up the following passages to get a Bible idea of what a **Father** is like Matt 5:45 / Luke 6:36 / Luke 11:13 / Luke 12:32 / Luke 15:11-32 / Rom 8:15 / Gal 4:6
  - He is a **rewarder** of those who seek Him. Hebrews 11:6
  - John 17:3 Life is in knowing God. Not in knowing about God.
  - Ephesians 1:17 Paul prays for a revelation of the Holy Ghost in the knowledge of Him.
  - 1 John 2:3 We know Him by keeping His commandments.
  - John 14:7-9 We can see Jesus and get to know God better. **You can have fellowship with God.** 1 John 1:3 / 2 Peter 1:4 / Revelation 3:20
- ♥ **Benefits** of knowing God
  - 1 John 4:7-8 A life marked by genuine **love** for others.
  - 2 Peter 1:2 **Grace** and **peace** multiplied in our lives.
  - 2 Tim 1:12. **Great faith** comes from knowing the one who promised.
  - Daniel 11:32 The **power** to do exploits

**I consider everything else worthless because I'm much better off knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. It's because of him that I think of everything as worthless. I threw it all away in order to gain Christ. Philippians 3:8**