

THE STUDY OF GOD #2

Today's study takes us into what is known as the Nature of God. God's nature is broken down into two categories – His essence and His attributes. Our study today will focus on the "Essence of God".

1. The Nature of God: His Essence:

- **Essence** – Who God is. The underlying reality which is outwardly shown. God is:

1. Spiritual – John 4:24.

- **God is Immaterial and Incorporeal** – Luke 24:39. God is not refined matter nor flesh and bones. God is "anthropomorphic" in other words descriptions using body parts are symbolic representations of Who God is and what He does.
- **God is Invisible** – Ex. 33:20-21. Man has never seen the essence of God but rather the reflection of His glory.
- **God is Alive** – Josh. 3:10, Ps. 84:2, Matt. 16:16.
- **God is a Person** – He speaks – Gen. 1:3, sees – Gen. 11:5, hears – Ps. 94:9, repents – Gen. 6:6, gets angry – Deut. 1:37, is jealous – Ex. 20:5 and is compassionate – Ps. 111:4.

2. **Self-Existent** – God has the grounds of existence in Himself – Ex. 3:13-14 - . It has been said that "God is the first cause, Himself uncaused".

3. **Immensity** – God's infinity in relation to space. God is not limited by space – 1 Kings 8:27, 2 Chron. 2:6, Ps. 139:7, Jer. 23:24 - .

4. **Eternity** – God's infinity in relation to time. God had no beginning and has no end – Gen. 21:33, Ps. 90:2, 102:27.