

Doxa Series
Never Again Out of Place
“God is One”
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Opening

-The oneness of God reveals that the nature of God is to be for others.

>(contrast this to our nature...human nature)

>**Jeremiah 17:9**

>So what do I mean by the “oneness of God?”

God is one

-I prefer “one” over “trinity”

-Mystery vs. Revealed

- **God the Father**
- **God the Son**
- **God the Holy Spirit**
- **One in fellowship, purpose, and substance**
- **ALL 3 DIVINE (all powerful, all wise, all present)**

-Find me one place in Scripture where it seems the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are jealous of one another, compete with one another, or are threatened by one another?

The Father

-Matthew 3:17 (what He didn't say...)

- “Look at what I have created...fully divine and human!”
- “Let's see someone else try to accomplish a virgin birth!”
- “All of this was my idea because I am so perfect!”
- NO...look at the love and attention He gives the Son!

The Son

-John 5:19 (what He didn't say...)

- "Well old man...it's my turn now!"
- "This was your first mistake...I've got an army now!"
- NO...look at the love and deference He gives to the Father!

The Spirit

-John 16:13-14 (what He didn't say...)

- "Nobody ever uses my name in vain!"
- "Why is it that I don't have my own audible voice?"
- "I'm the only one who is still here!"
- NO...look at how he serves, points people always to them!

-The oneness of God reveals that the nature of God is to be for others.

-“I got it Fred...but what does that have to do with me?”

Out of Place

-participation

1. Things that you often loose in your home...

2. Things that have A PLACE...so never...
3. A time when you felt out of place?
4. For me, whenever I am away from family... **(heart shaped rock)**

-The 7 Core beliefs of Christianity (our Doxa) instruct us where to be just as much as they teach us what to know.

-*Not every question that begins with “where” denotes something geographical.*

- God is one
- The Bible is true
- The Cross is enough
- Mankind is helpless
- Jesus is life
- Eternity is real

- The Church is central

-So to where is the place that "God is one" leads me?

Trust

-(tell story of working at The Christian Children's Fund and the verse...)

-Proverbs 3:5-6

-The more you see the oneness of God, the more you reflect on the oneness of God, the more you discover the oneness of God in Scripture...the more you see how His nature is to be FOR others!

-And the more convinced you become that He is FOR others...the more you realize that His is FOR you!

-And the more you realize He is FOR you...you will be drawn into a place of trust in Him!

The Band

-The opposite of trust is not doubt... (talk about room for doubt)

-The opposite of trust is skepticism, it's suspicion... TRAVEL!!!

-If you've had this feeling of being out of place you just haven't been able to explain...maybe it's because it's time to come into a place of trusting God again, or maybe trusting Him for the first time.

-And there's no better way to trust Him like reminding yourself that He is FOR you!!!!

Close

-The Shema is a prayer by Jewish people twice daily...it begins as follows...

-Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is one. And as for you, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

-It's no coincidence that this prayer opens with His oneness and then pivots to a loving bond that is only possible through trust.