

GOD

Nature &
perfections

“In the midst of the knowledge explosion of the past half century, it is astounding how many have forgotten that the greatest knowledge they could possess is the knowledge of God.”

Ryrie

Study of God

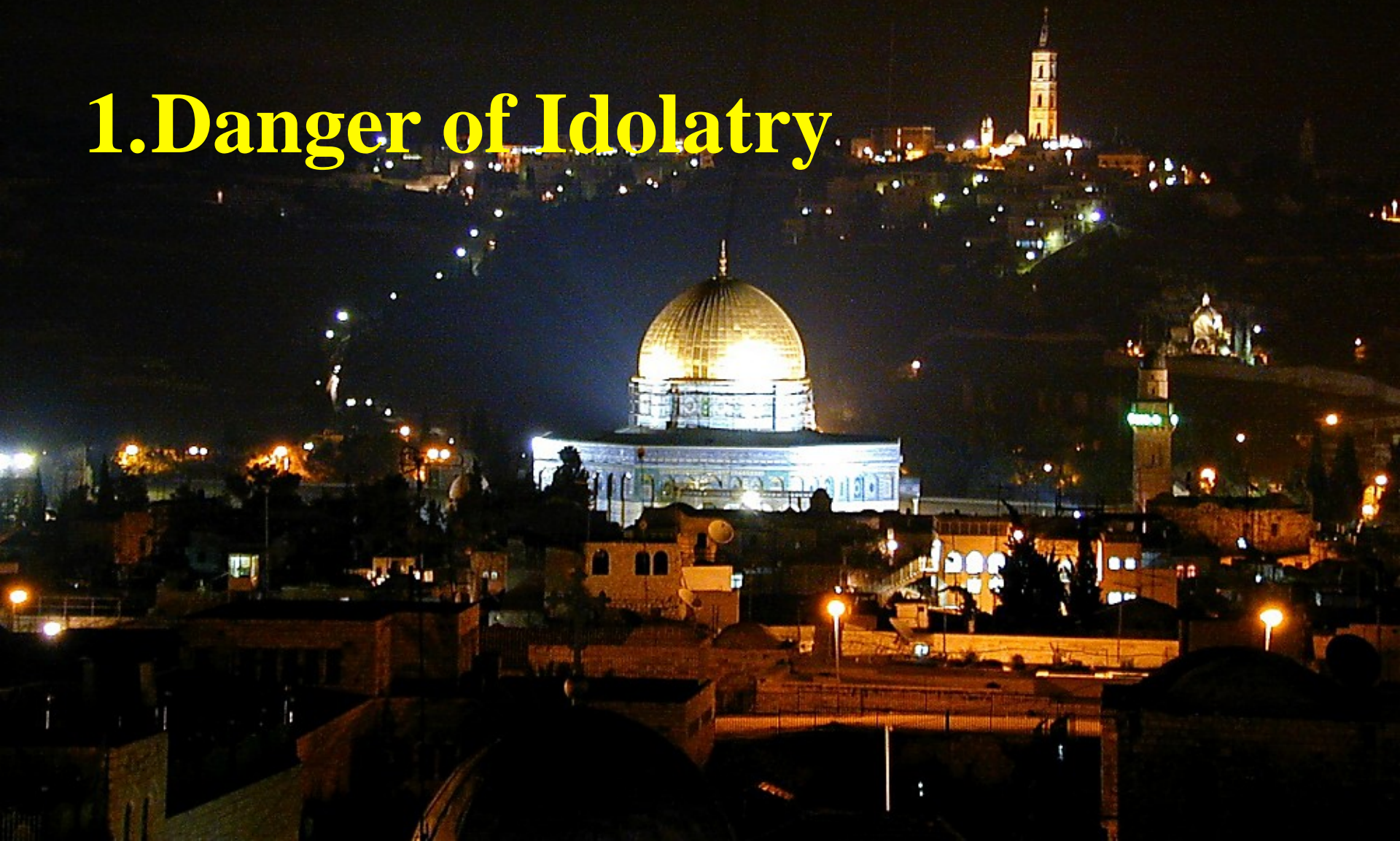
More important than:

- ✓ **Space program**
- ✓ **Super computers**
- ✓ **Cancer research**
- ✓ **Nanotechnology**
- ✓ **.....**



IMPORTANCE

1. Danger of Idolatry

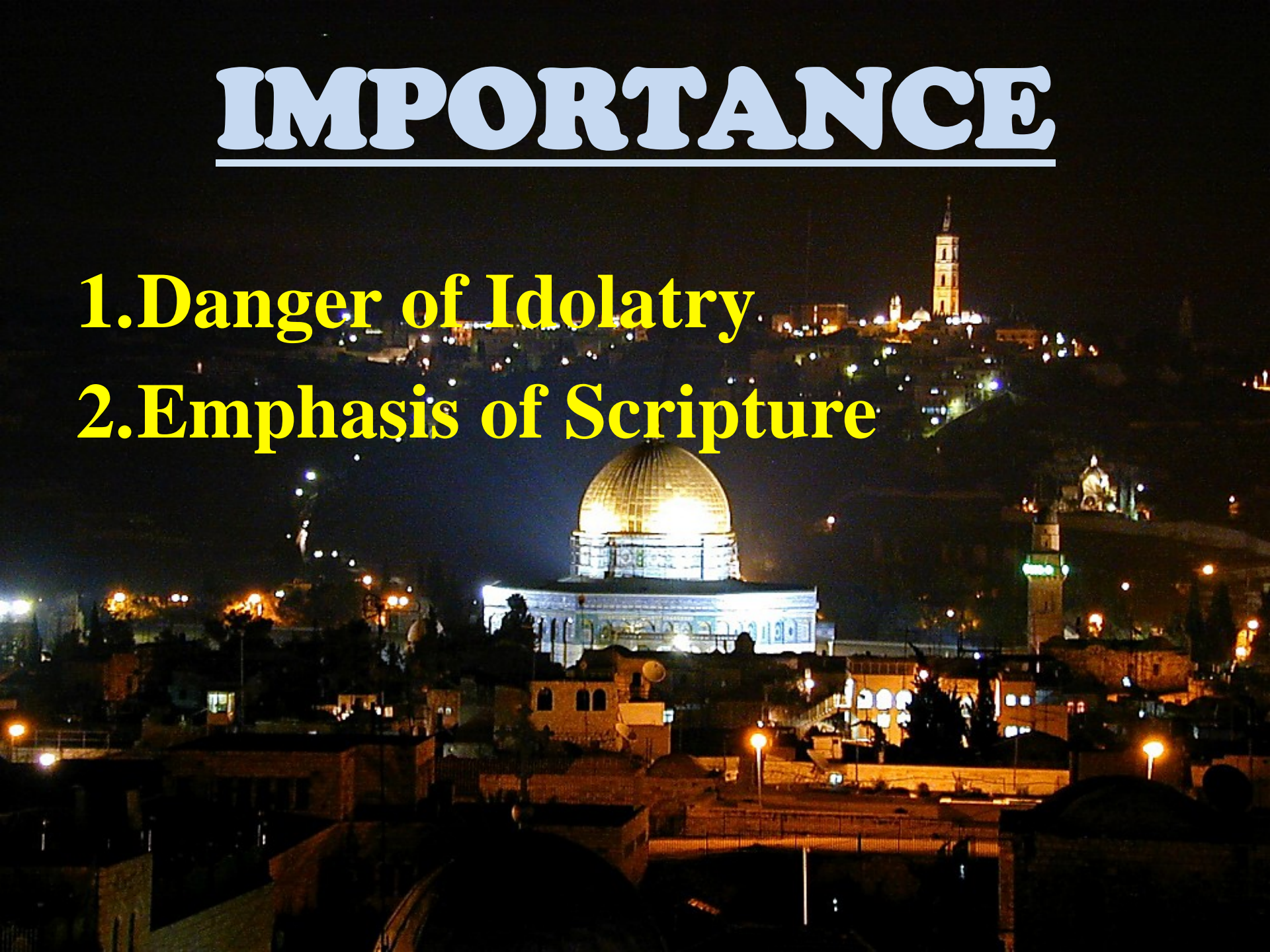


COMMANDMENTS

- 1st - YHWH Exclusively**
- 2nd - Against Idolatry**
- 3rd - Use of His Name**
- 4th - Sabbath Worship**

IMPORTANCE

1. Danger of Idolatry
2. Emphasis of Scripture



EMPHASIS

**Gen 1:1 In the beginning God
created the heavens and earth.**

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**Rev 22:21 The grace of the Lord
Jesus be with all. Amen.**

IMPORTANCE

A nighttime photograph of the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, illuminated with bright lights. The city's lights and a tall minaret are visible in the background against a dark sky.

1. Danger of Idolatry

2. Emphasis of Scripture

3. Key to

Theology

THEOLOGY

- **Every doctrine affected**
- **Every deviant system**
- **Every false doctrine**
- **Differences of theology**

IMPORTANCE

A nighttime photograph of a city, likely Jerusalem, featuring a large, illuminated dome in the center and a tall, illuminated spire in the background. The city lights are visible throughout the scene.

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4. Foundation

to Living

LIVING

- Beliefs affect Living
- Beliefs a source of Problems
- Beliefs form Perspectives
- Beliefs the basis of Godliness

IMPORTANCE

A nighttime photograph of a cityscape. In the center, a large, illuminated dome of a building is the focal point. The city lights are visible in the background, including a tall, illuminated tower on a hill. The overall scene is dark, with the lights providing a strong contrast.

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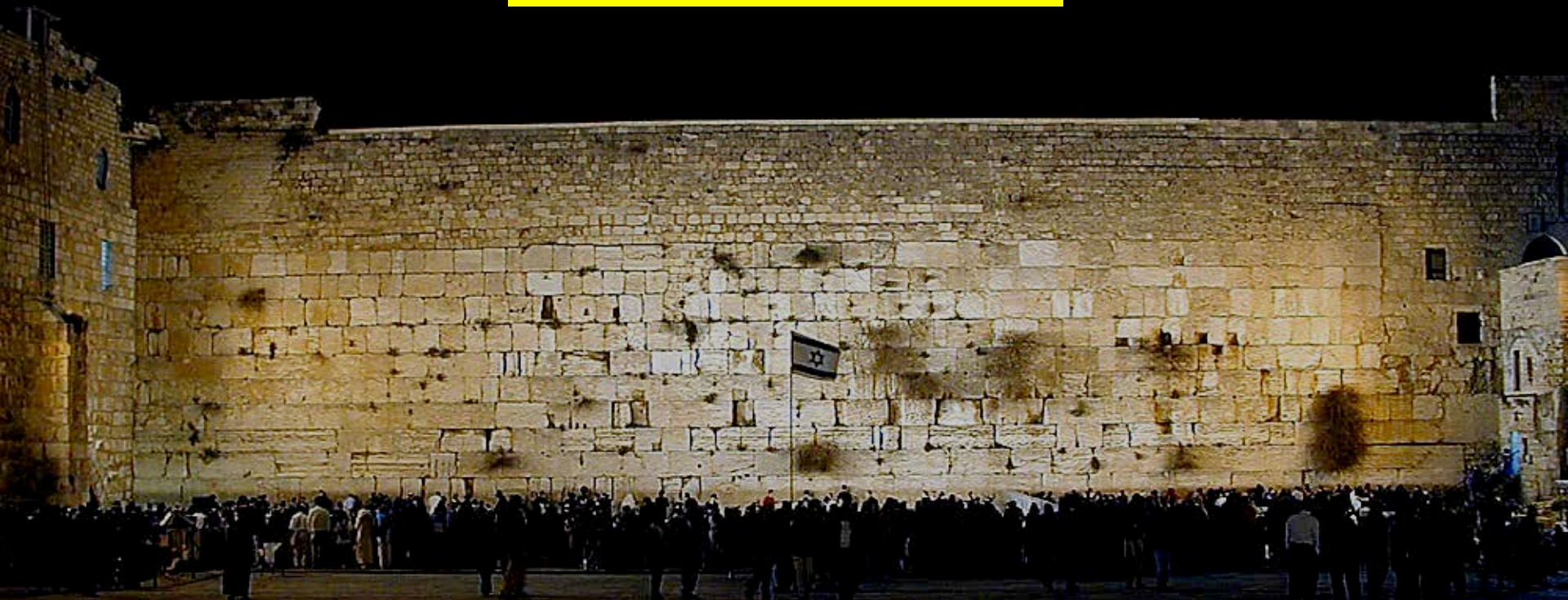
5. Basis for Worship

6. Desire of God

GOD'S DESIRE

Jer 9:23-24 ¶ Thus says the Lord, “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,” declares the Lord.

ISSUES



1. Ability to know God

INCOMPREHENSIBILITY

➤ His Incomprehensibility

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Holy Sepulcher

**Job 11:7 "Can you discover
the depths of God? Can you
discover the limits of the
Almighty?"**

**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.**

**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



1. Ability to know God

2. Knowing God vs. about God

“A little knowledge of God is greater than much knowledge about Him.”

J.I. Packer

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**

INCOMMUNICABLE

- 1. Self-Existence**
- 2. Omnipresence**
- 3. Immutability**
- 4. Eternity**
- 5. Infinitude**

Neptune



COMMUNICABLE

- 
- Omniscience
 - Omnipotence
 - Holiness
 - Justice
 - Wrath
 - Sovereignty
 - Truth
 - Grace
 - Goodness
 - Love