Of God and the Holy Trinity (Part 1) – Romans 11:33-36

Baptist Confession of Faith (1689) Chapter 2, Paragraph 1

The Doctrine of God

The Essence of God and His Character

- God is the **ONLY** living and true God. (1 Cor. 8:4, 6)
- God is **SELF**-Existing, infinite and perfect. (Is. 48:12)
- God, in His totality, is **INCOMPREHENSIBLE**. (Ex. 3:14)
- God is **INVISIBLE**; indivisible; and impassable, meaning not bound by passions and pain. (1 Tim. 1:17)

The Awe-Inspiring Attributes of God

- God <u>ALONE</u> is eternal and immortal. (1 Tim. 1:17)
- God dwells in unapproachable <u>LIGHT</u>. (1 Tim. 6:16)
- God is immutable, never **CHANGING**. (Mal. 3:6)
- God alone is **ALMIGHTY**. (Gen. 17:1)

The Separateness and Superiority of God

- God is in every way infinite, most **HOLY**. (Is. 6:3)
- God is holy in His **SEPARATNESS** from His creation, and in His absolute perfection.
- God is most <u>WISE</u>, most free, most absolute.

The Purpose of God

- God works all things according to His **WILL**. (Psalm 115:3)
- His will is immutable and most **RIGHTEOUS**. (Isaiah 46:10)
- He works all things for the purpose of His **GLORY**. (Prov. 16:4)

The Grace of God

- 'God is most **LOVING**, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth.' (Ex. 34:6)
- God **FORGIVES** iniquity, transgression, and sin.
- God rewards those that diligently seek Him by **FAITH**. (Heb. 11:6)

The Justice of God

- God is most <u>JUST</u>, and terrible in His judgments. (Nehemiah. 9:33)
- God **HATES** all sin. (Ps. 5:5-6)
- God will **NOT** clear the guilty and unrighteous. (Nahum 1:2-3)

Application:

- 1) **AWE**: We ought to be amazed and wonder at the Lord our God, for there is no one like Him.
- 2) **REVERENCE**: We ought to approach God boldly as adopted sons approaching their beloved Father, but also with all humility, as subjects coming before their glorious King with worship and supplication.
- 3) **SUBMISSION**: We must put God's will above our own in every area of our lives.
- 4) **LOVE**: All of our awe, reverence, and submission should be carried out with affectionate delight for this sovereign God loves you and has called you to Himself!