

# *The Doctrine of God*

## **GOD'S NATURE**

**GOD'S NATURE CONSISTS OF HIS ESSENCE AND ATTRIBUTES.**

1. **God is sovereign** (God wills without subordination to any other person, thing, or force).
2. **God is free** (God is free from internal or external compulsion or constraint).
3. **God is infinite** (God's expression of His nature [essence and attributes] is unlimited).
4. **God is eternal** (God exists apart from time [unbound by time or sequence of events]).
5. **God is immutable** (God's essence and attributes are unchangeable).
6. **God is mobile** (God can and does change His actions and attitudes).

**Whatever is true of God's nature is also true of each of His attributes and each of the characteristics of His essence.**

## **GOD'S ESSENCE**

**THE ESSENCE IS THE SPIRIT "STUFF" OF WHICH GOD CONSISTS.**

1. **God's essence is singular in number** (there is only one spirit).
2. **God's essence is self-existent** (the spirit essence is uncaused).
3. **God's essence is immense** (the spirit is not limited to the created universe, it is uncontainable).
4. **God's essence is simple in structure** (the essence is spirit only, unmixed with any other element).

## **GOD'S ATTRIBUTES**

**GOD'S ATTRIBUTES GOVERN HIS ACTIVITY.**

1. **God is good.**
2. **God is love.**
3. **God is truthful.**
4. **God is righteous.**
5. **God is holy.**
6. **God is almighty.**
7. **God is omniscient.**