

Christmas behind the Curtain

2018 Christmas Sermon Series



Who is this God behind Christmas, and how does our understanding shape our choices as followers?



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Deuteronomy 4:35

You were shown these things so that you might KNOW that the Lord is God; besides him there is no other.



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Genesis 1:26

God (singular) said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness"



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Matthew 28:19

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of (singular) the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit



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 - The Father is God (1 Corinthians 8:6)
 - The Son is God (John 1:1-18; Colossians 1:15-19, 2:9; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:3)
 - The Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Jude 20-21)

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- All three persons are invested in the coming of Jesus (Ephesians 1:4-7, 13-14; Matthew 1:18; 3:16-17; 1 Peter 1:2)



Our God Is a Giver!

- **Our God is openhearted toward one another (see notes).**
- **Our God is openhearted toward us.**
- **Our God calls us to be openhearted toward others.**

