

## We Believe: In God, part 3

### *Various Texts*

#### **Article 1 (EFCA Statement of Faith)**

- “We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.”

#### **God is Holy**

- Set apart from His creation (Isa. 6:3)
- And He calls His people to be set apart from the world (1 Peter 1:15-16)

#### **God is Loving**

- Acts in the best interest of His Creation, even at great personal cost (1 John 4:8, 16; Joel 2:13)
- And He calls His people to reflect His love (1 John 4:19-21)

#### **God is Purposeful (Eph. 1:4-5; 2 Tim. 1:9)**

- “God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory”
- He will redeem a people for Himself
  - Through the blood of Jesus, God has ***bought back*** a people from the bonds of sin (Titus 2:14)
  - This people includes some from every part of humanity (Rev 5:9)
- God will make all things new (Rev 21:5a)
- It is all for His glory (Rev. 5:13b)
- And He calls His people to live with His purpose in mind (Matt. 6:33)

#### **So What?**

- God is holy
  - And He calls His people to be unpolluted by the world
- God is loving
  - And He calls His people to live out His love
- God is purposeful
  - And He calls His people to build His kingdom for His glory

**Meditation Verse:** *Ephesians 1:4-5*