

## Sermon Discussion Guide:

# God is Simple

Scripture: **Mark 12:28–32**

Series: **God Is**

Sunday, January 26, 2020

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### OVERVIEW

Humanity often tries to apply character traits to God in an attempt to understand what is impossible to understand. “*God is Love*” and “*God is Just*” are not merely pieces to a pie that make up all of the attributes of God. God is Simple, **He is without body, parts or passions.** All that is God *is God*. The parts can not be separated. For more information, see Chapter 2; Paragraph 1 of the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith here: [www.the1689confession.com/chapter-2](http://www.the1689confession.com/chapter-2)

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### CORROBORATING TEXTS

John 4:24, Mark 12:28-31, Mark 12:29, Deuteronomy 6:4, 1 John 4:7-8

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What kinds of human traits do we tend to attribute to God?
2. God is without body—He is not composite—He is not made up of other things. How does this separate the true God from depictions we might see of Him, or god-like beings in popular culture?
3. “The Lord is one” means two things (monotheism and simplicity—one being without division). Why is it an important distinction that God is not composed of parts? What’s the difference between God *having* love and God *being* love?
4. What are “passions?” [*movements of the mind or heart in response to something*] Why is it important that God is impassible?
5. How does this teaching relate to the life of Christ and his death on the cross? [*God can only be just and merciful and punish sin through the work of Christ on the cross.*]