### **The Doctrine of God**

### Redeemer Presbyterian Church – Adult Sunday School

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**Week 3: The Self-Existence and Spirituality of God**

1. The self-existence (aseity) of God
   1. Definition
   2. Scripture
      1. Exod 3:14: God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”
      2. See also: John 5:26; Rev 1:8
   3. Theological and practical reflections
      1. All other attributes confirm God’s self-existence
      2. The ontological “proof” for God’s existence? See Rev 4:11
      3. God’s independence (all-sufficiency)
         1. Human dependence: Matt 18:2­­–4; James 1:17
         2. Humility: Ps 39:5
         3. Confidence: Rom 4:17; 2 Cor 4:6
2. The spirituality of God
   1. Definition
   2. Scripture
      1. John 4:24: “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”
      2. See also Rom 1:20-23; Isa 44:13
   3. Theological and practical reflections
      1. Worship
         1. Ps 51:16–17, 19
         2. See also Isa 1:14; Amos 5:21; Matt 15:8; Isa 29:13; Matt 22:37
      2. Spiritual Fruit, Spiritual *Means*
         1. Spiritual fruit: John 3:3­–9; Gal 5:22–23
         2. Spiritual means: John 6:63