

The Men in Christ Table Talk

God is! He is the God taught in the scriptures of Israel, and the 27 texts of the New Testament.

1. God is one - only one
 - a. Thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it a chaos, he formed it to be inhabited!): I am the LORD, and there is no other. (Isa 45:18)
 - b. There is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. (1Co 8:6)
2. God is simple - not composite
3. God is Aseity - (from Latin "a" from "se" self)
 - a. Self-existent
 - b. Self-actualized
 - c. Self-determined
4. God is sovereign - There is no other
5. The only true avenue to know this God is through Jesus
 - a. To have all the riches of assured understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, of Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Col 2:2-3)
 - b. Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (Joh 14:6)
 - c. Make sure that no one captivates you with the empty lure of a 'philosophy' of the kind that human beings hand on, based on the principles of this world and not on Christ. In him, in bodily form, lives divinity in all its fullness, (Col 2:8-9)

With this in mind, then, I kneel in prayer to the Father, from his whole family in heaven and on earth takes its name, that out of the wealth of his glory he may grant you to be empowered in ability through his Spirit in your inner being, that through faith Christ may dwell in your hearts in love. With deep roots and firm foundations, may you be strong to grasp, with all God's people, what is the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ, and to know it, though it is beyond knowledge. So, may you attain to fullness of being, the fullness of God himself. Now to him who can do immeasurably more than all we can ask or conceive, by the power which is at work among us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus from generation to generation forever and ever. Amen.

For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who, by the power at work within us, is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen