## Nicene Creed Foundations: <u>A Christian View of God</u>

God is:

<u>**Transcendent</u></u>- not bound by time or space <u><b>Infinite**</u>- that means he cannot grow more <u>**Eternal-**</u> his existence is without beginning or end</u>

## Immutable- never changes

"but you [God] remain forever...you are always the same; your years never end" (Psalm 102:26-27).

Malachi 3:6. "I the Lord do not change." James 1:17. "Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom <u>there is no variation</u>, or shifting shadow." Hebrews 13:8. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

# Omnipotent- all powerful 2018-09-23

Matthew 19:26. "With God all things are possible." Genesis 18:14. "Is anything too difficult for the lord?" Jeremiah 32:17. "Nothing is too difficult for God." "I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you" (Job 42:2).

## **Omnipresent-** present everywhere

"I can never escape from your spirit! I can never get away from your presence! If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the place of the dead, you are there" (Psalm 139:7-8).

## **Omniscient**- all knowing

Psalm 147:5 "His understanding is infinite." Hebrews 4:13. "There is nothing that can be hidden from God; everything in all creation is exposed and lies open before his eyes. And it is to him that we must all give an account of ourselves."

## Absolute Goodness- He is totally holy.

Exodus 15:11 "O Lord, who is like you—majestic in holiness?" I Peter 1:16- "Be holy, because I am holy"

Habakkuk 1:13. "Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, and you cannot look on wickedness with favor.

## Personal & Loving

I John 4:7-11

So what do we believe about God?

As the Creed says... "We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible... "