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## **THE DIVINE ESSENCE**

**ESSENCE** (ουσια –ουσια) which literally means as **BEING**, which referring to inner intrinsic nature, the true substance, and the invisible qualities but manifested by a person's thoughts and actions.

**ESSENCE** is the basic constituent of being a thing, the intrinsic nature of something, that which underlies all outward manifestations and is both permanent and unchangeable. Essence implies being or existence [Romans 1:20 John 1:1].

**GOD'S ESSENTIAL BEING** can never be completely defined or grasped by human corrupt and finite humanity. Only as **HE** reveals Himself to us in the Bible can we, in a limited way, comprehend His Person and nature.

God in grace has revealed Himself, and what is revealed of God's essence is reveal to be understood through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. The believer is dependent upon the infallibility of the Word of God and the filling of the Holy Spirit to fully understand the invisible, immaterial, infinite, unlimited and perfect essence of God.

**GOD IS SELF-REVEALED** for no man can find anything about God without **HIS** self -revelation. Man has no capacity, ability, resources and power to understand anything about God without God providing us the ability, the capacity, the power and resources to know **HIM**.

We do not have the frame of reference in our humanity or even the entire human race combined that can help us understand or illustrate the perfect character of God. There is no parallel between divine essence and the so-called human essence.

**THE PERSONALITY OF GOD:** **GOD** is a **REAL PERSON** with personal attributes and perfect personality without limitations. The personality of man is variable, undependable, and corrupted by the old sinful nature. The essence of man is not real but **REEL** and the attributes of man imperfect as his soul.

**THE Bible** uses **ANTHROPOMORPHISM** which ascribes to God human physical characteristics, that which **HE** does not possess but explain **HIS** essence, acts and decisions, policy and decisions in terms of human anatomy. God used the language of men in revealing Himself.

The Bible uses **ANTHROPOPATHISM**, which ascribes to God some human passions, emotions, characteristic and attributes, which **HE** does not possess but reveal and explain **HIMSELF**, **HIS** divine policy, acts and decisions for man. God alone has the perfect and infinite personality.

The infinite and perfect personality of God is the pattern **HE** used for creating or constructing man. God created a physical body with immaterial soul –which is the real person [Genesis 1:27]. The phrase **GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS IMAGE** connotes that man possesses all the attributes of personality not the attributes of deity. Man does not possess the nature or attributes of God- there are nothing good in man.

Adam was originally without the old sinful nature; he possessed soul and human spirit. When Adam fell, the image of God was marred but not destroyed. From that moment, sinful man has become totally incompatible with the integrity and incapable of having a relationship with HIM. The old sin nature is inherently hostile to the integrity of God. The old sinful nature operates in opposition and rebellion against the will and plan of God.

The personality of man is in no way similar or parallel with the personality of God.