

**A 3-D Approach to What We Believe:
Doctrine, Discernment, & Discipline
Absolute Authority = Totally Trustworthy**

—from Psalm 139

—Some Initial Thoughts ...

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity to redeem a people for Himself and to make all things new for His own glory.

—from the Evangelical Free Church Statement of Faith

*Look upon God: He knows you thoroughly;
He is with you everywhere you go;
He has wondrously created
you and sovereignly
ordained the days
of your life.*

You scrutinize my path and my lying down,
And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.
Even before there is a word on my tongue,
Behold, O Lord, You know it all.
—Psalm 139:3-4

**Search me, O God,
and know my heart!**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.
—Proverbs 3:5-6

—Identifying our MAIN IDEA:

An _____ of God's _____
is _____ with **OUR SPIRITUAL,
EMOTIONAL, & PHYSICAL WELL-BEING!**

—Some **Additional Truths That APPLY:**

- BELIEVING IN GOD** is more than simply _____ —or—
_____ that He exists!
- According to Romans 1:18-23, there are no _____ !
- Genesis 1 teaches us that: “In the beginning, God created _____
that exists in Heaven and on Earth.”
- Psalm 139 was written by David & the _____ within
this psalm are related to faithful followers of the Lord.

—Our **Analysis of Psalm 139:**

- 1— God's _____ of us is _____ and beyond
our _____ to fully understand . {1-6}
- There is **nothing** that escapes God's **notice**. {1-3}

—God's **intimate knowledge & understanding** are more than any
person can fathom. {4-6}

—2— There's **no where** where God is
{7-12}

- “Where can I go to escape or flee from Your presence?”
- “No where, not even in “Sheol.”
- There are **no limits** to God's presence!

—3— God's remind us that
..... our days are pre-ordained & none of God's purposes or
plans are ! {13-18}

—“You formed my inward parts” =

—“I will thank You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made” =

—You wove in my mother's womb ... before I physically existed =

—There is no way “we” can “figure out” the depths of God's thoughts

—4— When we're facing over
wicked & evil influences/intentions, we can for God's
..... . {19-24}

—“If only You would ‘stop’ the wicked” =

—“hatred for those who hate God” =

—“Search/examine me & know my heart” =

—“Try/test me & discern my anxiety” =

—“If there is any **idolatry** in me, guide me toward what is right”

—TRUTHS TO APPLY:

—1} Psalm 139 is an Old Testament version of Romans 8!

—2} God is in our
..... !

—3} God has **ACTIVE AUTHORITY** over our
from !

—4} God's infinite knowledge, personal presence, & active authority
are all **working** for our **welfare**.
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