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THE NATURE of GOD

CLASSWORK NOTES

The Spiritual Nature of God

The Bible tells us that God is a Spirit; a living being that does not possess a physical body. The word spirit is commonly associated with the words “**breath**” and “**wind**.” Like the wind, God can be heard but not seen. He is not confined to space or time and His origin is not known.



In the book of **John Chapter 4 verse 24**, Jesus in a conversation with the Woman of Samaria, stated that God is a Spirit. In the book of **Luke Chapter 24 verse 39** Jesus said that “**a spirit has not flesh and bones.**” **II Corinthians 3:17** also states that God is a Spirit. The Bible confirms that God is invisible (I Timothy 1:17) and cannot physically be seen by humans (I John 4:12).

How do Human Beings Communicate with God?

Because God is a Spirit, human beings can only communicate with Him through the power of the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit lives in us and helps us to communicate with Him (Romans 8:26).

- ❖ Human beings communicate with God through prayers, songs, worship and even through silence. (John 4:24 & Jude 20).
Communicating with God means - speaking and listening to Him.

Jesus was God's only Son sent to earth to **redeem** (to buy back) man back to Him. While on earth, Jesus taught many lessons through parables and miracles. Jesus taught us that God is a loving and forgiving Father who wants us to love and serve Him. He also taught us to “love our neighbors as ourselves.” (Mark 12:30-31)

The teachings of Jesus have had a great impact on the world. Today there are approximately **2 billion Christians** who believe in and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. **Christianity is the largest religion in the world** in terms of number of followers. Christians everywhere spread the message of Jesus by helping to make the world a better place.

