

## TRUTHS WE LIVE BY (2)

# About God

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*"We believe in one God, creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Spirit. He sovereignly rules His universe and is bringing all things to their proper end according to His omniscient plan."*

### ◆ What we believe

—Whatever you don't know about God can \_\_\_\_\_ you!

—The most important thing that can be known about \_\_\_\_\_ is what comes to your mind when you hear the word \_\_\_\_\_.

—It's \_\_\_\_\_ that we should know God even in a \_\_\_\_\_ way, unless He \_\_\_\_\_ us to. Plus we were made in His \_\_\_\_\_.

—Four sources for knowing God: (1) by working backwards from \_\_\_\_\_ in God's image, (2) by looking at His \_\_\_\_\_, (3) by learning about \_\_\_\_\_, (4) by studying \_\_\_\_\_ with the help of the \_\_\_\_\_.

—Getting to know God will be our eternal passion (according to Jesus in Jo 17:3).

1. *"We believe in one God"*  
(*monotheists versus atheists, agnostics, and polytheists*)

Deut 6:4 *"The Lord our God is one Lord."*

2. *"creator of all things"*  
(*versus pantheists*)

—God made everything except \_\_\_\_\_.

—This makes each of us \_\_\_\_\_ for how we live.

—This is what gives \_\_\_\_\_ to our lives.

—It's what makes \_\_\_\_\_ God the proper \_\_\_\_\_ of every man, woman and child.

—It's what gives \_\_\_\_\_ to the universe and what makes scientific study possible and meaningful.

Gen 1:1

3. *"infinitely perfect"*

(*versus the finite god or the cruel god*)

—Don't try to break God down into a \_\_\_\_\_ of separate ingredients.

—Each attribute is equally true of all of \_\_\_\_\_ and of all the other \_\_\_\_\_ (the communion of the attributes).

—God's majesty is \_\_\_\_\_, based on His being the only \_\_\_\_\_ being, the only \_\_\_\_\_ being and the only \_\_\_\_\_ being.

4. *"eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Spirit."*  
(*trinitarians versus unitarians and Arians and modalists*)

—I should \_\_\_\_\_ my view of God if it were not filled with baffling and wonderful \_\_\_\_\_.

Rom 11:33 *"How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways unfathomable!"*

5. *"He sovereignly rules His universe and is bringing all things to their proper end according to His omniscient plan."*  
(*versus deists*)

—God has a \_\_\_\_\_ but He's not \_\_\_\_\_.

—God is in charge even when it seems He's \_\_\_\_\_.

—We struggle to understand how God can be fully \_\_\_\_\_ and men be held \_\_\_\_\_ (Calvinism versus Arminianism).

Eph 1 / Rev / Is 14:24

◆ Why we believe

1. The traditional \_\_\_\_\_ for God's existence: the **ontological** argument, the **cosmological** argument, the **teleological** argument, and the **moral** argument.

2. Real \_\_\_\_\_ for believing in God: (1) inborn \_\_\_\_\_ plus (2) the \_\_\_\_\_ using God's \_\_\_\_\_.

◆ Why we behave

1. The doorway to \_\_\_\_\_

2. The development of \_\_\_\_\_

◆ What YOU believe

1. What kind of God do you \_\_\_\_\_ serve?

2. Your God is shown by who you're \_\_\_\_\_ to.

Rom 1:21 "nor were they thankful"

3. The quickest path to the heart of God and to the development of gut-deep \_\_\_\_\_ is to go through \_\_\_\_\_.

4. You can easily \_\_\_\_\_ what you really \_\_\_\_\_ when it feels like God is \_\_\_\_\_ you. Gratitude \_\_\_\_\_ when you know how \_\_\_\_\_ is so often your salvation.

5. Thanksgiving is often most \_\_\_\_\_ when I go out of my way to express \_\_\_\_\_ to the actual people God used to \_\_\_\_\_ me.