**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 ____.

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"

Why we behave

1. The doorway to _________

2. The development of ________

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.