



**QUOTE** from “Do You Believe?” by Paul David Tripp

“There is only one who exists in the universe who is ultimate in glory, ultimate in greatness, ultimate in beauty, and ultimate in perfection, and he is all of these things in everything he is and everything he does. ...To live in light of God’s glory is not just about being spiritual. It is about recapturing your humanity, because this is how every human was designed to live.”

**SCRIPTURE ON GOD**

Genesis 1:1

Deuteronomy 6:4

Psalms 8:1

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Isaiah 40:12, 15, 22; 42:8

Matthew 28:19

John 10:30

Acts 5:3-4

2 Corinthians 13:14

Colossians 1:11-20

Revelation 4:1-11

**WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ABOUT GOD?**

Place a checkmark next to each statement that you agree with.

\_\_\_\_ There is one God, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, immutable, eternally existing in three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

\_\_\_\_ God is an exalted perfect man, existing in what is often called The Holy Trinity (Father, Son, Spirit). These three persons are united in purpose.

\_\_\_\_ There is one true and Almighty God, the Creator, whose name is Jehovah. He is the God of Abraham, Moses, and Jesus.

\_\_\_\_ God is the source of all life, glory, goodness, and blessedness, in and of himself. He alone is all-sufficient in and unto himself.

\_\_\_\_ God is sovereign over all things, to do by, for, and on them whatever he pleases. He sees all things, and nothing is ever hidden from him.

\_\_\_\_ God is holy and righteous; He cannot be in the presence of sin. Therefore, He displays His glory in the judgment and punishment of sinners, including the eternal punishment of hell.

\_\_\_\_ God is abundant in love, grace and mercy. He knows us, His children, better than we know ourselves, and He gladly overlooks our shortcomings so that we may enjoy a relationship with Him.

## WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE ABOUT GOD?

**Meet Juan.** Juan grew up in a Christian home and regularly attends church, but to be honest, he finds the concept of God confusing. In some parts, the Bible seems to paint God as a loving father, but in others, He seems a vengeful judge. Juan likes reading about Jesus, but he has friends who say Jesus is only God's Son and separate from the Heavenly Father. As for the Holy Spirit, Juan feels like most people have a very subjective idea of who He is and/or what He does. In short, Juan finds hard to live for a God who is so hard to understand.

*Juan should learn more about the \_\_\_\_\_.*  
*What Bible verses might you share with Juan?*

**Meet Tim.** Tim also struggles to understand the God of the Bible, and in fact, he has never identified as a Christian because he's never been able to reconcile the idea of a loving God with a broken world. Recently, however, Tim has been introduced to the idea that God has chosen to limit His knowledge to identify with His creation. In other words, although God is unable to prevent human tragedy, He does possess the power to make all things right in the end. This type of thinking intrigues Tim, but is it correct?

*Tim seems to misunderstand God's \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Meet Gertrude.** Six years ago, Gertrude lost her job after she was wrongfully accused of mishandling confidential information. Just this week she ran into her former boss, who told her that she deeply regrets the way her situation was handled. As a result, Gertrude has battled bitterness more over the past seven days than she has since her termination. What encouragement can Gertrude find in the character of God?

*Gertrude needs to know that God is \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Meet Casey.** At 38, Casey is the youngest person to ever retire from her Fortune 500 company. Her work has afforded her a luxurious lifestyle, but ask anyone what she is most passionate about, and they will answer, "Jesus." As one co-worker explains, "This might sound strange, but when Casey talks about Jesus, it's like she is in a relationship with a real person. She always talks about how great he is, his kindness, his wisdom. At first I thought it was strange, but, at times, I wish I had what she does, you know?" Casey can't wait to spend her retirement serving in her local church and on foreign missions trips. "The Lord has blessed me materially," she says, "but I can never get over his salvation and grace. I want to spend my 'golden years' for Him."

*Casey seems consumed with God's \_\_\_\_\_.*

## HOW DO WE LIVE IN LIGHT OF GOD'S GLORY?