

Foundations of the Faith Lesson 2: “*The True God*”

II. Of The True God

We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, the maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Memory Verses – Select 3 or more passages to memorize for next week:

Ex. 20:2-3 - I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. **3**Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Gen 17:1 - And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

I Cor. 8:6 - But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

Eph. 4:6 - One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

John 4:24 - God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Psa. 147:5 - Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

Psa. 83:18 - That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.

Psa. 90:2 - Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Jer. 10:10 - But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

Ex. 15:11 - Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Rev. 4:11 - Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

I Tim 1:17 - Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Rom. 11:33 - O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Mark 12:30 - And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

Matt. 28:19 - Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

John 15:26 - But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

I Cor. 12:4-6 - Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. **5**And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. **6**And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

I John 5:7 - For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

John 10:30 - I and my Father are one.

John 17:5 - And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

I Cor. 2:10-11 - But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. **11**For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

Phil 2:5-6 - Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: **6**Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

Eph. 2:18 - For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

II Cor. 13:14 - The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Opening Questions

What amazes you the most about God?
If you could ask God any question, what would it be?

1. There is One True God (Genesis 17:1; Exodus 15:11, 20:23; Psalms 83:18; Isaiah 45:5-6; Jeremiah 10:10; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:6)

- a. We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God...
 - i. Unlike some who believe that all paths lead to the same place and that all gods are the same they just have different names, we believe there is only one true God.
 - ii. What does Isaiah 45:5-6 teach us about what God thinks of other gods?
 - iii. God Himself is the source of our knowledge of Him. The bible attests to two facts: the incomprehensibility of God and the knowability of God.
 1. Incomprehensibility - means that the mind cannot grasp the knowledge of Him. Also this means that man cannot know everything about Him.
 2. Knowability – means that He can be known. This does not mean that we can know everything about him.
- b. How has God chosen to reveal Himself to us?
- c. What should this then cause us to do?

2. God is Infinite (Psalms 90:2; 1 Timothy 1:17, Genesis 21:33)

- a. We believe the true God to be infinite, intelligent spirit...
- b. This attribute of God means that God is eternal and God exists endlessly. His existence extends endlessly backward and forward without any interruption or limitation caused by succession of events. This means that we can have confidence that God has never, nor will He ever; cease to exist.
- c. **Omniscient** (Psalms 147:4-5, Psalms 139:16; Jeremiah 1:5; Luke 12:7)
 - i. This means that God knows everything, things actual and possible, effortlessly and equally well. According to Psalms 147:4-5 not only does God know the number of stars but he also does what?
- d. **Omnipotent**
 - i. This means that God is all-powerful and able to do anything consistent with His own nature. Some things that would be against His nature would be lying (Titus 1:2), tempted to sin (James 1:13) and denying Himself (2 Timothy 2:13).
- e. **Omnipresent**
 - i. This means that God is everywhere present with His whole being at all times.
 - ii. Knowing that God is everywhere what do we learn from the lives of Adam & Jonah?

3. God is the Creator (Gen. 1; Psalm 90:2; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:15-16)

- a. We believe the true God to be maker and supreme ruler of heaven and earth...

- b. Colossians 1:15-16 tells us that not only did God make everything but that everything was made for Him.
 - c. What does this show then about the purpose for mankind?
 - d. Genesis 1 also shows how God is the creator of all and that we did not get here by random chance or by a “big bang”.
4. **God is Holy** (Leviticus 11:44; Joshua 24:19; Isaiah 40:25; 1 Peter 1:15-16, 1 John 1:5)
- a. We believe the True God is inexpressibly glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love...
 - b. Holiness means not only that He is separate from all that is unclean and evil but also that He is positively pure and thus distinct from all others.
 - c. What is God’s standard for us according to 1 Peter 1:15-16?
 - d. What do most Christians use as their standard?
 - e. What should our standard be and how do we stack up to that standard?
5. **The Trinity** (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 5:7; John 4:24; John 15:26; Acts 5:3-4, Ephesians 2:18; John 10:30; John 17:5; Philipians 2:5-6)
- a. We believe that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.
 - b. B.B. Warfield defines the Trinity as, “There is one only and true God, but in the unity of the Godhead there are three coeternal and coequal Persons, the same in substance but distinct in subsistence.”
 - c. The Father is recognized as God (John 6:27; 1 Peter 1:2). Jesus Christ is recognized as God and claimed attributes that only God possesses (Matthew 9:4, 28:18; Mark 12:1-12; John 1:1-3, 5:27, 12:9, Colossians 1:17). The Holy Spirit is recognized as God (Acts 5:3-4, 1 Corinthians 2:10, 6:19, John 3:5-6,8). The verse that best states both the oneness and threeness by associating equally the three Persons and uniting them in one singular name is Matthew 28:19.

