

Who is God?

Memory verse...Exodus 3:14

Objectives: To understand the existence of God, his supremacy, his plan and characteristics.

Introduction: <sup>100% 4-6  
60% 4-9</sup> God is an eternal being who has omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, providence, sovereignty and absolute holiness all to himself, yet, has a nature of unconditional love that expresses itself in utter simplicity through the opportunity for all of mankind to live eternally with him...if they believe in him through faith in Jesus Christ.

I. Existence...

- a - Eternally present... Jn 1:1-2, Ps 90:1-2, Is 57:15
- b - Creator... Gen 1:1, Job 38, Rev 10:6, Rev 4:11  
Is 45:18, Acts 17:24, I Cor 8:6
- c - Member of the Godhead... Jn 5:7, II Cor 13:14, Is 48:16  
Gen 1:26/3:22, Is 49:7

The Godhead: The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit are three "persons" in plurality yet one in unity...eternally present. They are united, yet, separated by the roles that they manifest themselves in. The Godhead is not polytheism in that Christians worship three Gods. On the contrary, the Godhead is separate enough to be called by three different names, yet, so intimate & with such perfect harmony that are on one accord. The intent is not for the Christian to intellectually understand this but rather to follow the same example of "harmonious" intimacy in our relationship with an husband, a wife and of course...man with God.

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FREE HELL / HEAVEN (PARA) EX 12:1 4-5 SAMUEL 4:1-5

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Eternity has no beginning and no ending. Eternity is not time as we know it (seconds, minutes, hours). God set forth time ~~in~~ order to fulfill his divine plan in the natural realm. Eternity is simply "existence" without time as we know it. Eternity past is "existence" before the first second, the first minute, the first hour, was enacted by God. Eternity future is "existence" after the plan of God will be fulfilled and the final seconds of God's Biblical chapter and verse subside.

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD...

II. Supremacy...

a - ~~EXERCISE SIN~~ Omnipotence (Almighty power over all creation)... Rev 19:6, Gen 17:1, Rev 21:22, Job 42:2, Is 45:11-12

b - Omniscience (All knowing)...I Cor 3:19-20, I Jn 3:20  
Matt 6:8, Job 42:2, Ps 69:5, Ps 139:2, Is 40:28  
Rom 11:33-36 EZEK 11:5

c - Omnipresence... (Everywhere at the same time)...  
Prov 15:3, Prov 5:21, Ps 139:3-10, Jer 23:23-24  
II Chrn 2:6, I Kings 8:27, Gen 28:16

d - Sovereign... (Ultimate reign, rule & preeminence over all creation) Ex 20:3, Job 25:2, Job 33:13, Job 41:11  
Ps 82:1, Ps 93:1-2, Is 33:22, Is 40:22-23, Lam 3:37  
Rom 9:19-21, Is 45:7, Prov 21:30, Dan 4:35

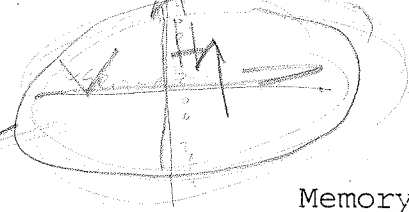
e - Providence (Divine foresight, forethought, care and superintendence over all creation)... Ps 65:9-13  
Acts 14:17, II Cor 9:8-10, Prov 20:24

III. God's plan...

a - Fellowship with all... Gen 3:8, John 4:23, Col 1:27  
Jn 17:3, Eph 2:14-22

b - Salvation for all... II Pet 3:9, I Tim 2:4, Matt 18:11-14  
Gen 3:15, Joh 3:16, Mic 5:2, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6-7

- UNCONDITIONAL, TENDER, SAVING, NO STRINGS
- UNLIMITED, UNLIMITED FAVOR
- PROY or (DAD) BECAUSE THROUGH US?



- UNCONDITIONAL LOVE
- WHY LOVE IS?
- MOTIVATED
- ALL OTHER

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 ABSOLUTE FIDELITY  
 DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY  
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Key attributes of God...

- Love... I Jn 4:7-10, Jer 31:3, Jn 3:16, I Jn 3:1-2, Rom 5:8
- Grace... Ex 34:6, Gen 3:22-24, Eph 2:7-9, Gen 6:8, II Cor 6:1
- Mercy.. Ex 34:6-7, II Chr 33, Ps 23:6, Lk 6:36, Ps 103:13
- Peace.. Phil 4:6-7, Rom 16:20, I Cor 14:33, Is 26:3
- Vengeance... Rom 12:19, Heb 10:30, Ps 94:1, II The 1:7-10
- Immutability.. Titus 1:2, Heb 6:17-18, Mal 3:6
- Perfection.. Deut 32:4, Matt 5:48, I Sam 22:31, Ps 18:30
- Forgiveness.. Ps 103:3, Mic 7:19, I Jn 1:9, Heb 10:16-17
- Holiness... Lev 11:44, Heb 12:14, I The 4:7, I Tim 6:16
- Judgment.. Rom 12:19, Heb 10:30, Rom 2:16, Acts 17:31
- Provision.. Ps 23:1, Ps 84:11, Phil 4:19, Ps 35:27, III Jn 2
- Ps 103:5, Ps 34:9-10, II Cor 9:8

V. Names of God... (How He was known & How He revealed Himself)

- Adonai - Lord, my Lord in relation to earth as blessing, love & grace
- Eloah - God, Ezra 4:24, Ezra 5:1-17, Dan 2:11-47
- Eloah - Deity, God, The Divine One, Dt 32:15/17, II Chr 32:15
- El Shaddai - God Almighty, Gen 17:1 - TO ESTABLISH COVENANT (By continuing to provide)
- Elohim - Plural of Eloah, Gods, Supreme God, Creator, indicates O.T. Godhead, Gen 1:26, Gen 3:22, Gen 11:7...also indicates the relation of God to man as Creator, Gen 1:1-2:3
- Tsur - Rock, Refuge, Is 44:8

- Jehovah - The Lord, The self-Existent One or Eternal One indicates Him in covenant relationship with creation, Ex 6:3, Ps 83:18, Is 12:2, Is 26:4
- Jehovah Elohim - The Eternal Creator, Gen 2:4-25
- Jehovah Mekaddishkem - The Lord our sanctifier, Ex 31:13
- Jehovah Jireh - The Lord will provide, Gen 22:8-14
- Jehovah Nissi - The Lord our banner, Ex 17:15
- Adonai Jehovah - The Lord our Sovereign, Gen 15:8
- Jehovah Shalom - The Lord our peace, Judge 6:24
- Jehovah Tsidkeenu - The Lord our righteousness, Jer 23:6/33:16
- Jehovah Ropheka - The Lord our healer, Ex 15:26, Lev 20:8
- Jehovah Sabaoth - The Lord of hosts, I Sam 1:3

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*John 14:18-23* Jehovah Shammah - The Lord is present, Ezek 48:35

*Ps 138:20* Jehovah Rohi - The Lord my Shepherd, Ps 23:1

*John 8:58* Yahweh (ehyer) (YHWH) - The most sacred of Jewish words. Once this word was written, the scribe pen was discarded. Also, this word is never spoken, instead the word Adonai was used.

Theos - Diety, The Supreme God, Matt 1:23, 3:9/17

Kurios - Supreme in authority, The most common used word for the Lord in the N.T., Matt 8:2

(All in Jesus)... *Phil 2:9-11* *Acts 4:12* *John 1:1* Is 9:6, Col 2:9

*John 1:1* Conclusion: God is such an awesome God in holiness and glory that

no man can approach him. Yet, God desires that everyone know him and have sweet fellowship with him. This is accomplished and can only be accomplished through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Through the atonement of Jesus, everyone who believes can be reconciled back to God and partake of the intimate fellowship that God desired from the foundation of the world.

Participatory review:

- Explain who God is to you.
- Name some characteristics of God.
- Explain God's plan for fellowship with him.
- Can anybody fellowship with God?
- Explain the existence of God.

Key Terms:

- eternity
- omniscient
- omnipotent
- omnipresent
- sovereign
- providence
- Jehovah
- Yahew
- Adonai
- Kurious
- Theos
- El