

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD

Do you believe in God? What does that mean? Do you believe in the true God or a god promoted by a person or a church?

All we know of the true God is found in the Bible, the Word of God. No one has any information about God that is not found in Genesis to Revelation in the Scriptures.

God is eternal. God was in existence before the Heaven and earth and in fact has existed forever. **Revelation 1:8** says “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.” Not only that, God always will be: one million years from now God will be, and since we are made in the image of God we will also be somewhere alive either in heaven or hell.

God created everything. **Genesis 1:1** “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” In speaking of Jesus (who is God) John says in **John 1:3** “All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made.” Things did not just happen by accident, and human beings did not evolve from lower creatures: God created all: just as we see them today.

God knows everything. In **John 21:17** Peter says of Jesus “...Lord thou knowest all things...” God knew years in advance, where Jesus would be born **Micah 5:2**; that a man named Josiah would be born and reign as king **I Kings 13:2**; and many specific things that would happen when Jesus would die on the cross **Isaiah 53**.

There are of course many more, but we will limit ourselves to these. If God knows everything, then He knows what will happen to you and me tomorrow. He knows what sins you and I will commit during the rest of our lives, and Praise His Name, Jesus has already died for those sins.

God is everywhere. In **Proverbs 15:3** we read “The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.” Read **Psalms 139** to get a wonderful picture of God being everywhere. We cannot hide from God, nor can we hide anything from God.

God is invisible. **John 4:24** says “God is a Spirit...” We will not ever see God while we are on earth. We read in **Exodus 33:20b** “...for there shall be no man see me, and live.” He has no body (hands, feet, eyes, etc. when the Bible mentions these as part of God it is only trying to tell us how God works so that we can understand it. If this confuses you read **Psalms 91:4** which says “...He shall cover thee with His feathers.” - God certainly does not have feathers like a chicken.)

God is holy. In **I Peter 1:16** we read “...be ye holy for I am holy.” It is not possible for God to sin. Everything God does is right. God is so holy that He cannot even be near sin.

God is love. **I John 4:8** “He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love.” It is quite confusing for us to know that God is so holy that He cannot bear sin in any way; and yet to try to believe that He loves the sinner that He refuses to be close to. This is explained in **Romans 5:8** which says “But God commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Jesus Christ, who is God the Son, became

a man, lived among us, without committing any sin, then died on the cross, bearing our sin, so that we could be forgiven and draw nigh to this Holy God who loves us so much.

God is a trinity. **Matthew 28:19b** “...baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” Notice that “name” is singular, not plural, and yet there are three names given. God is one Being who shows Himself to us in three persons. Jesus, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit, God the Holy Ghost, had part in creating the world **Genesis 1:2**, and **John 1:3**. Yet the Bible says simply in **Genesis 1:1** “In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth.” In **Isaiah 9:6** we find that Jesus is “...the mighty God...” In **Acts 5:4** we find that Ananias had lied to the Holy Ghost and Peter says “...thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.”

After reading all these wonderful things about God what should we do about it?

Be sure that we are saved so that one day we will meet Him as Father instead of Judge.

Thank Him for who He is and for what He is well able to do both in us and through us.

Tell everyone that we know God through Jesus Christ, and that they can know Him too.

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