



# Foundation Of Faith

Unit 1



# Does God Exist

## Lesson 1 – Views of God's Existence

- Atheism—There is no God.
- Agnosticism—We cannot know if there is a God.
- Pantheism—God is everything; everything is God.
- Polytheism—There are many gods.



# Does God Exist

## Lesson 1 – Views of God's Existence

- Dualism—There are two equal gods; one is good and the other is evil.
- Deism—God created the universe and then left it to run by itself. God doesn't interfere in the world. It's as if God wound the clock (world) and then let it run by itself.
- Theism (Monotheism) —One true God exists. He is a personal being who rules over His universe.



# Does God Exist

## Lesson 1 - Supportive Arguments

- Cosmological Argument – cause and effect
- Teleological Argument - design
- Anthropological Argument – man’s self-examination
- Ontological Argument – perfect being
- Theological Argument – Scripture base
- Practical Argument – best fits the facts

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# Does God Exist

## Lesson 1 - Questions

- The Bible assumes there is a God.
  - True
  - False
- God says that the man who says there is no God is smart.
  - True
  - False



# Does God Exist?

## Lesson 1 - Questions

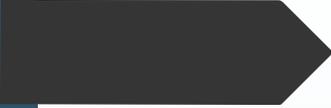
- God has revealed Himself plainly to man, but man has suppressed and rejected that knowledge.
  - True
  - False
- Since there is a God, we should seek to know, worship and serve him
  - True
  - False



# What Is God Like?

## Lesson 2 – Human Terms

- God is described in human terms
  - Face (Ex. 33:20)
  - Arm (Is. 52:10)
  - Eyes (2 Chron. 16:9)
  - Mouth (Is. 58:14)
  - Hand and ear (Is. 59:1)
  - Nose (2 Sam. 22:9, 16)
  - Feet (Ps. 18:9)



# What is God Like?

## Lesson 2 – Made in his image

- We have personality.
- We have morality.
- We have spirituality.



# What is God Like?

## Lesson 2 - Attributes

- God has attributes of personality.
  - God has knowledge (Is. 1:18; 55:9).
  - God has feelings (Ps. 5:5; John 3:16).
  - God has a will (Eph. 1:11).



# What is God Like?

## Lesson 2 – Personally Involved

- He \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 3:17
- He \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 6:6
- He \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew 6:30
- He \_\_\_\_\_ Ephesians 1:3
- He \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Cor. 1:3-4
- He \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Timothy 3:11



# What is God Like?

## Lesson 2 - Questions

- We must worship God with our spirit and in truth
  - True
  - False
  
- We must relate to God in person
  - True
  - False

# How Many God's Are There?

## Lesson 3 – God is one

- Tritheism says there are three distinct gods.
- Dualism says there are two gods—one evil and one good.
- The Bible teaches that there is only one true God.
- Read the following clear statements of Scripture.
  - Deuteronomy 4:35; 6:4; Isaiah 44:6; 45:5, 21
  - Corinthians 8:4; 1 Timothy 2:5
  - James 2:19



# How Many God's Are There?

## Lesson 3 – God is three-in-one

- The word “Trinity” comes from the Latin word trinitas, which means “threeness.”
- Trinity is not mentioned in the bible but it is described in the bible
- “And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness” (Genesis 1:26a).



# How Many God's Are There?

## Lesson 3 – God is three-in-one

- “[And the Lord said,] Let Us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech” (Genesis 11:7).
- “Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us? Then said I, Here am I; send me” (Isaiah 6:8).



# How Many God's Are There?

## Lesson 3 – Questions

- All three persons of the Trinity Co-exist and co-operate together as equals. Lets look up the examples
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Father—Gen. 1:1; Son—John 1:3; Spirit—Job 33:4)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 1:35: Father—the Highest; Son—the Son of God; Spirit—the Holy Ghost) BUILDING YOUR FAITH | 23



# How Many God's Are There?

## Lesson 3 – Questions

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 3:16–17: Father—the voice from heaven; Son—Jesus; Spirit—descending like a dove)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 9:14: Father—the living God; Son—the blood of Christ; Spirit—the eternal Spirit)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Father—Acts 2:32; Son—John 10:17–18; Spirit—Rom. 1:4)



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- \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pet. 1:2: Father—elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father; Son—unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ; Spirit—through sanctification of the Spirit)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 28:19: baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 2:18: Father—we have access unto Him; Son—we have access through Him; Spirit—we have access by Him)



# How Can We Know God?

## Lesson 4 – Healthy Relationship

- There are three elements that must be true of any relationship if it is to be a healthy one, and these are especially true of our relationship with God.
- Conversion - Align our desires with God. To turn away from sin and toward God. Conversion involves a turning from our own way to God's way.



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## Lesson 4 – Healthy Relationship

- Compassion -God showed concern for man through his Son. Man should show concern for God through his obedience. God has already taken the initiative and shown His love for us in providing for us a way of salvation and eternal life.
- Communication - Constant communication is essential. Communication is Bilateral. God communicates some general truths about Himself to all mankind.



# How Can We Know God?

## Lesson 4 – Questions

- You must \_\_\_\_\_ that you are a sinner. Romans 3:10,23
- You must admit that you deserve \_\_\_\_\_ for your sins. Romans 6:23
- You must believe that Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for your sins. Romans 5:8
- You must believe Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ and receive him as your Lord. Romans 10:9, 13



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## Lesson 4 – Questions

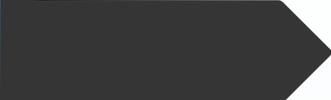
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ for us. Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:9-10
- We show our love for God by keeping his \_\_\_\_\_ . John 14:15, 21, 23; 15:10
- Christ commands us to love \_\_\_\_\_. John 15:12

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# What Do We Know About God?

## Lesson 5 – Learning God’s Attributes

- Attribute - a quality or feature regarded as a characteristic or inherent part of someone or something.
- When we talk about the attributes or characteristics of God, we think of words such as holiness, mercy and love.
- Therefore, to understand as much as we can about what God is really like, we need to study His Word.



# What Do We Know About God?

## Lesson 5 – Learning God’s Attributes

Match the definition with

- God is pure and separate from sin.
- God knows all things.
- God will pour out His anger against sin.
- God is not deceitful, and He does not make errors.

The Word

- Omniscience
- Wrath
- Truthfulness
- Holiness

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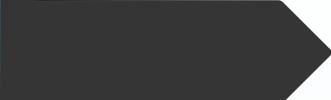
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Match the definition with

- God exercises supreme authority over all things.
- God gives Himself freely and spontaneously for the good of others.
- God is ready to relieve man's misery by withholding from him what he deserves.
- God is absolutely fair and consistent in all His dealings with His creatures.

The Word

- Justice
- Mercy
- Love
- Sovereignty



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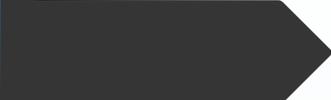
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Match the definition with

- God insists on exclusive affection.
- God is patient with those who wrong Him.
- God is unchanging and unchangeable.
- God is, always has been and always will be.

The Word

- Eternality
- Immutability
- Patience
- Jealousy



# What Do We Know About God?

## Lesson 5 – Learning God's Attributes

Match the definition with

- God is present everywhere.
- God has no origins; His existence does not depend on anyone else; He is answerable to no one.

The Word

- Self-Existence
- Omnipresence



# Our Views of God

## Lesson 6 – How we view God

- Santa Claus - Some view God as a jolly old man who shows up from time to time to give them presents.
- Rabbit's foot -Some think of God as a kind of good-luck charm that must be kept nearby to make sure that everything goes well for us.
- Jack-in-the-box - Some think of God like this. All we have to do is turn His handle the correct number of times, and He will appear.



# Our Views of God

## Lesson 6 – How we view God

- Old friend - Maybe you had a special friend when you were a child, and then either you or your friend had to move.
- Scrooge - For some God is like the famous character in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. He is an extremely difficult taskmaster, a slave driver of a boss.
- Crutch - You probably keep them tucked away in one of your closets until someone has a physical difficulty and needs them.



# Our Views of God

## Lesson 6 – How we view God

- Aladdin's lamp - Some of us view God as the genie in Aladdin's lamp. When we want one of our special wishes granted, all we have to do is rub the lamp; and out pops our special genie, prepared to do our bidding.
- The man upstairs - He's not downstairs with us where we live; He's always upstairs. So those with this view of God think of Him as a remote, disinterested observer of their lives.
- For many of us God rides in a car with a blue bubble on top. He's always hiding behind the next hill with his radar turned on.



# Our Views of God

## Lesson 6 – How does God want us to view Him?

- He willingly gave his son his share of the estate (Luke 15:12).
- He had compassion on his son in spite of his past failures (Luke 15:20).
- He showed his love by outward affection (Luke 15:20).
- He gave him the best he had to offer (Luke 15:22–23).
- He celebrated the finding of a lost one (15:24).