



This class has been designed to provide you with a thorough overview of the fundamentals of the Christian faith on a very useful and practical level.

Week 1

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

SECTION 1

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

As we begin this class, it is important to remember that the Bible does not seek to prove the existence of God. The fact that there is a God is assumed throughout the Scriptures. The first verse of the Bible, Gen 1:1 is an example. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." God's existence is presented as a statement of fact that needs no proof. The man who says there is no God is called a fool in Psalm 14:1. However, even apart from the Bible, there are many evidences for the existence of God:

- a) Mankind has always believed in a universal supreme being.
- b) Creation must have a creator.
- c) The universe could not originate without a first cause.

The Bible clearly teaches man's rebellious nature in denying the existence of God in: Romans 1:18-23

SECTION 2

THE NATURE OF GOD

1) God is love

1John 4:7-8

God loves us with a very tender, personal, and persistent love.

Jeremiah 31:3

God's love is merciful, patient, and proactive.

Ephesians 2:4-5

a) Who does God love?

God loves the world
John 3:16

b) Can Christians be separated from God's love?

Romans 8:38-39

c) How did God demonstrate his love for us?

Romans 5:8

d) How do we demonstrate our love for God?

John 14:15

John 14:21

1John 4:19

1Corinthians 13:4-8

2) God is Spirit - He is invisible

John 4:24

John 1:18

1Timothy 1:17

3) There is only one God

Deuteronomy 6:4

Isaiah 45:5

Isaiah 43:10-11

4) God is Triune

The Bible describes God as being three Persons. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. One God revealed in three Persons, not one God with three modes or three personalities.

a) The three persons of the Godhead are plainly seen in these Scriptures:

Annunciation

Luke 1:35

Baptism

Luke 3:22

Commission

Matthew 28:19

b) The Bible ascribes Divine attributes to all three Persons.

God the Father

2Peter 1:16-18

Ephesians 4:4-6

Matthew 23:9

God the Son

John 20:27-28

John 1:1, John 1:14

John 10:32-33

God the Holy Spirit

Matthew 3:16

Acts 5:3-4

2Corinthians 3:17

Always remember that the Father holds the place of authority within the Godhead. He is not more important than the Son or the Holy Spirit, but authorizes their ministries.

John 6:38

Luke 22:42

SECTION 3

PRIMARY ATTRIBUTES (CHARACTERISTICS) OF GOD

Omnipresent (present everywhere)

Jeremiah 23:23-24

Psalms 139:7

Omnipotent (all powerful)

Jeremiah 32:17

Jeremiah 32:27

Luke 1:37-38

Omniscient (all knowing)

Psalms 147:5

Hebrews 4:13

Isaiah 42:9

Eternal (everlasting)

1 Timothy 1:17

Deuteronomy 32:40

Deuteronomy 33:27

Holy (free from all defilement, absolutely pure)

Isaiah 6:3

Psalms 99:9

Leviticus 11:45

Righteous or just (always does what is right)

Psalms 145:17-18

Merciful (doesn't give us what we deserve)

Psalms 86:5

Deuteronomy 4:31

Immutable (He doesn't change)

Malachi 3:6

Hebrews 13:8

Psalms 33:11

FOUNDATIONS *of the faith*

WEEK 1 HOMEWORK (Yes, homework)

Name: _____

SECTION 1

Please review the information and your notes on this handout. Look up the Bible verse(s) about our Lord and Savior Jesus. Then choose one of the six listed attributes that best pertains to each verse. **Omnipotent, Eternal, Holy, Omnipresent, Creator, Omniscient.**

Matthew 28:18-20 _____

Matthew 28:18 _____

John 16:30 _____

John 1:1-2 _____

Acts 3:14 _____

Colossians 1:16-17 _____

SECTION 2

Look up the Bible verse(s) about our Lord and Savior Jesus. Then choose one of the eight listed prophecies that best pertains to each verse:

- **Born of the line of King David**
- **Born of a virgin**
- **Born in Bethlehem**
- **Triumphal entry**
- **His hands and feet would be pierced**
- **Crucifixion among criminals**
- **Men would gamble for His garments**
- **Burial among the rich**

Prophesied in Isaiah 11:1-2, 2Samuel 7:12-16

Fulfilled in Matthew 1:6 _____

Prophesied in Isaiah 7:14

Fulfilled in Matthew 1:18-25 _____

Prophesied in Micah 5:2

Fulfilled in Matthew 2:1 _____

Prophesied in Zechariah 9:9

Fulfilled in John 12:13-14

Prophesied in Psalm 22:16

Fulfilled in John 19:18

Prophesied in Isaiah 53:12

Fulfilled in Matthew 27:38

Prophesied in Psalm 22:18

Fulfilled in Mark 15:24

Prophesied in Isaiah 53:9

Fulfilled in Matthew 27:57

Week 1 Notes: -
