

## Who Is God?

*I believe the God of the Bible is the only true God – Father,  
Son & Holy Spirit.*

- God's **revelation** unto mankind:
  - In the beginning **God**: (Genesis 1:1)
    - Belief in God is the very **foundation** of our Christian existence.
  - The Bible never **seeks to defend** the existence of God.
    - The existence of God is revealed through **creation**.
  - (Romans 1:20): Creation "*clearly*" **bears witness** to its Maker.
    - "*For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.*"
    - Four characteristics:
      - **Clear Testimony** – as v.19 states, the evidence is "*plain to them*" because God has "*made it plain to them.*"
      - **Understood Testimony** – God's revelation does not stop with perception, but is expected to include man's reflection. The drawing of a conclusion about the creator.
      - **Constant Testimony** – maintained since the creation of the world. (cf: Acts 14:17)
      - **Limited Testimony** – reflects God in certain aspects only – namely, His eternal power & divine nature. One has to look elsewhere for the disclosure of his love & grace. (cf: John 1:14)
    - Revelation through creation is sufficient to make men **responsible**, but is not by itself **sufficient** to accomplish his eternal salvation.
- There is – **One True God**:
  - The **choice** – still made today – "*choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...*" (Deuteronomy 6 & Joshua 24)
    - "*Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, strength.*"
      - Not a study in faculty psychology, rather a gathering of terms to indicate the totality of a person's commitment of self in the purest and noblest intentions of trust and obedience toward God.
      - The covenant between God & man based on God's love, required man's love for the Lord in return.
      - Love for God is tied tightly together with the sense of man's obedience and loyalty.
    - "*Fear the Lord*" – Is this fear, destructive or saving?
      - If we have a reverential fear of God, we will not need to fear his judgment. (cf: Heb 12:28-29)
- There is – **Three** (The **Persons** of God):
  - "*Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness...*" (Genesis 1:26)
    - (v.27) – twice states that man was created in **God's image** and a third time that man was created "**male and female**." (cf: Gen 5:1-2a)
      - The singular man ('adam) is created as a plurality, "*male & female*" – in a similar way the one God created man through an expression of his own plurality.
      - The human relationship between man & woman reflects God's own personal relationship with himself.

- God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit
- How does the various persons of God **interact** within the trinity?
- (John 1:1-5), (Luke 3:1-6, 15-18, 21-23), (Acts 17:16-34)

- Key Scripture:

- *“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”* (2 Corinthians 13:14)
- *Make a declaration today, “I believe” – in the one true God - the Father, Son & Holy Spirit.*



# Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.