

Who is God?

Part 1 Is He Real?

Many people who cross our life ask the question "who is God," or they say I don't believe in God, Heaven or Hell and besides if there is a God, he is a God of love and therefore would not send anybody to Hell. I hear this occasionally as I reach out to others with God's word. I've been heckled, called names, and told off in the name of God. So how do we respond to these situations? How do we ourselves know who God is? How do we answer the really tough question that we face as Christians?

In the simplest of terms, God is the Creator. He created all things: the earth, the stars, the oceans, the land, plants, animals, and even man. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. – Genesis 1:1-2"

I encourage you to watch the following: EvolutionvsGod.com, shaking the foundations of faith, for further information on this subject.

With the account of the creation of heaven and earth, we can be assured that our Creator is an all powerful as God who alone could create such a place as our earth. He provided the right atmosphere to support life. He provided a source of water and other minerals. God created a perfect earth. He provided for our needs and gave it all to mankind out of love and compassion for man who is made in his image, for all of us to share in.

Know that God is all powerful, all knowing, and all good. We should be encouraged by God's Word especially when we see his mighty hand at work in our lives and the lives of others. We can be confident that he knew us before we existed. We should realize what a tremendous honor it is for us to have been created in God's image and know and understand that he has given us dominion over all the animals, birds, and sea creatures. This power was restored to us through Christ death and resurrection.

My first answer to explaining is God real is study God's word, ask for his revelation that shines the light on scripture which brings understanding. Do a verse by verse study and mediate on each word as if you were enjoying a good movie watching it over and over again. Do the same with God's word, read it over and over again until you receive a revelation of the meaning of each scripture. This allows the Holy Spirit who is within us to grow, fill us to overflowing and then the word of God becomes alive within us making God very real.

Ask for his wisdom, understanding and knowledge, for him to shine his light upon his truth that allows to reach out to others and give the Holy Spirit an opportunity to convict others of their need for repentance which leads to salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord and brings them unto the righteousness of God.

God's eternal power can be understood by everyone because God has revealed it to them. Romans 1:18-20 says; "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse." Since God reveals himself, man is aware of his sinful nature, he makes choices and therefore chooses his eternal destination. Do not be discouraged when some choose not to believe what is clearly shown to them.

A revelation that God is real is Jesus Christ Himself. Jesus was God come to earth in fulfillment of two thousand years of Jewish history. His coming was precise as it was prophesied by the prophets in the Old Testament. He walked among man and showed them who God was and what he was like so that we could know him better. He told Philip "He who has seen Me has seen the Father." (John 14:9)

Anyone can know God from general revelation of creation, and we can know him by his revealing of himself to us through his word, a revelation from him for those who know him as Savior and Lord and from the life and words of Jesus himself.

To not believe there is a creator is saying that things can create themselves. A building just appears, there is no builder. A painting did not need a painter to create it. Trees and plants create themselves there is no need for a seed. Scientific ideas are constantly changing, however, the ideas and principles of how the heavens and earth were created has become a continuous cycle of change for scientist as their word of knowledge continues to shift and change. Yet the word of God never changes, he is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is the Creator of all things, he has all knowledge, and knows everything from the beginning to the end. He created time for man and everything has it's appointed time.

The Biblical account is the most accurate and it continues to be accurate as prophecy continues to be fulfilled before our eyes. Know that the earth is as old as scientist need it to be as the earth was void and empty before the spirit of God hovered over it. Genesis 1:1, 2 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Verse two is important to note, "Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." The word void translated means "Tohuvabohu."

Jeremiah 4:23-28 explains further the condition of the earth before God said "Let there be Light." "I looked at the earth, and it was formless and empty; and at the heavens, and their light was gone. I looked at the mountains, and they were quaking; all the hills were swaying. I looked, and there were no people; every bird in the sky had flown away. I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert; all its towns lay in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. This is what the Lord says: "The whole land will be ruined, though I will not destroy it completely. Therefore the earth will mourn and the heavens above grow dark because I have spoken and will not relent, I have decided and will not turn back." Possible explanation of Jeremiahs words:

This could infer that originally creation was in its chaotic state formless and void, without light. The earth possibly was filled with destruction caused by foreign invasion. As creation was originally without human habitation. The land the he saw looked and or seemed empty! Also notice the literary structure of "I looked used four times.4:25 "all the birds of the heavens had fled" This may refer to the fact that even the carnivorous birds have left or died because there was no more food.

The Prophet here declares that he saw at a distance, God's vengeance approaching for the Jews, comparing it to such a state of desolation that nothing would remain above or below, but a disordered confusion, such as existed before God brought nature into perfect order, before the earth was separated from the heavens, there was only a confused mass that existed in darkness, including all the elements, and without any light.

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What is God Like? Part 2

How do I describe God? Many have tried to describe God in many ways but for a Christian we should base our answers on Bible facts, not myths.

Is God Knowable? Jeremiah 9:23,24 "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord." Our God is a just, kind and righteous He is capable of doing anything and everything we could ever begin to imagine. He is all-powerful, all-knowing and present everywhere. Throughout the Bible he welcomes us into a relationship with him. We can know him intimately by reading his word and he welcomes all who call upon his name.

God is immortal, infallible and has no limitations, his knowledge ensures that he knows those who are his; Reference scriptures for you to read. (2Ti 2:19 See also Nu 16:5; Ex 33:12; Job 23:10; Jn. 10:14 See also 1Co 8:3; Gal 4:9; 1Jn 3:19-20; Rev 3:8)

God is a Spirit: Eternal and ever-living. He has no beginning or end. He is totally self-aware--"I am" and he is the essence of love, compassion and He is loving, and is also a righteous judge totally fair and just to all. The eternity of God's wisdom and new us before the beginning of the world. Proverbs:22,23; "The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; I was appointed from eternity, from the beginning, before the world began. (See also Heb 9:14; 1Pe 1:20)

God is the Father of all creation, he is all powerful and sustains the universe. He is the source of all life and all that is. (See Deut. 7:6-5;, Psalms 147:5, Isa. 43:3; 66:1; Jer. 32:17; Jn. 4:24, Heb. 1:3 and 1 Jn. 4:9.)

Here is another list of who God is and what he is like for your reference. Some homework for you.

God's purpose to bless is eternal: (2Ti 1:9-10 See also Eph, 1:3-11; Tit. 1:2-3; 1Pe. 1:18-21; Rev. 13:8) Some aspects of his created order are eternal: (Mic. 6:2 See also Gen. 49:26; Dt. 33:15; Hab. 3:6) Eternal life God bestows eternal life: (1Jn. 5:11 See also Jn. 3:16; Jn. 17:3) Resurrection of the body: (1 Co. 15:42-44 See also 1 Co. 15:50-56; 2 Co. 5:1-5; 1Pe 1:23) God's eternal blessings. His eternal salvation: (Isa. 45:17; Heb. 5:9) His eternal covenant: (Isa. 54:10; Jer. 32:40; Heb. 13:20) His eternal glory: (2 Co. 4:17-18; 2 Ti. 2:10; 1 Pet. 5:10) An eternal crown: (1 Co. 9:25; 1 Pet. 5:4; Rev. 2:10) An eternal inheritance: (Heb, 9:15; 1Pe, 1:3-5) An eternal home: (Lk. 16:9; Jn. 14:2-3) The eternal kingdom of God. God's eternal rule: (1 Tit. 1:17; Ps. 10:16; Jer. 10:10; Rev 15:3) The Messiah's eternal kingdom: (Isa. 9:6-7; Lk. 1:32-33) Jesus Christ's eternal kingdom: (2 Pet. 1:11; Rev 11:15) Along with eternal punishment: (Mt. 25:46; Dan. 12:2; Mt 25:41; Jude 6-7,13; Rev. 14:11)

Know that God is Approachable. God invites us to talk to him and to know him on a personal relationship with him by believing that his son died for us, forgives us of sins through his death and resurrection by the blood of the cross we are made righteous unto him by God's grace. We can engage him in whatever concerns us.. Our God is loving and accepting when we go before his throne and seek him out in prayer. Psalms 145:18; "The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."

God is Creative. Think about it, he created the heavens and the earth, the trees and the birds, he divided the mountains and the oceans and he made man which no one can duplicate its intricate structure. God speaks things into existence, not just stars and the heavens, but he is the answer to today's problems. God is creative, his power is something we should be aware of and to rely on. Psalms 147:5; "Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit." Psalms 121:1,2; "...where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

He is Forgiving. "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." We tend to do things our way instead of God's way. God sees and knows all. He does not overlook sin and will judge and condemn people for their sin. Yet, our God is forgiving and will forgive us when we begin a relationship with him. Jesus, the Son of God, paid for our sin through his death and by the blood of the cross and he was raised from the dead and by receiving this he offers us this forgiveness of sins. Romans 3:22,26; "This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, or all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus."

God cannot lie. Numbers 23:19; God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?" God clearly tells us about himself, there are many differences between him and man. One is that he is honest. Everything he says about himself, or about us, is the absolute truth. God is accurate in what he says and every promise he makes to us will be fulfilled. When his word goes forth it is set in motion and cannot be returned. Psalms 119:130,105; "The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

He is capable of guiding and directing our paths. Psalms 25:4,5; Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long."

God's word is the absolute truth. He is always right. His wisdom is unlimited. He understands all situations, he knows the past and he knows what is going to happen in the future. We don't need to give him a news report or beg him to make things right, he is not our enemy, or our deceiver, Satan is. God will take care of us and is completely capable and his motives are pure. All we need to do is put our trust in him, he never makes mistakes and he will do what is right, according to his will in all circumstances, at all times.