

THE STUDY OF GOD

THEOLOGY

Theology is a word rooted in Latin. *Theos* means *God* and *ology* means *study*. Just as biology is the study of life, theology is the study of God. For the past two thousand years, Christian teachers and authors have written, discussed and taught theology. Throughout the history of the church, theological learning was central to Christian education. During the Middle Ages, theology was known as “The Queen of Sciences.” In America, many famous colleges and universities like Duke, Princeton and Yale were founded to teach theology.



TYPES OF THEOLOGY

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY
ANCIENT THEOLOGY
PHILOSOPHICAL THEOLOGY
MODERN THEOLOGY
POST-MODERN THEOLOGY
LIBERAL THEOLOGY
COVENANT THEOLOGY
REFORMED THEOLOGY
MEDIÉVAL THEOLOGY
APOLOGETICS
ARMINIAN THEOLOGY
DISPENSATIONAL THEOLOGY
CATHOLIC THEOLOGY
NEO-ORTHODOX THEOLOGY
RADICAL THEOLOGY
SOCIALIST THEOLOGY
CONSERVATIVE THEOLOGY

CONFUSED YET?

HERE'S OUR SCHEDULE

WEEK ONE: The Word of God WEEK TWO: The Trinity, The Image of God
WEEK THREE: God the Father, God the Son WEEK FOUR: Salvation

WHO AM I?

FAMOUS THEOLOGIANS



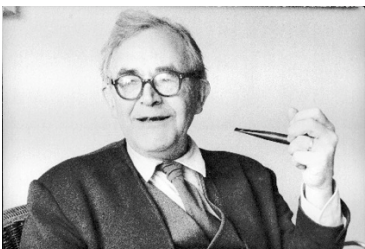
I became one of the most important figures in early Western Christianity, having framed the concepts of original sin and just war. I placed a huge importance on the church, and wrote a book called *The City of God*. My name is _____.



I was an influential French theologian and pastor during the Protestant reformation. Today, you can put an *ism* after my name and you have an entire branch of theology. I wrote commentaries on most books of the Bible, and helped reform the reform movement in Geneva. Today, Presbyterian and Reformed churches look to me as their chief teacher. I taught the absolute sovereignty of God in salvation and the doctrine of predestination. My name is _____.



I was a Priest in the Roman Catholic Church, and am still considered the model teacher for those studying to be a Priest. I wrote that "for the knowledge of any truth whatsoever man needs divine help, that the intellect may be moved by God to its act." I defined the four cardinal virtues (prudence, temperance, justice and fortitude) and the three theological virtues (faith, hope and love). I viewed theology as a sacred science, and wrote extensively on the nature of God. My name is _____.



I was a modern Swiss Reformed theologian who stressed the paradoxical nature of divine truth - God's relationship to humanity contains both grace and judgment. Some say I was the founder of *neo-orthodoxy*, because while my theology retains most of the tenants of Christianity, I seemed to reject Biblical inerrancy. I wrote, "Jesus does not give recipes that show the way to God as other teachers of religion do. He is Himself the way." My name is _____.

THIS COURSE

BIBLICAL, PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

DOODLE HERE IF YOU ARE ALREADY BORED

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

- Hebrews 11:6

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. - Matthew 28:19-20

SECTION ONE

THE WORD OF GOD



OLD TESTAMENT

The Pentateuch: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

Historical Books: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

Poetry and Wisdom Literature: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of songs

Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

66 individual books, 40 authors writing over 1,500 years on different continents in three languages. Over 2 billion copies have been printed. Currently translated into 2,200 different languages.

NEW TESTAMENT

Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

Letters from Paul: Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Timothy, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Titus, Philemon

General Letters: Hebrews, James 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2 & 3 John, Jude

Apocalyptic Literature: Revelation

SUMMARY

The Bible is God's Word to all people. It was written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. Because it was inspired by God, the Bible is truth without any mixture of error and is completely relevant to our daily lives.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2; Psalms 119:11, 89, 105; Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 22:29; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Romans 15:4; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 3:16

THE WRITTEN WORD

And he gave to Moses, when he had made an end of speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, the two tables of the testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God."

– Exodus 31:18

They are not just idle words for you—they are your life. By them you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess."

- Deuteronomy 32:47

Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

- Deuteronomy 4:2

COMMON OBJECTIONS

1. I DON'T _____ IT.
2. I DON'T _____ IT.
3. I DON'T _____ IT.

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THREE TESTS

TEST #1: THE EXTERNAL TEST

"Consequently, to get rid of the report, Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilate, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment again broke out, not only in Judea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome, where all things hideous and shameful from every part of the world find their center and become popular."

- Tacitus

"At this time there was a wise man who was called Jesus. And his conduct was good and he was known to be virtuous. And many people from among the Jews and other nations became his disciples. Pilate condemned him to be crucified and to die. And those who had become his disciples did not abandon his discipleship. They reported that he had appeared to them three days after his crucifixion and that he was alive; accordingly, he was perhaps the messiah concerning whom the prophets have recounted wonders." - Jesus, Wise Man and Teacher: Antiquities 18.3.3

"On the eve of Passover Yeshua was hanged. For forty days before the execution took place, a herald went forth and cried, "he is going forth to be stoned because he has practiced sorcery and enticed Israel to apostasy. Anyone who can say anything in his favor, let him come forward and plead on his behalf." But since nothing was brought forward in his favor he was hanged on the eve of the Passover. - The Jewish Talmud

"It may be stated categorically that no archeological discovery has ever controverted a biblical reference." - Nelson Gluek

"We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty."

- 2 Peter 1:16

THREE TESTS

TEST #2: THE BIBLIOGRAPHIC TEST

Author and Work	Date of Writing	Earliest Copy	Time Span	Number of Copies
Julius Caesar The Gallic Wars	50 BC	900 AD	950 years	10
Josephus The Jewish War	80 AD	950 AD	870 years	Less than 30
Plato Tetralogies	427-347 BC	900 AD	1,200 years	7
Homer The Illiad	800 BC	100 AD	900 years	643
New Testament	50-95 AD	130 AD	about 40 years	over 5,000

THREE TESTS

TEST #3: THE PROPHECY TEST

The Christ shall be born of a virgin.

- Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child...
- Matthew 1:23 The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel.

The Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem.

- Micah 5:2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village in Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel will come from you
- Matthew 2:1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod...

The Spirit of God would descend upon Him.

- Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding...
- Matthew 3:16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove...

Jesus would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey.

- Zechariah 9:9 See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey...
- John 12:15 Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt.

THREE TESTS

TEST #3: THE PROPHECY TEST

Betrayed by a beloved friend.

- Psalms 41:9 Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me...
- Matthew 26:48-49 Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him...

He chose not to answer His accusers.

- Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;...
- Matthew 27:12 When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer...

They spit on, slapped, and mocked Him.

- Isaiah 50:6 I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.
- Matthew 26:67 Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him...

They gambled for His clothes.

- Psalms 22:18 They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.
- John 19:23-24 When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining..."Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it."

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. - 2 Peter 1:20-21

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.
- Romans 10:9-10

INERRANCY

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WRITE NOTES HERE

THE CANNON

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WHAT ABOUT THE APOCRYPHA?

Here's an excerpt from Starting Point, a fantastic resource published by Northpoint Ministries.

If you grew up in the Roman Catholic church, you may have heard references to Tobit, or Judith, or 2 Maccabees. Along with other works, they form a collection of books known as the Apocrypha. Included between the Old and New Testaments in Catholic Bibles, the Apocrypha contain wisdom literature, historical stories from Old Testament times, prophecy, and narratives which recount the history of the Jewish people in the intertestamental period (from the fourth century BC to the time of Christ.) Catholics consider these books biblical. Protestants do not; in fact their Bibles do not even contain these books. Why then, do Protestant Christians reject these books as biblical? There are several reasons.

First, these apocryphal writings were primarily produced in the intertestamental period but Jews in Jesus' day never considered them biblical. There was general consensus that the writings were beneficial for historical purposes, but not authoritative in the same sense as the Old Testament. One Jewish historian of that time said this, From Artaxerxes [a Persian king who ruled about the time that Old Testament history ends] to our own times a complete history has been written, but has not been deemed worthy of equal credit with the earlier records, because of the failure of the exact succession of the prophets. (*Josephus, Against Apion 1.41*)

In fact, archeologists have only found ancient copies of these apocryphal writings in Greek, which indicates they were never circulated as part of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament). Second, these books were never considered biblical by Jesus or the New Testament writers.

Almost every book of the Old Testament is quoted in the New Testament, yet not once is a passage from an apocryphal book quoted as authoritative teaching from God. In fact, no book of the apocrypha is even mentioned in the New Testament.

Third, while on the whole, these books are edifying, they do contain some historical errors and theological elements which are inconsistent with the rest of the Bible. A common example is 2 Maccabees 12:42-45 which teaches that prayers and atonement can be offered for the dead to be forgiven of their sin. This is in direct contradiction with much of the Bible which teaches that each person is accountable for his or her own sin and that only Jesus can make atonement for us.

Fourth, most early Christians did not consider these books to be biblical. When final decisions were being made about which books to include in the New Testament, apocryphal books were typically rejected. In

AD 397, church leader Athanasius published a universal list of the biblical books. Referring to the Apocrypha he wrote that they were "not indeed included in the Canon, but appointed by the Fathers to be read by those who newly join us, and who wish for instruction in the word of godliness." (*Paschal Letter 39*) In other words, these books can be beneficial to your faith, but they are not biblical.

So, how did the Roman Catholic church come to regard these books as canonical (part of the Bible)? Around this same time, Jerome translated the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek texts of the Bible into Latin. He also translated the apocryphal books and circulated them with the Bible, even though he made the distinction between "books of the canon" and "books of the church." Eventually, this Latin version became the dominant text of the Bible and the Apocrypha gained equal status. Even some Catholic church doctrines (such as Purgatory) depended heavily on passages in apocryphal books. In the sixteenth century, the reformers quickly recognized that these books were not God's inspired Word and rejected them. In a backlash against the Reformation, the Roman Catholic church declared the Apocrypha as officially part of the Canon for the first time, though they still use the label deuterocanonical meaning "later or second added to the canon".

This allows us to conclude with a fundamental difference between Catholics and Protestants and their understanding of the church, authority, and the Bible. Catholics believe that God has vested the church (as represented by papal leadership) with the ability to confer authority on literary works, establishing them as official teaching or Scripture. Thus they would say that the Bible gains its authority ultimately from God, but through and under the authority of the Roman Catholic Church. On the other hand, Protestants believe that the church cannot confer authoritative status on anything. Rather the church, represented by all Christians, merely recognizes the works that God has already imbued with authority.

So, what can be learned? First, there are very good reasons to reject the Apocrypha as part of the canon of Scripture. Second, there are some theological problems with the Apocrypha, but on the whole, these books can be helpful for understanding the Jewish people of the intertestamental period. Third, this discussion really strikes at the issue of authority. Roman Catholics and Protestants openly disagree about the nature of authority in general and the role of the Apocrypha specifically. Yet, they can find common ground on the biblical books they do agree on – the Old and New Testaments – and God's grand story of creation and redemption found within.

AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

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WRITE NOTES HERE

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. - 1 Corinthians 2:14

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!
- Luke 24:25.

And the words of the LORD are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times. - Psalm 12:6

Your Word is truth. - John 17:17

What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people's bones and all sorts of impurity.
- Matthew 23:27.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

God on Paper, by Brian Loritts

TXT Series @ Oak Leaf Church

<http://vimeo.com/1686567>

<http://vimeo.com/1755729>

<http://vimeo.com/1782660>

The Bible Jesus Read by Phillip Yancey

The Cannon of Scripture, F. F. Bruce

Revelation: God Speaks, sermon by Mark Driscoll

<http://www.marshillchurch.org/media/doctrine/revelation-god-speaks>

SECTION TWO

THE IMAGE OF

GOD



SUMMARY

Man is made in the image of God and is the supreme object of His creation. Man was created to have fellowship with God, but became separated in that relationship through sinful disobedience. As a result, man cannot attain a right relationship with God through his own effort. Every human personality is uniquely created, possesses dignity, and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:7, 18-22; 3;
Psalms 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah
6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Acts 17:26-31;
Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18, 23; 5:6;
6:6; 7:14-25; 1 Corinthians
1:21-31; 15:19, 21-22; Ephesians
2; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11

KEY VERSE

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." - Genesis 1:26-27. Also see Genesis 5:1; I Corinthians 11:7 and James 3:9

SUBSTANTIVE VIEW

RELATIONAL VIEW

FUNCTIONAL VIEW

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

1. THE IMAGE OF GOD EXTENDS TO ALL OF HUMANITY, NOT JUST FOR ADAM.
2. SIN MAY _____ THE IMAGE, BUT IT DOES NOT _____ IT. (GENESIS 9:6)
3. ONE PERSON IS NOT CREATED MORE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD THAN ANOTHER PERSON.
4. WHEN JESUS RETURNS, THE FULL IMAGE IS RESTORED.

WRITE NOTES HERE

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay or shouldn't we?"

But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. "Why are you trying to trap me?" he asked. "Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." They brought the coin, and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." And they were amazed at him. - Mark 12:13-17

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Mark Driscoll Sermon: Doctrine: God Is

<http://www.marshillchurch.org/media/doctrine/trinity-god-is>

Introducing Christian Doctrine, Second Edition, Millard J. Erickson

SECTION THREE

THE TRINITY



SUMMARY

God has existed in relationship with Himself for all eternity. He exists as one substance in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Although each member of the Trinity serves different functions, they each possess equal power and authority.

Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 61:1;
Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:9-11;
Luke 1:35; John 5:21-23;
14:10, 16; Romans 8:9-11; 1
Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians
13:14; Hebrews 1:8-10; James
2:19

TERTULLIAN

The Bible does not *explicitly* teach the doctrine of the trinity. Instead, it is *implied*.

A theologian and writer named Tertullian was the first person to use the word *trinity* around the year 155 AD.

WRITE NOTES HERE

CONTROVERSY

_____ was an influential theologian who viewed Jesus as subordinate to God. He taught that he was higher than man, but less than God.

_____ challenged this idea, and at the Council of _____, they wrote a creed that said Jesus was “of the exact same substance as the Father.”

And people have been arguing about it ever since.

ANALOGIES

Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) tried to explain the trinity using the analogy of memory, understanding, and the will. Others have come up with new analogies to try and explain this confusing doctrine.

DRAW PICTURES AND TAKE NOTES

THERE IS ONE GOD

Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. - Deuteronomy 6:4

WRITE INTERESTING THINGS

ALL THREE ARE GOD

1 Timothy 2:5-6, Matthew 19:23-26, Philippians 2:5-11, Hebrews 1,
Luke 12:8-9, Matthew 25:31, Acts 5:3-4, 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

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SECTION FOUR

GOD

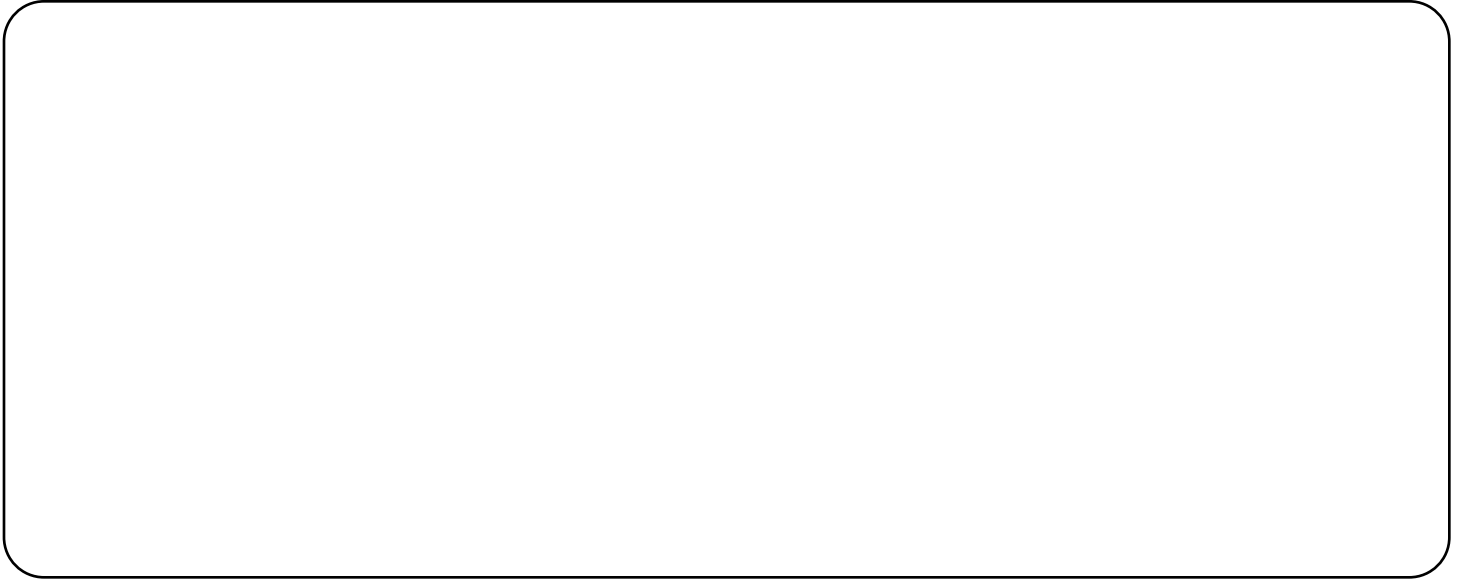
THE FATHER



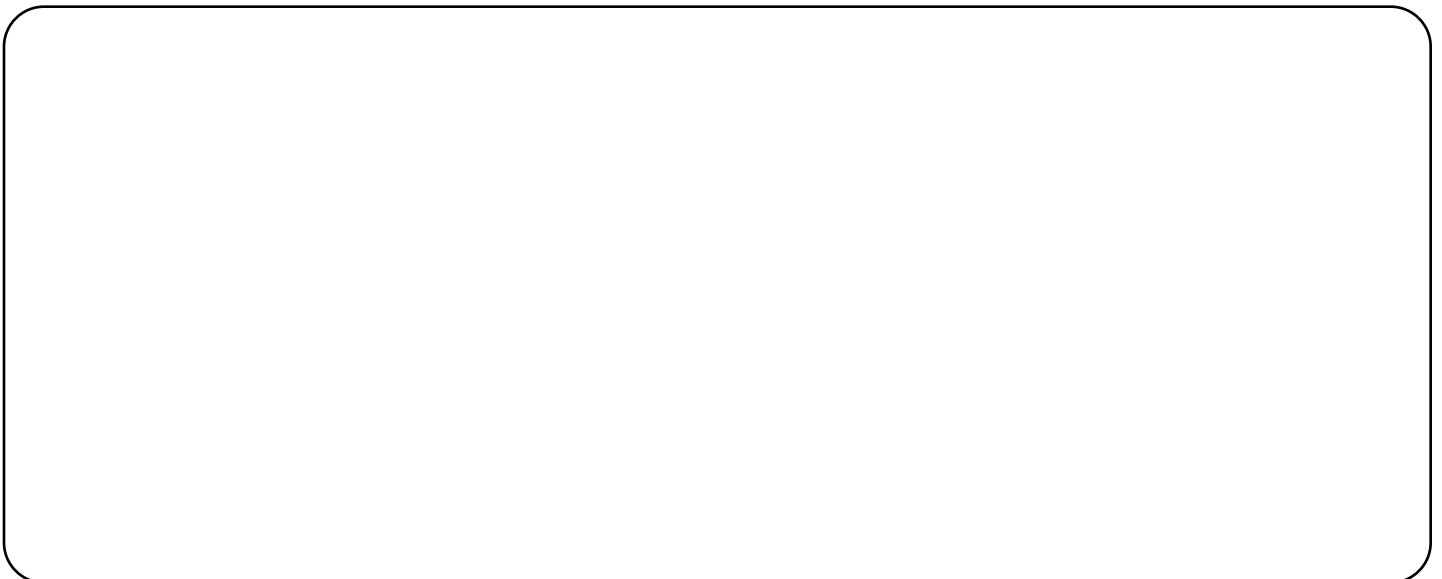
The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." - Psalm 14:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands - Psalm 19:1

COSMOLOGICAL ARGUMENT FOR GOD



MORAL ARGUMENT FOR GOD



HOW CAN WE KNOW GOD?

All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
- Matthew 11:27

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. – Psalm 145:3

We can know about God, but we may never grasp his love, mercy, justice, grace, etc. completely.

You can know more than facts about God...you can KNOW God.

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Definitions from Wayne Grudem's Systematic Theology

INDEPENDENT

God does not need us or the rest of creation for anything, yet we and the rest of creation can glorify him and bring him joy. (Acts 17:24-25)

UNCHANGABLE

God is unchanging in his being, perfections, purposes, and promises, yet God does act and feel emotions, and he acts and feels differently in response to different situations. (Psalm 102:25-27)

OMNIPRESENT

God does not have size or spatial dimensions and is present at every point of space with his whole being, yet God acts differently in different places. (Deut 10:14) He is a spirit, (John 4:24) so he is not limited by a physical presence.

UNIFIED

God is not divided into parts, yet we see different attributes of God emphasized at different times. (Exodus 34:6-7)

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

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INVISIBLE

God's invisibility means that God's total essence, all of his spiritual being, will never be able to be seen by us, yet God still shows himself to us through visible, created things (John 1:18; I John 4:12). A theophany is an appearance of God, where God took on visible forms to show himself to people. Examples are Abraham (Genesis 18), Jacob (Genesis 32), the people of Israel (Exodus 13:21) and Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1).

OMNISCIENT

God fully knows himself and all things actual and possible in one simple and eternal act (Job 37:16; 1 John 3:20).

ALL WISE

God's wisdom means that God always chooses the best goals and the best means for those goals (Romans 16:27, Job 9:4 Psalm 104:24).

TRUTHFUL

God's truthfulness means that he is the true God, and that all his knowledge and words are both true and the final standard of truth (John 17:3; 1 John 5:20).

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

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GOOD

The goodness of God means that God is the final standard of good, and that all God is and does is worthy of approval (Luke 18:19; Psalm 34:8).

LOVE

God's love means that God eternally gives of himself to others (I John 4:8; John 14:31; Romans 5:8).

HOLY

God's holiness means that he is separated from sin and devoted to seeking his own honor (Psalm 24:31; Psalm 71:22; Exodus 15:11). The Hebrew word for holy means "withdrawn from common, ordinary use" or "marked off."

SECTION FIVE

GOD

THE SON



SUMMARY

Jesus Christ is completely human, but at the same time completely God. He is the only plan for bringing people who are enemies of God back into a right relationship with God. He lived a perfect life, so that He could be a substitution for us in satisfying God's demands for perfection. He received the punishment for our sins when He died on the cross to satisfy God's wrath. He defeated death in His resurrection so that we could have life.

Isaiah 7:14; 53; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 14:33; 16:16; 28:5-6; Luke 22:70; 24:46-47; John 1:1, 14; 10:30; 11:25-27; 17:1-5; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 8:1-3; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; Galatians 4:4-5; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15; 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 12:2; 13:8; 1 John 4:14-15

INCARNATION

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

- Matthew 1:18-20

SALVATION ULTIMATELY
COMES FROM _____.

FULL _____ AND
_____ WERE UNITED.

SIN WAS NOT _____.

ATONEMENT

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" - Luke 24:25-26.

Since the blood of bulls and goats could not truly take away sin (Hebrews 10:4), a better sacrifice was required (Hebrews 9:23).

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." - Matthew 26:39

THE PAIN OF THE CROSS WAS PHYSICAL

MARK 15:24 ISAIAH 53:6 1 PETER 2:24

THE PAIN OF THE CROSS WAS EMOTIONAL

MARK 24:34 MATTHEW 25:56 MATTHEW 27:46

SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT

1. We deserve to _____ as
the penalty for sin. Then Christ would
have had to suffer many times since the creation of the
world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of
the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.
- Hebrews 9:26
2. We deserve God's _____.
This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us
and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
- 1 John 4:10.
3. We are _____ from
God by our sins. All this is from God,
who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us
the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling
the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins
against them. And he has committed to us the message
of reconciliation. - 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
4. We are in _____
to sin. For he has rescued us from the dominion of
darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he
loves. - Colossians 1:13

RESURRECTION

All four Gospels describe the Resurrection, and the book of Acts describes how the Gospel advanced as a result of this historical event.

IT WAS A LITERAL RESURRECTION

MATTHEW 28:9 LUKE 24:15-18 LUKE 24:39 ACTS 10:41

WHAT IS JESUS DOING NOW?

SECTION SIX

SALVA-
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SUMMARY

The blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the cross, provides the only way of salvation through the forgiveness of sin. Salvation occurs when people place their faith in the death and resurrection of Christ as sufficient payment for their sin. Salvation is a gift from God and it cannot be earned through our own efforts.

Isaiah 1:18; 53:5-6; 55:7;
Matthew 1:21; 27:22-28:6;
Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John
1:12; 3:16, 36; 5:24; 10:9-10;
Acts 2:21; 4:12; 16:30-31;
17:30-31; Romans 1:16-18;
3:23-25; 5:8-10; 6; 10:9-10,
13; 1 Corinthians 1:18; 2 Cor-
inthians 5:17-20; Galatians
2:20; 3:13; Ephesians 2:8-10;
Philippians 2:12-13; Hebrews
9:24-28; Revelation 3:20

ALL RELIGIONS ARE NOT THE SAME

“I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except
through me” – John 14:16

Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no
one can see the kingdom of God unless
he is born again." - John 3:3

HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN?

Regeneration is the act in which God gives new spiritual life to us.

"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

- John 3:3-8

SAVING FAITH

Genuine regeneration brings life results. No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. - 1 John 3:9

SAVING FAITH IS TRUST
IN **JESUS CHRIST** AS A
LIVING PERSON FOR
FORGIVENESS OF SINS
AND ETERNAL LIFE
WITH GOD.

BELIEVE/RECEIVE

Yet to all who received him,
to those who believed in his
name, he gave the right to
become children of God.

- John 1:12

REPENT

Yet now I am happy, not because you
were made sorry, but because your
sorrow led you to repentance. For
you became sorrowful as God
intended and so were not harmed in
any way by us. Godly sorrow brings
repentance that leads to salvation
and leaves no regret, but worldly
sorrow brings death.

- 2 Corinthians 7:9-10

JUSTIFICATION

Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

- Romans 8:33-34

WE ARE NOT JUSTIFIED
BECAUSE OF OUR GOOD
WORKS, BUT BECAUSE OF
CHRIST. - ROMANS 3:23-24

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