

1 – WHO DOES GOD THINK HE IS?

I. Common Questions and Thoughts Today

- Who is God and why should I want to know him?
- Do people matter to God?
- Is God Just?
- Does God accept all religions in the world?
- Why does God allow evil?
- Who does God think he is?
- What does God really want?

Question to Ponder What are some other questions that people have about God today?

II. Where to Start: The Question of Authority

- Any discussion about God requires a decision about who is ultimately supreme in this world.
- If humanity is supreme, then God becomes nothing more than the creation of man.
- If God is supreme, then humanity must recognize its position in relationship to Him.

III. The Reality of God

A. The Existence of God is Intuitive

- Humanity has an intuitive understanding that there is a God.

Scripture Romans 1:19-20 (ESV)

¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

- The problem with humanity is there is tendency to understand God through our perspective.

Scripture Romans 1:21-23 (ESV)

²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Question to Ponder Are the gods of the world's religions really the same God?

The Call to Believe: Discovering Answers to Your Questions About God and His World

B. The Existence of God is Assumed by the Bible

- The very first book of the Bible begins with the assumption that God exists.

Scripture Genesis 1:1 (ESV)

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

- Bible does not attempt to prove God's existence.
- Belief in the existence of God is rooted in faith.

Scripture Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.