

Who is God?

The One True God

Not the same as the other “little g” gods, Elohim.

Psalm 19:1 (NKJV)

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork."

Psalm 19:1–6 (TPT)

"God's splendor is a tale that is told, written in the stars. Space itself speaks His story through the marvels of the heavens. His truth is on tour in the starry vault of the sky, showing His skill in creation's craftsmanship. Each day gushes out its message to the next, night by night whispering its knowledge to all—without a sound, without a word, without a voice being heard—yet all the world can hear its echo. Everywhere its message goes out. What a heavenly home God has set for the sun, shining in the superdome of the sky! See how He leaves His celestial chamber each morning, radiant as a bridegroom ready for His wedding, like a day-breaking champion eager to run his course. He rises on one horizon, completing His circuit on the other, warming lives and lands with His heat."

- **Colossians 1:18-20** ' We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels— everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body. He was supreme in the beginning and—leading the resurrection parade—he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he's there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so expansive, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.'

After reading this passage, we can readily see that creation speaks of its Creator. But how do we know that the God of the Bible is the God we should be following?

There are 12 major religions throughout the world. Why Christianity?

The Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:14–17

"And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!"

Unlike other faith leaders who died and stayed in the grave, Jesus' tomb was empty, and His followers saw Him alive after His death. We have evidence through the Word and other historical sources (Jews, Romans, Christians) that Jesus died on the cross and was seen after His death.

Jesus' Exclusive Claim

John 14:6

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"

Jesus completely excludes all other religions as possible avenues to get to the Father. We must fully accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior to be right with God!

Three in One – Father, Son, Holy Spirit

Genesis 1:1–2

"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."

John 1:1–3

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made."

Matthew 3:16–17

"And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'"

John 14:16–17

"And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide

with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

2 Corinthians 13:14

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."

Characteristics of God

God is all-powerful, all-knowing, and not restricted by time. He is loving; God is love. He is the Word and omnipresent.

Moses' Encounter with God

Moses, who had a desire to see God, was allowed to see God's glory from behind as He passed by (Exodus 33:18-23). When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, his face was glowing so brightly that he had to wear a veil over it to shield the people from the radiance (Exodus 34:29-35).

Ezekiel's Vision

Ezekiel 1:26–28

"And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it. And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of His loins even upward, and from the appearance of His loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake."

Ezekiel 2:1–2

"And He said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. And the spirit entered into me when He spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard Him that spake unto me."

Power in the Name of Jesus

John 18:3–6

"Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, 'Whom are you seeking?' They answered Him, 'Jesus of Nazareth.' Jesus said to them, 'I am He.' And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. Now when He said to them, 'I am He,' they drew back and fell to the ground."

John 18:3 records that there was "a band of men" in the Garden that night. The Greek word for "a band of men" is spira, describing a military cohort—a group of 300 to 600 soldiers. These extremely well-trained soldiers were equipped with the finest weaponry of the day (Rick Renner, Sparkling Gems 1, April 4th).

Based on this information, we can see that 300–600 fully armed men fell under the power at once when Jesus said, "I Am He."

A Sample of the Power

John 21:25

"And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen."

What Is Man?

Psalms 8:3–9

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained; what is man, that Thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that Thou visitest him? For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet: all sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O LORD our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!"

Conclusion

The God of the Bible is the one true God as evidenced through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. No other person who claimed to be God also rose from the dead and ascended to Heaven! We have evidence from sources that stem from the Romans,

Jews, and Christians on these facts. We can have full assurance that the Bible is true, and it is a sure foundation that we can build our lives on!

We can know through multiple examples throughout Scripture that God is three persons made up of the Father, Jesus "The Son," and the Holy Spirit. Their unity is evidenced throughout the Word. As Jesus said, "If you've seen Me, you've seen the Father," and "He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you."

God's power is endless; it can cause the face of a man to glow, strip men of their strength, set men on their feet, and bring about the wonder of men when they see even a small glimpse of it. This is why the psalmist said, "what is man, that Thou art mindful of him?". God could simply wipe us from existence but he chose us, adopted us, and elevated us to the status of sons and daughters. This all powerful God loves us!