

L2 Bible Answers - *Who Is God?*

Additional Notes

Introduction - We learn a very important principle when we come to **Genesis 1:1**. The Bible says, *"1 In the beginning **God** created the heaven and the earth."*

I want you to always remember this, "Everything begins with God."

John 17:3 *"3 And this is life eternal, that **they might know thee the only true God**, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."*

How does the Lord reveal Himself? People are struggling to answer the question, is there a God? And then if there is a God, the next question is: can He be known?

There are several ways God has revealed Himself to us.

1. God reveals **Himself** through _____

The intricate design of the universe declares there is a Creator.

Psalms 19:1 *"1 The heavens _____ the glory of God; And the firmament sheweth his handywork."*

Psalms 19:2-3 *"2 Day unto day uttereth speech, And night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, Where their voice is not heard."*

We understand from the book of Genesis that God created everything from nothing.

Genesis 1:1 *"1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."*

Genesis 1:3, Genesis 1:6, Genesis 1:9, Genesis 1:11, Genesis 1:14, Genesis 1:20, Genesis 1:24

Genesis 1:26-27 *"26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."*

Man takes materials and fashions things from what already exists. Only God can create from nothing.

Hebrews 11:3 *"3 **Through faith** we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."*

Since God created all things, we understand that He did so with purpose.

Revelation 4:11 tells us, *“11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”*

Colossians 1:16 *“16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.”*

2. God has revealed Himself through human _____.

“It has been widely observed that no one is born an atheist.” - Paul Chappell
The word conscience means “with knowledge.” In the Bible, we discover that God says that inside of every man is the knowledge of Himself.

Romans 2:14–15 *“14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: 15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, **their conscience also bearing witness**, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)”*

John 1:9 we read about the Lord Jesus Christ, the true Light. *“9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.”*

Romans 1:18–20 *“18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is **manifest in them**; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:”*

3. God has revealed Himself through _____ , His _____ and His _____.

The Bible tells us in **Genesis 2:15–17** that men knew God.

“15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

In the garden, we understand that man had knowledge of the Lord.

Genesis 4:26 “26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the Lord.”

According to **2 Peter 2:5**, Noah preached to men warning them of judgment to come.

“5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;”

We can look at the historical records and see how God has revealed Himself to men. By the Word of God, we have _____ revelation about God.

In **Hebrews 1:1–3** “1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 **Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the **express image of his person**, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;”

1 Timothy 3:16 “16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”

So, the answer to that question- does God exist, and if He does, can we know Him— is yes. Yes, God does exist and is revealed through **creation, conscience, historically, by His Word, and through His Son.**

1. God is a Trinity.

Mark 12:29 references **Deuteronomy 6:4**: “29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is **one Lord**.”

It states, **the LORD**[Jehovah-singular] **our God** [Elohim-plural] is **one LORD** [Jehovah-singular]. We are not as some claim- Tri-Theists. We do not believe in three gods— but One God.

Isaiah 45:5 “5 I am the Lord, and **there is none else**, There is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:”

Ephesians 4:6 “6 **One God** and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

James 2:19 “19 *Thou believest that **there is one God**; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.*”

God, however, even though it is hard for us to comprehend, exists as a trinity, a three-in-one. The Bible calls this the “Godhead.”

Acts 17:29 “29 *Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the **Godhead** is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man’s device.*”

Romans 1:20 “20 *For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his **eternal power and Godhead**; so that they are without excuse.*”

Colossians 2:9 “9 *For in him dwelleth all the fulness of **the Godhead** bodily.*”

The English word Godhead means divine nature or essence. The truth that is revealed is that there is one God who exists in three persons—co-equal, co-powerful, and co-eternal, and eternally existent.

1 John 5:7 states, “7 *For there are three that bear record in heaven, the **Father**, the **Word**, and the **Holy Ghost**: and these three are one.*” (**John 1:1 and 1:14**– reveal that the expression ‘the Word’ is God’s only Son Jesus Christ.)

God the _____

Romans 1:7 “7 *To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace **from God our Father**, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*”

Consider also **Isaiah 63:16**; **Matthew 11:27, 28:19**; **Mark 13:32**; **Luke 10:22**; **John 1:14, 3:35, 4:21-23, 6:45-46, 14:24**; **1 Corinthians 15:24**; **Galatians 1:1, 3**; **Philippians 2:11**; **Colossians 2:2**; **James 3:9**; **1 Peter 1:17**; **2 John 1:3**; **Jude 1:1**.

God the _____

Hebrews 1:8 “8 *But unto **the Son** he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.*”

See also: **Matthew 4:3, 6, 9:6, 11:27, 14:33, 16:16, 26:63; 27:54**; **Mark 1:1, 3:11, 15:39**; **Luke 1:32, 35, 4:41; 10:22**, **John 1:14, 18, 34 3:16, 18**; **1 John 4:9**

God the _____

Acts 5:3–4 “3 *But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart **to lie to the Holy Ghost**, and to keep back part of the price of the land? 4 *Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.*”*

See also Psalm 51:11; Isaiah 63:10; Matthew 1:18, 20, 3:11, 12:32, 28:19; Mark 1:8, 3:29, 12:36; Luke 1:15, 35, 41, 67, 2:26, 3:16, 22, 4:1, 12:10, 12:12, 11:13; Acts 1:2, 16, 2:4, 33, 38, 4:8, 31, 5:32, 6:3; Romans 5:5, 9:1, 14:17, 15:13, 16; 1 Corinthians 2:13, 6:19, 12:3; 2 Corinthians 6:6; Ephesians 1:13, 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 4:8; Hebrews 3:7, 6:4, 9:8, 10:15; 1 Peter 1:12; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 5:7; Jude 20

Someone has wisely said, “The Trinity is impossible to explain, but it is vital to believe.” In many places, you can see references and attributions to all three persons of the Godhead.

Matthew 3:16–17 *“16 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: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”*

Matthew 28:19 *“19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”*

2 Corinthians 13:14 *“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.”*

2. God has revealed Himself in our creation.

Genesis 1:26 *“26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”* How are we like God?

Not physically - **John 4:24** *“24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”*

Not deity - There is only One God.

Mentally - We have the capacity to reason and we possess intelligence. (See Genesis 2:19)

Socially - We have the capacity and need to fellowship and interact with each other. (See Genesis 2:18)

Morally - We understand that there is a right and a wrong. (See Genesis 3:6)

Spiritually - We were created with a spirit that will go on forever. (See Genesis 2:17— in dying thou shalt die.)