

Who Is God?

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In almost all of the surveys taken, majorities of people say they believe in the existence of God. But many do not really know Him. God requires all people on the earth to know Him, (I Thessalonians 1:8). Since God requires we know Him, and since God does not ask us to do something we can't do, we must ask the question how can we know God?

We can know that God exists through observing nature. We are told in Romans 1:20, *"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse."* (NKJV). We can understand that God exists even if we cannot see Him, by the things that are made. We were not present when God created the heavens and the earth, but we can know that He exists and made them by observing the wonders of our world. If there is an intelligent design, and there is, there has to be an intelligent designer, and there is! The old example is seeing the working parts of a fine Swiss watch. All of the parts are working together to help each one with their particular job in keeping track of time. This just could not happen by itself. We see the same in our world today. Such beauty, such power, such greatness as the laws God has set forth all work together to uphold our world and its entire splendor. But observing nature does not really tell us who God is.

We find Gods attributes only through reading the words He has given to us. He has given us the Bible to read, study, and understand, (I Thessalonians 2:13, II Peter 1:20-21). We are not told everything about Him, but only the things we need to know or are able to understand. We read about this principle in Deuteronomy 29:29, *"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."* (NKJV) There are some things hard to understand such as how can the One True God have three distinctions (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and still be One? Many through the centuries have tried to explain this but have not really been able to.

God has revealed many facts to us that He wants us to know. (1) He is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. (2) He is mighty in power and infinite in understanding. (3) That everything in existence belongs to Him. (4) That He is the king of the heavens and earth. (5) He is all knowing and He is present everywhere in the universe all at once. (6) He has all power, but

does not waste energy. (7) He is a God of infinite love, and a God of right judgment. (8) He has the power to forgive sins. (9) He is the God of hope and we can put all our trust in Him. (10) He wants worship and seeks those who will worship Him according to His will. (11) That He is righteous, Holy, and impartial. (12) God will preserve those who love Him, but the wicked do not seek Him and therefore will be destroyed.

These are but a few attributes of God. The Bible is rich with information about God that He supplies for our learning and understanding. May we acquire the great blessings of God through the privilege of seeking Him, for He is not far from each one of us.

(Bible references: From the Psalms- 7:11, 10:4, 47:7, 111:16, 115:9-11, 145:20, 147:5. Proverbs 30:5, Matthew 9:6, John 4:23-24, Romans 1:20, I Corinthians 2:6-16, I John 4:8.)