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## 20 Beliefs Every Christian Should Know

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### Lesson 2 – What Is God Like?

**Key Verse: John 4:24**

“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

#### Overview

Because God is God, the human mind cannot fully comprehend Him. No one will ever fully know God. However, God has chosen to reveal Himself to us in the Bible and expects us to know what He has revealed about Himself. In this lesson, we will study God so that we might come to know Him and glorify Him.

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“The greatest need for people in the world is to know who God is. The greatest need for people in the church is to know who God is.” —R.C. Sproul

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#### God Exists

1. Genesis 1:1. What does this verse presuppose about God? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Romans 1:19–20. What has God made evident to the world? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Psalm 10:4. Who makes the claim, “There is no God”? \_\_\_\_\_

#### God Is Knowable

1. Psalm 145:3. What does this verse reveal about God’s greatness? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Psalm 139:4–6. What does this verse reveal about God’s knowledge? \_\_\_\_\_
3. John 17:3. What does Jesus say eternal life is? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jeremiah 9:24. What are we to boast about? \_\_\_\_\_

#### God Is Independent

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“God’s independence means he doesn’t actually need us or anything else in creation for anything. He did not create us because he was lonely or needed fellowship with other people. God always has been perfectly and completely happy and fulfilled in his personal existence.” —Wayne Grudem, *Christians Beliefs*, pg. 23

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1. Acts 17:24–25. What does verse 25 tell us about God’s needs? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Psalm 90:2. How long has God been God? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Romans 11:36. Who is dependent upon God? \_\_\_\_\_

**God Is Unchangeable (Immutable)**

1. Psalm 102:27. Why does the psalmist praise God? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Malachi 3:6. What does God reveal to us about Himself? \_\_\_\_\_
3. James 1:17. What does James reveal about God’s nature? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Numbers 23:19. According to this verse, God is unchanging in His what? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Hebrews 13:8. What does the writer of Hebrews reveal about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
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“Men are fickle and mutable. They are changeable in their principles. If their faces altered as fast as their opinions, we should not know them. . . . But God is immutable.” —Thomas Watson, *A Body of Divinity*, pg. 67

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**God Is Spirit**

1. John 4:24. “God is \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. 1 Corinthians 6:17. How are believers joined to God? \_\_\_\_\_
3. John 1:18. Because God is spirit, he is also \_\_\_\_\_.
4. John 14:9. Who is the visible manifestation of God? \_\_\_\_\_

**God Is Jealous**

1. Exodus 20:5. What attribute of God is given in this verse? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Isaiah 48:11. What does God say about His glory? \_\_\_\_\_

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“God desires that worship be given only to Himself and not to anyone or anything else. It is not wrong for God to continually seek His own honor, for it is an honor that only He, as God, deserves.”  
—Wayne Grudem, *Christians Beliefs*, pg. 31

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**God Is Wrathful**

1. Romans 1:18. What is God’s wrath revealed against? \_\_\_\_\_
2. John 3:36. Who does the wrath of God abide upon? \_\_\_\_\_

3. 1 John 4:10. What is the greatest display of God’s holy wrath and hatred of sin? \_\_\_\_\_  
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God reveals His wrath in two ways:

1. Indirectly.

➤ Ezekiel 25:14. Who did God use to reveal His wrath? \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Numbers 21:6. What did God use to reveal His wrath? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Directly.

➤ Genesis 6–9: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Genesis 18–19: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Exodus 7–12: \_\_\_\_\_

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“Wrath is an attribute for which we should thank and praise God. If God delighted in or was not troubled by sin, He wouldn’t be a God worthy of our worship or praise.”

—Wayne Grudem, *Christians Beliefs*, pg. 32

“Wrath is the only just response a perfectly holy God could make to unholy men. Righteous wrath therefore is every bit as much an element of God’s divine perfection as any other of His attributes.”

—John MacArthur, *MNTC Romans 1–8*, pg. 74

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### Application

1. How well do you know God?
2. In what ways can you grow in your knowledge and understanding of God?
3. How has the knowledge of God changed your life?