

# YOU NEED TO KNOW SERIES

BECOMING A DISCIPLE THROUGH THE DOCTRINES OF GOD  
KNOWING WHAT YOU BELIEVE AND WHY YOU BELIEVE IT

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## THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### ALL ABOUT THE REVELATION OF GOD – PART 3

*Knowing what you believe and why you believe it.*

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#### Introduction to the Doctrine of God

How would you explain the purpose for your existence and the concept of God - if asked to?

Well, in what is known as the Westminster Shorter Catechism of 1646--

A declaration made by the Orthodox Presbyterian Church;

There is that simple, but wonderful affirmation that is both encouraging as it is accurate and is...

Q. 1. *What is the chief end of man?*

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Q. 2. *What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?*

A. The word of God, which is contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Q. 3. *What do the scriptures principally teach?*

A. The scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Q. 4. *What is God?*

A. God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

Real, Biblical Theology means that you have a correct view and understanding of God as made known by His revelation to man – the Bible.

#### 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

#### Colossians 1:9b-10

that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

The correct answer would be that you adhere to Biblical Theology, that is – The Study of God, His Person and Nature - That is Theology – *Theo* meaning God and *Logy* meaning words

#### Romans 13:11

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to (1) awake out of sleep; for (2) now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

## YOU NEED TO KNOW ALL ABOUT THE REVELATION OF GOD

**1.) Who is God?**

**1a.) God is the LORD God**

**1b.) God is the Omniscent God**

**1c.) God is the Omnipresent God**

**1d.) God is the Omnipotent God**

**1e.) God is the Uncreated God**

**1f.) God is the Immutable God**

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**1g.) God is the Redemptive God**

**The Bible says that we are lost** – meaning that we are being held captive by our lusts.

**The Bible says that we are alienated from God** - meaning that we are on our own being separated from God.

**The Bible says that we need Salvation** – meaning we need to be Redeemed from our condition.

**From the Beginning The LORD Showed Himself,  
“Willing and Able to Redeem the Slave”**

**Genesis 3:21**

And the LORD God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.

Those animals (lambs I think) sacrificed all - for them.

**Exodus 6:5-7**

And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. 6 Therefore say to the children of Israel: “I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. 7 I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

**The Bible is The Book of Redemption**

**Leviticus 25:48**

after a man is sold (*a man unable to pay his debts*) he may be redeemed again.  
(*by or through the wealth of another*) One of his brothers may redeem him;

## This Relative becomes what is called, the “kinsmen redeemer” or a “blood-related-relative”

The LORD had made provision in the Law of Moses that if a poor person who was forced to sell his property or himself into slavery to settle a debt, His “nearest of kin” could step in and “buy back” what his relative was forced to give up. This kinsman redeemer (blood-related-relative) had to qualify as being rich. He personally had to be debt-free and had to be willing of himself to pay the “demands” or the “ransom price”.

Regarding this Doctrine of Redemption - The book of Ruth!

### What is redemption?

1 Peter 1:18-19

knowing that you were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 *but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

Redemptive – from the word “redeem” means to “buy out of or to buy from off the street. To buy a slave from his master to then, set him free”

Heaven’s currency is not silver or gold – it’s blood.

### Why do we need redemption?

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned (starting point) and fall short (all along the way) of the glory of God,

The Bible says that all of mankind is in need of redemption - because man, by nature is sinful. It is this sinfulness of mankind that is responsible for the evil in the world. There is no manmade power or self-help course that can correct this condition of mans heart and soul. Redemption takes us up and away from this prison cycle of sin and disobedience to God.

### How does redemption work?

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He (God the Father) made Him (God the Son) who knew no sin to be sin (by transfer-exchange) for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (by transfer-exchange).

Redemption – can only work if it is initiated by the Redeemer. The one bound in slavery cannot “purchase” his own release due to his own poverty. Redemption then can only be imparted, given, granted, bestowed.

### What does redemption do for me?

Ephesians 1:7 & 2:13

7 In Him we have **redemption** through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace,  
13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off **have been brought near** by the blood of Christ.

Redemption provides *forgiveness, justification, holiness, eternal life, restored fellowship with God, removal of guilt and shame, joy, righteousness, meaning, and assurance.*

### Can I (you) be redeemed too?

Thank God “no deposit no return” does not apply.

“Yes”, but only if you want Him to Redeem You.

And “Yes”, but only because of “Who” the redeemer is.

### Colossians 1:13-14

He has **delivered** us from the power of darkness and **conveyed** us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have **redemption** through His blood, the **forgiveness** of sins.

## Once Again – I have to Boast of our God;

There is no Other Redemptive God(s) Among all the Religions on Earth  
Except for the God of the Bible.

### Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

### John 6:35-37

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who **comes** to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives Me will **come** to Me, and the one who **comes** to Me I will by no means cast out."

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### 1h.) God is the Incarnate God

#### Incarnate Meaning – To Become Flesh.

##### John 1:1-2, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

##### Colossians 2:9

For in Him **dwells** (*eternally*) all the **fullness** of the Godhead **bodily** (*filled through and through*);

???CAN YOUR GOD DO THAT???

**But Jack – if that is true then that puts God on the cross**  
**dying for my sins – how can God die and still remain God?**

**Jesus' Physical Body Died on the Cross.**

##### Revelation 1:17-18

"And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, '**Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last...**'" 18 "**I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.**"

##### Revelation 2:8b

**These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:**

???DID YOUR GOD EVER DO THAT???

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### 1i.) God is the Knowable God

**First Off – It was God's Idea that Man get to know Him.**

**HOW IS GOD BOTH KNOWABLE AND INCOMPREHENSIBLE AT THE SAME TIME?**

**John 17:1-3**

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: **"Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."**

**1 John 5:13, 20**

**13** These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God, **20** And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

This is such a comforting truth, that the Apostle Paul made known to us what his goal in life was while living...

**Philippians 3:7-11**

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. **8** Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ **9** and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; **10** that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, **11** if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

"Is this the God you know and is this what you believe?"

**>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<**

*End of Study*

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