



CHRISTIANITY 101

LESSION 2: GOD



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. - Genesis 1:1

God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'" - Exodus 3:14

Who Is God?

- God Exists - Genesis 1:1

If God is real, what is he like?

- God is knowable - Jeremiah 9:24 / John 14:7
- God is Independent - Acts 17:24-25
- God is unchanging - Malachi 3:6
- God is omnipresent - Psalm 139:7-10
- God is omnipotent - Jeremiah 32:17
- God is truth - John 14:6
- God is holy - Psalm 99:9
- God is jealous - Isaiah 48:11
- God is LOVE - 1 John 4:8



Let's talk about the Trinity...

Sometimes people use three different names when referring to God: God or Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. But these are more than simply different names for one person; these are, in fact, the names of three very distinct persons. But even though God the father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit have eternally existed as three distinct persons, there is only one God. This is called the doctrine of the Trinity. The idea of three persons and only one God is difficult to understand completely. Even so, it is one of the most important ideas of the Christian faith. -P.37 Christian Beliefs by Wayne Grudem

God The Father

- who most people refer to when they say, "God"
- who the scriptures most often refer to when they say, "God"
- The Director

God The Son - Jesus Christ

- So is Jesus God or is he the son? Yes - Colossians 2:9
- Your fancy seminary word for the night: **Homousius**
- The Star

God The Holy Spirit

- Present in Creation (Gen 1:1-2) & Baptism of Jesus
- Okay, but is the Spirit God? Yes - Acts 5:3-4 & Matt. 28:19
- The Spot Light



Some Final Thoughts...

Knowing God and fully understanding the Trinity isn't possible. There are times we simply must accept mystery and the finite nature of our mind.

- Don't worry about screwing up prayer
- Avoid analogies - "The Trinity is like..."
- Fun story about Jolly Ole St. Nicholas...

Resources for further study...

- R.C. Sproul: For the Doctrine of the Trinity - YouTube
- Who is God? - John Piper - YouTube
- The Nicene Creed: Where it Came From and Why It Still Matters - By Zondervan - YouTube