

A. The Existence and Knowability of God

1. According to scripture, **how do we know that God exists?** - Rom 1:18-25
 - *External* Witness: evidence in nature – a clear declaration (Ps. 19:1-4)
 - *Internal* Witness: Humanities "inner sense" of God
 - the position of scripture (Gen 1:1)

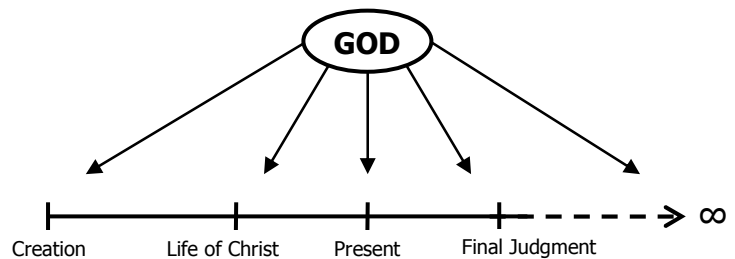
In their wickedness, mankind actively denies God's existence and Satan blinds an unbeliever of this truth (2 Cor 4:3-4). In CONTRAST, a believer can have an intimate awareness of their heavenly Father and Christ dwells in our hearts.

2. **How can we come to know God?**
 - not by our own (worldly) wisdom, rather through God's personal revelation (1 Cor 2:14, Rom 1:19)
 - through Christ alone with the help of the Holy Spirit (John 14:6, 16-17)

We can never fully understand Him as his ways are *unsearchable, beyond measure, and higher than our ways* (Ps 145:3, 147:5, Isaiah 55:9)... YET, it should be our ambition to be "increasing in the knowledge of God" (Col 1:10)

B. Incommunicable Attributes of God

1. God's **INDEPENDENCE** – Acts 17:24-25, Isaiah 43:5-7
 - *God does not need us or the rest of creation for anything, yet we and the rest of creation can glorify Him and bring Him joy*
 - Incl: material / physical needs, relational needs, His existence
2. God's **IMMUTABILITY** – Exodus 3:13-15, Mal 3:6-7, Psalm 33:11, Num 23:19
 - *God is unchanging in His being, perfections, purposes and promises, yet God does act and feel emotions, and He acts and feels differently in response to different situations*
3. God's **ETERNITY** – Psalm 90:2,4
 - *God has no beginning, end, or succession of moments in His own being, and He sees all time equally vividly, yet God sees event in time and acts in time.*



4. God's **OMNIPRESENCE** – Jer 23:23-24, Psalm 139:7-10
 - *God does not have size or spatial dimensions and is present at every point of space with His whole being, yet God acts differently in different places.*
 - Present to: punish, sustain, and bless (Amos 9:1-4, Isaiah 43:1-5, Col 1:17, Ps 16:11)

C. Group discussion: SO WHAT?!!

1. What if God was not...?
2. What practical implications does this truth bear on your personal faith and walk as a believer?