

CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALS

The Nature of God



Goals of the Class

Open Dialogue

Feel free to ask any questions – on topic or off.
Everyone is at a different place.

Quick Overview of Topics

Each topic will be covered over a week's time, with plenty of opportunity for discussion.

Thought Questions to Consider

Content will be uploaded to the website for your review, with the goal being to stimulate your thoughts on the topic.

Flexibility

If more time is needed for a proper treatment of a subject, we'll take the time to do it.



Topics of the Class

1. The Nature of God
2. Jesus, the Son of God
3. The Holy Spirit
4. The Devil
5. What is Sin?
6. Redemption and Salvation
7. The Judgment
8. Faith
9. Repentance
10. Baptism
11. The Church
12. Christian Character
13. Love
14. Forgiveness
15. Sexuality
16. True Worship
17. Communion
18. The Resurrection
19. Church Relationships
20. Unity Among Believers
21. Inspiration of Scripture
22. How to Study the Bible
23. Generosity
24. Evangelism
25. Prayer
26. Family Relationships



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n, "What is truth?"
aid this, he ^a went out
said to them, "^b I find

Modernism	Postmodernism
Absolute	Relative
Progress	Circulation
Fixed	Random
Hierarchy	Collapse
Authority	Contention
Truth	No Truth
The Author	The Reader
Pro Formalism	Anti Formalism

**Our ability to know God is based on His ability to
communicate to us in a way that is
understandable and actionable.**



So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him,
“If you **abide in my word**, you are truly my
disciples, and you will **know the truth**, and the
truth will set you free.”



Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore **do not be foolish**, but **understand** what the will of the Lord is.



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John Milton



When we speak of knowing God, it must be understood with reference to man's limited powers of comprehension. God, as He really is, is far beyond man's imagination, let alone understanding. God has revealed only so much of Himself as our minds can conceive and the weakness of our nature can bear.

AZ QUOTES

- **Joseph Fielding Smith Jr.:** "The Father has promised us that through our faithfulness we shall be blessed with the fulness of his kingdom. In other words we will have the privilege of becoming like him. To become like him we must have all the powers of godhood; thus a man and his wife when glorified will have spirit children who eventually will go on an earth like this one we are on and pass through the same kind of experiences, being subject to mortal conditions, and if faithful, then they also will receive the fulness of exaltation and partake of the same blessings. There is no end to this development; it will go on forever. We will become gods and have jurisdiction over worlds, and these worlds will be peopled by our own offspring. We will have an endless eternity for this" [*Doctrines of Salvation*, vol.2, 48.]

Why Understand God?

But Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go.”



Why Understand God?

1. You can't love what you don't know.
2. Incomplete ideas lead to wrong conclusions.
3. Faith is based on the revelation of who God is.



Important things about God

God is Spirit

(John 4:24)

What are some implications of God not being physical?

1. He transcends human limitations (Isaiah 40:13)
2. He doesn't have physical passions (Isaiah 40:13)
3. He doesn't need earthly things (Acts 17:25)



Important things about God

God is Sovereign

(Job 42:2)

What role does God play in the affairs of men?

1. He has the ability purpose and plan (Ephesian 3:1-4)
2. He has personal awareness and concern (Luke 12:6-7)
3. He still holds us accountable for our actions (Ezek 18)



Important things about God

God is Love

(1st John 4:8)

How can we misunderstand the concept of God's love?

1. He gives whatever is needed (John 3:16)
2. His love is consistent with his character (Hebrews 12:3)
3. His love is for everyone (Genesis 12)

