

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

DOES GOD REALLY EXIST?

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There is too much evidence to deny the existence of God.

1) THE BIBLE HOLDS UP GOD AS BEING IN EXISTENCE. The Bible begins and ends with God. The fourth word of the Bible is “*God*” (Gen. 1:1). “*The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God*” (Ps. 14:1). If you believe the Bible, then you believe in God.

2) THE HUMAN BODY ATTESTS TO THE FACT THERE IS A GOD. The Psalmist stated, “*I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made*” (Ps. 139:14). Just take a look at your body to appreciate there is a God and God made you as the Bible teaches (Gen. 1:26-27).

3) LIFE SAYS GOD IS FOR REAL. Life did not just spring out of nothing. Paul asserted, “*For in him (that’s God) we live, and move, and have our being*” (Acts 17:28). The fact that you are a living, moving being is evidence there is a God.

4) THE REALM OF NATURE RINGS OUT GOD IS. “*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork*” (Ps.

19:1). A beautiful sunset, moonlit sky, colorful rainbow, lake, and a warming fire all tell me there is someone bigger than any of us.

Since God does really exist, we must fear Him and keep His commandments as there will be a day of reckoning (Eccl. 12:13-14).

HOW MANY IN THE GODHEAD: 1 OR 3?

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Some teach there is just one person in the Godhead — Jesus only. Let’s see about this.

1) THE BIBLE MENTIONS THREE PERSONS. Read the following passages and count the number of persons involved (Mt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 Pet. 1:1-2; 1 Jn. 5:7). If you can count to three, you should have no trouble understanding how many are in the Godhead.

2) A SIMPLE MATTER OF ARITHMETIC. How many “ones” did Paul list in Ephesians 4:4-6? Count them.

1 Body
1 Spirit.....1 Spirit
1 Hope
1 Lord.....1 Lord
1 Faith
1 Baptism

1 Father.....1 Father
5 or 7 1 or 3

If you say there are 7 in the first category, you must also admit there are 3 in the second category. If you say there is only 1 in the second category, you must also admit there are only 5 in the first category. The oneness people are in trouble either way with this passage!

SOME QUESTIONS FOR THE ONENESS PEOPLE

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If you believe there is only one person in the Godhead, Jesus only, and not three as the Bible teaches, please answer these questions:

1) TO WHOM DID JESUS PRAY IN JOHN 17:1? If the Jesus only position is true, Jesus must have just been talking to Himself.

2) WHO SENT JESUS? Jesus said, “*the Father sent me*” (Jn. 5:30). If Jesus is the only one in the Godhead, did Jesus send Himself?

3) ON WHOSE HAND WAS JESUS STANDING? Stephen saw Jesus “*standing on the right hand of God*” (Acts 7:56). The oneness people have the Lord

standing on His own right hand. Imagine that!

4) HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE BAPTISM OF JESUS?

Matthew 3:16-17 shows Jesus in the water, the Spirit in the form of a dove, and the Father's voice from heaven. How do you get only one person out of this?

5) HAS ANY MAN EVER SEEN CHRIST? *"No man hath seen God at any time"* (Jn. 1:18), yet men beheld Christ (Jn. 1:14).

6) IS JESUS ALONE IN THE GODHEAD? If Jesus only teaching is true, then Jesus would have to be alone right? Jesus said, *"I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me"* (Jn. 8:16-18).

We would like to see some answers to these questions.

SPIRITUAL SECURITY

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We hear a lot about security. Have you given any consideration to your spiritual security?

1) WHY DO I NEED

SPIRITUAL SECURITY? There are two major reasons every human being needs spiritual security: (1) Because we have within us a soul made in God's image (Gen. 1:26-27), worth more than the whole world (Mt. 16:26). When securing your most valuable possessions, don't forget your soul! (2) Because *"all have sinned"* (Rom. 3:23). If we are not secure spiritually, we will lose our soul eternally (Rom. 6:23).

2) HOW CAN I HAVE

SPIRITUAL SECURITY? There are many things God has done to make spiritual security available to us all: God bestowed His grace (Titus 2:11), sent His Son (Jn. 3:16), His Son died for us (Rom. 5:8), and the Holy Spirit revealed God's will (Eph. 3:3-6). God has done His part. Now we must do ours, if we want spiritual security. Our part involves hearing Christ (Mt. 17:5), having faith in Christ (Jn. 8:24), repenting of our sins (Lk. 13:3, 5), confessing our faith in Christ (Mt. 10:32), being baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:27) and living *"soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world"* (Titus 2:12).

Have you secured your soul

for eternity?

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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The message posted on the sign of Lost Creek Elementary School in Terre Haute, Indiana reads:

ATTENDANCE MATTERS EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Those in the education system know the importance of attendance. Roll is taken every school day.

We would do well to make spiritual application of this principle. Scripture says, *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching"* (Heb. 10:25). Thus:

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