



The Discipleship Project of Horizon Central

Level #1 Series #1 Study #1

Topic: God

1. The Bible doesn't really explain the existence of God; the Bible assumes that God exists. Everything and everyone depends on God while God, in turn, doesn't depend on anything or anyone. Read the following verses to see just what that means:
 - a. **Genesis 1:1** (This is shorthand for the *Book of Genesis, Chapter 1, Verse 1*, the first actual sentence in the Bible. Shorthand like this is used in a lot of biblical literature.)
 - b. **Psalms 14:1 & 53:1**
2. When God revealed himself to Moses at Mt. Horeb, the name he chose to reveal himself by was a name that emphasized self-existence. See **Exodus 3:13-14**.
3. The Bible also makes the point that there is only one true God. He is not one of many gods from which we choose our preferred type, form or model. For example, read **Isaiah 45:5-6**.
4. As the only true God, who created all things and gives our very existence, the God of the Bible desires our complete devotion to him. See the following:
 - a. **Exodus 20:1-3**
 - b. **Deuteronomy 5:6-7**
 - c. **Deuteronomy 6:4**
5. God, as we have seen, is a God who has revealed himself and continues to reveal himself to the people that he has created. This *revelation* has come to us in various ways, but it ultimately comes to us through Jesus Christ. That's why the *New Testament* tends to be all about him. Take a quick look at **Hebrews 1:1-2**.
6. What concept(s) of God did you grow up with?
7. How have those ideas changed over time?
8. How do the above Bible texts we looked at reinforce, contradict or compare with the beliefs you have held about God already?