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# Week 3 : God the Father

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Christian Foundation Online Bible Study

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How was your faith put into action this week?

## 1. The Existence of God

- The Bible does not seek to prove the existence of God. The fact that there is a God is assumed throughout the Scriptures. The first verse of the Bible, Genesis 1:1, is an example. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." God's existence is presented as a statement of fact that needs no proof. The man who says there is no god is called a fool in Psalms 14:1.
- However, even apart from the Bible, there are certain evidences for the existence of God.
  - Mankind has always believed in a universal being.
  - Creation must have a creator. The universe could not originate without a first cause.
  - The wonderful design which we see in creation demands an infinite designer.
  - Since man is an intelligent being, the creator must have been of a much higher order in order to create him.

## 2. The Nature of God

God is Spirit - He is invisible

- John 1:18
- John 4:24

God is a person - Personal names are used in reference to Him.

- Exodus 3:14
- Exodus 6:3

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### 3. The Attributes

#### (Characteristics) of God

- Omnipresent (present everywhere) - Jeremiah 23:23, 24
- Omnipotent (all powerful) - Jeremiah 32:17, 27
- Omniscient (all knowing) - Job 34:21
- Eternal (everlasting) - Deuteronomy 33:27
- Holy (free from all defilement, absolutely pure) - Isaiah 6:3
- Righteous or just (always does what is right) - Psalms 145:17
- Merciful (doesn't give us what we deserve) - Deuteronomy 4:31
- Immutable (He doesn't change) - Malachi 3:6
- Truthful (cannot lie) - Titus 1:1, 2
- Awesome (inspiring awe which is reverent wonder tinged with fear) - Deuteronomy 7:21
- Personal characteristics are ascribed to Him:
  - Knowledge - Isaiah 55:8-10
  - Emotions - Genesis 6:6
  - Will - Joshua 3:9, 10

### 4. The Love of God

- What is the very essence of His nature?
  - 1 John 4:7, 8, 16
  
- Whom does God love?
  - God loves His Son - Matthew 3:17
  - God loves the world - John 3:16
  
- How did God demonstrate his love for us?
  - Romans 5:8
  
- How do I experience God's love each day?
  - Romans 5:5

### 5. The Father is God

- The father holds the place of authority within the Godhead. He is not more important than the Son or the Holy Spirit, but authorizes their ministries (John 6:38, 14:16)

#### Notes/Questions

#### Assignment: Assignments:

Read John 8, memorize 1 John 1:3, and pray for one another by name.

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Your name (first and last):

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