



NORTH JAX
BAPTIST CHURCH

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BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Lesson 2



FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH

6-Week Curriculum on the Fundamentals of the Christian Faith

Join Us in Studying the "Sanctifying Truth" of
God's Holy, Inspired, Infallible, Inerrant Word

Psa 119:160 • Prov 30:5 • John 17:17 • 2 Tim 2:15; 3:15-17 • Rom 7:12 • James 1:21-25



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Dear Friend,

Welcome to the exciting North Jacksonville Baptist Church. We want to do all we can to enhance your walk with God. A Christian is a follower of Jesus Christ. We are ever becoming and never arriving in this life. The New Beginnings class will familiarize you with our church, our doctrinal beliefs, and will help you connect personally with our ministry. Through the New Beginnings class you will be inspired to move beyond where you are spiritually to greater maturity and fruitfulness.

Please make every effort to attend all the sessions. "A student learns what his teacher knows, but a disciple becomes what his master is." The goal of the New Beginnings class is ultimately to help you become more like Jesus Christ. Come and be blessed! We look forward to seeing you there!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Herb Reavis, Jr." in black ink.

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THE DISCIPLE'S CROSS

If any man come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me – Luke 9:23

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**WITNESSING
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WORLD**

Matt 28:18-20

John 15:7 – If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

**PRAISING
IN
FAITH**
Luke 18:1

WITNESS

John 15:8 – Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Matthew 4:19 – Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.

CHRIST

John 15:5 – I am the Vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing (1 John 5:12; Phil 4:13).

John 14:15 – If ye love Me, keep My commandments.

FELLOWSHIP

John 13:34 – A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. ³⁵By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

**LIVING
IN THE
WORD**

2 Tim 2:15

John 8:31 – ... If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; ³²And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

**FELLOWSHIP
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Heb 10:25

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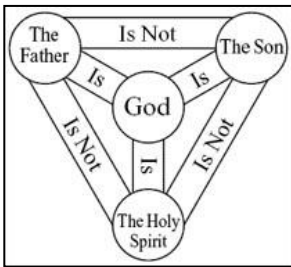
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Lesson 2 – God the Father

According to Deuteronomy 29:29, “the secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.” As such, a study of Almighty God must begin and end, not with the secret or the mysterious, but with those things Almighty God has chosen to reveal about Himself in Scripture, which contains a virtual treasure trove of revealed truths about the character and attributes of God. This lesson is designed, not to exhaust, but to introduce a few of the characteristics and attributes of God, who, in a succinct statement to Moses, describes Himself as “I AM” (Exo 3:14; compare John 8:58). This statement of God illustrates the fact that God is who He says He is, based on what is revealed in Scripture, which is why many err in their study of God because they do so without consulting Scripture, endeavoring to understand an infinite God using the logic and reasoning of a finite mind (see **Matt 22:29**; Psa 14:1, 53:1; Isa 45:18-22, 55:7-9; Rom 1:21; Deut 29:29). A true understanding of God is impossible without understanding Scripture and understanding Scripture is impossible without the guidance and instruction of the Holy Spirit (see Rom 3:11; 1 Cor 2:9-16). As such, in a discussion on who God is, let’s focus on Scripture’s “revealed” truth about God and let’s not focus on God’s “secret things” or that which God – in His infinite wisdom – has chosen not to reveal (Rev 1:11,19, 10:4, 21:5; 2 Cor 12:4).



So, exactly what does Scripture have to say about God? Well, first of all, Scripture teaches that God has revealed Himself in what has become known as the TRINITY. Much like the words “Rapture,” “Millennium,” “Omniscient,” and “Omnipresent,” the word “Trinity” is not found in Scripture; however, the word “Trinity” aptly describes exactly what Scripture teaches about God, which is: (i) there is only one true God; and (ii) He has revealed Himself in three personalities – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. You might say, “I do not understand this,” to which I would respond that the Trinity is one of the revealed truths in Scripture that remains a mystery. To quote the Apostle Paul, “. . . great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory” (1 Tim 3:16; see also Deut 6:4; Mark 12:29; Gen 1:2,26; Heb 1:6,8, 2:2-3, 9:14; Matt 3:13-17; Rom 8:9; John 1:1-3,14, 8:58, 10:30, 14:16,18,23; Col 1:16; Rev 1:8,11,17-18, 22:13; Acts 5:1-4,9).

Having very briefly discussed the Trinity, we now turn our attention to the first member of the Trinity: God the Father. The name used by many for God the Father is “JEHOVAH,” which biblical scholars say represents the consonants of “YAHWEH” and vowels of “ADONAI.” Nevertheless, Scripture contains many names for Almighty God that are primarily based on His attributes, like: (i) ELOHIM, which is plural for God and means the source of everything that exists (see 2 Cor 3:5; Col 2:8-15); (ii) EL SHADDAI, which means God Almighty; and (iii) EL OLAM, which means everlasting God. There are many other names and/or attributes of God that are explicitly or implicitly described in Scripture, such as: (i) ETERNALITY – God has always existed beyond eternity past and will always exist beyond eternity future; (ii) CONSTANCY – God never changes; (iii) OMNIPRESENT – God is everywhere at the same time; (iv) OMNISCIENT – God is all-knowing; and (v) OMNIPOTENT – God is all-powerful.

I could go on and on about the revealed truths in Scripture regarding God the Father; however, I would rather you see these truths for yourself. As such, please open your Bibles and review with me what it has to say about our heavenly Father.

Let’s Study God the Father (the following questions contemplate biblical answers, as opposed to opinions)

1. How is God described in His commandments and what does He say about other gods? (Deut 6:4; Isa 44:6): _____

2. How does the Bible describe the nature and image/likeness of God? (John 4:23-24; Gen 1:26-27): _____

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A FEW NAMES OF GOD

And God said unto Moses, I AM That I AM (Exo 3:14; see John 8:58) . . .

Jehovah-Ganan: Lord Our Defense (Psa 89:18)
Jehovah-Go'el: Lord My Redeemer (Isa 49:26)
Jehovah-Jireh: Provider (Gen 22:14)
Jehovah-Machsi: Lord my Refuge (Psa 91:9)
Jehovah-Ma'oz: Lord my Fortress (Jer 16:19)
Jehovah-Mephalti: Lord my Deliverer (Psa 18:2)
Jehovah-Nissi: Banner (1 Chron 29:11-13)
Jehovah-Rohi: Shepherd (Psa 23)
Jehovah-Rophe: Healer (Isa 53:4-5)
Jehovah-Shalom: Peace (Isa 9:6)
Jehovah-Shammah: Present (Heb 13:5)
Jehovah-Tsori: Lord my Strength (Psa 19:14)
Jehovah-Yasha: Lord my Savior (Isa 49:26)

El Elyon: Most High GOD (Gen 14:18)
El Emunah: Faithful GOD (Deut 7:9)
El Gibbor: Mighty GOD (Isa 9:6)
El Hakabodh: GOD of Glory (Psa 29:3)
El Hay: Living GOD (Jos 3:10)
El Hayyay: GOD of My Life (Psa 42:8)
El Kanna: Jealous GOD (Exo 20:5)
El Marom: GOD Most High (Micah 6:6)
El Nekamoth: GOD that Avenges (Psa 18:47)
El Nose: GOD that Forgave (Psa 99:8)
El Roi: GOD that Sees Me (Gen 16:13)
El Shaddai: Almighty GOD (Gen 17:1-2)
El Simchath Gili: GOD My Exceeding Joy (Psa 43:4)

3. How does the Bible describe God's OMNISCIENCE? (Job 34:21; Psa 139:1-6, 147:5): _____

4. How does the Bible describe God's OMNIPRESENCE? (Psa 139:7-12; Prov 15:3; Jer 23:24): _____

5. How does the Bible describe God's OMNIPOTENCE? (Gen 1:1; Jer 10:12-13; 32:17; Rev 1:8): _____

6. How does the Bible describe God's ETERNALITY? (Psa 90:2,4; 2 Pet 3:8): _____

7. How does the Bible describe God's CONSTANCY? (Mal 3:6; Psa 102:27; Heb 6:17-18): _____

8. How does the Bible describe some of God's QUALITIES? (Lev 11:44; Deut 32:4; 1 John 1:9, 4:8; Psa 116:5): _____

9. What is God's role in our salvation? (John 3:16, 6:29,44; Eph 2:4-9; Rom 8:29-30; 1 Pet 1:3-5; Jude 24): _____

10. What does the Bible call those who deny God exists or do not glorify Him? (Psa 14:1; Rom 1:18-23): _____

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