

The Bible presumes, assumes, states perfectly clear the existence of God. “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” We are introduced to God immediately. The existence of God is never questioned. When I am introduced to a person for the first time I forget the name the moment it is spoken because I first look at the persons teeth. My father was a dentist/farmer. My dad often said, “You can tell a lot about a person by their teeth and I quite agree. Sometimes when I meet people the first thing I will say, “You sure have a good dentist.” I have never said upon meeting someone, “You should consider going to another dentist because you have a lousy mouth.” I have wanted to say it – and some of you think I have no self-control or filter. But this is a sermon about God and not me.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” The universe had a definite beginning. The universe is not eternal, only God is. There were never just some floating chemicals somewhere that collided and out came the universe and along with it, human beings. Man is always looking for an excuse not to believe in God. The Bible is clear cut on Who the creator is, and His name is God. He made the creation out of nothing. Matter did not even exist. So please rest assured, the universe and your life are not some cosmic accident that came about by chance. Chance does not exist, but God has always existed. There is an Intelligent Designer who brought all things into existence by the power of His word and his name is God. Therefore, there is a purpose behind all of creation. Your life came from God which gives your life meaning and purpose. Your primary purpose is to know God and enjoy God forever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray. Dear God, we are here to know You. We are here to bring glory to you. We are here to enjoy you. Please increase in us the sense of your Holy Presence. All of life comes from you. You are the Creator and Sustainer of heaven and earth. All things came into being by your power. May we all see you more clearly in these next few moments. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen. Grace to you and peace....

1. God Exists. The Bible does not state explicitly the proof of God's existence or actions (Wayne Grudem, *Christian Beliefs*, pg. 21). This is what I believe. One of the clearest evidences of God's existence is your existence. You have God's image stamped upon you. One of the clearest proofs of God's existence is the entire universe. Humans, in our sinful rebellion against God, will always deny the existence of God and come up with theories how all things came into being by itself without any thought or intelligence behind it. How anybody can have a brain and not acknowledge the existence of God is beyond me. But that is how utterly sinful we as humans are. This is why Jesus had to come and die on the cross to save us from our sins, to save us from ourselves, to rescue us from our unbelief, our stubborn pride of wanting to be our own god and do our own thing, answerable to no one but ourselves. When you know God exists, life becomes much bigger than ourselves. It is only in knowing God that life makes sense. I do not know why those who do not believe in God even get out of bed.

“Scripture tells us that all persons everywhere have a deep, inner sense that God exists that they are His creatures and that He is their Creator” (ibid.pg.21). **Romans 1:19(NIV)** *“since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.”* **Romans 1:19(ESV)** *For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.* **Romans 1:19(NLT)** *They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them.* **Romans 1:20(NLT)** *For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.*

Paul tells us why people deny the existence of God and suppress the truth of who God is that is within them. **Romans 1:25(NLT)** *They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of*

eternal praise! Amen. I guess it is easier for some to believe a lie than it is to accept the truth. They convince themselves that “there is no God” (Ps.10:4).

2. **God is Knowable.** “Not only does God exist, He exists in such a way that we can know things about him and come to know him personally” (ibid pg. 22). God is the only God. No other gods exist. Any other god that people worship is a god of their own making and is entirely demonic. Our God is the only God who is there! It reminds me of the man who fell off a cliff but was able to grab onto a solid branch. He knows death is dear and he cries out to God, “Please save me.” God tells him, “I will save you if you let go.” The man cries out, “Is there anyone else up there?” There is no one else up there. There is only one God.

God is knowable. In my time here I have heard it said over and over. “Pastor, I have never not believed in God.” “Pastor when I was a real little I knew God was real.” I call that having a God consciousness. Deep down you have always known God is there. Yes, God is knowable.

This side of heaven we will never fully know God. Four nights ago, I had a vivid dream about Lou Korom in heaven. He was wearing glasses and he looked around the age of 50. This is what got me in the dream. He did not say a word. He just stared at me. I felt like he was looking through me. In his eyes was fullness of knowledge. Lou fully knows God. Lou has fullness of knowledge. He knows things you and I do not know and will not know until we go home. Lou is at home and sees God. Yes, God is knowable and one day we will fully know.

God is infinite and we are not. Our knowledge is limited. Our brains are limited. God knows all things. **Psalms 147:5(NLT)** How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension! God’s knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is so high we cannot grasp it (Ps 139:6). If we could count the thoughts of God, they would outnumber all of the sand on every seashore (Ps. 139:17-18). Two of the most brilliant people I know, Pastor

Shields and Bob Yarbrough, far smarter than I am for sure, are ignorant compared to God and so are you and me. God is knowable and God is all knowing.

The good news is we can personally know God now. Yes our knowledge is limited but God is a person and is quite personable. There is no one more social than God. He wants all of us to know him. God glories in you and me knowing God personally. **John 17:3(NLT)** *And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.* I think the best news ever is God knows you. You are in God's hands. *“And underneath are the everlasting arms”* (Deut. 33:27).

We can know about God from God's self-disclosure, God's self-revelation, from what God says about Himself in the Bible. For example, the Bible tells us that God is love (1 John 4:8), God is light (1 John 1:5), God is spirit (John 4:24), and God is righteous (Romans 3:26). Some of God's attributes are easier for us to understand than others, especially the ones that we have in common with God, God's shared attributes (ibid.pg. 22). God has other attributes and God is the only one who has them for God does not share them with us. Even though we can never fully understand all of God's attributes, it is vital to our lives, there is great value in learning God's attributes, for in them you will discover about God what God wants us to know. We are created for God's glory (Is. 43:7) therefore we can bring greater glory to God as we exhibit the very attributes of God that he shares with us.

There are things we know to be true about God that are unquestionable. God is holy, perfect in every way, righteous and just, incapable of doing anything wrong or evil. When tragedy comes your way, it is what you know about God that keeps you going and never giving up. God cannot make a mistake. I recently lost a very dear friend, and he was only 58. Loren was a very important person in my life. Friends, what we know about God in a time of grief is one of the main reasons we keep our own sanity.

During COVID-19, I have read that church-going people have adjusted better than any group of people during this crises. What you know about God, “and underneath are the everlasting arms,” and being known by God is life itself, gives new life, abundant life, in the present and eternal life in the future. When we purposefully limit our knowledge of God by not putting forth effort to know God greater and greater, our own personal coping skills suffer. The greater we know God, the joy of the Lord becomes our strength. The experience of God’s Holy Presence within our lives makes everything worth it. God is good and promises to work out all things in your life for good. When you are flooded with God’s everlasting love, God’s unconditional love, that is as close as you can get to heaven while on earth. Knowledge of God, gained through the Scriptures, is our greatest aim in life and is why we were put on this earth. There is no greater knowledge than knowledge of God.

Our God is the only God who is there. Yes, God exists. Yes, God is knowable. You may even boast about this, “that God knows you.” Amen and Amen.