

We Believe I – We Believe in God

Equip Class: Lesson 1 of 4

Memory Hook: God is Love. Three in One. Wholly Other. Our Maker.

I. God is Love

➤ Scriptures:

- 1 John 4:8
- 1 John 4:16
- Exodus 34:6
- 1 John 4:20-21

➤ Question: What was God doing before creation?

- John 17:24

II. Three in One

➤ Scriptures:

- Matthew 28:19
- 2 Corinthians 13:14

➤ Question: How can there be Three in One?

- Being (A) and Persons (B)
 1. One God: Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (The Shema)
 2. Multiplicity: Psalm 110:1 (Father/Son), Acts 5:1-4 (Spirit)
- Best Example: Matthew 3:16-17 (The Baptism of Jesus)

➤ Image of God (Genesis 1:26-27)

III. Wholly Other

➤ Scriptures:

- Creator-Creature Distinction (Pure Being vs. Becoming)
 1. Isaiah 55:8-9, Exodus 3:14

➤ Question: How is God different from us?

- Eternal
 1. Psalm 90:1-2
- Spirit
 1. Psalm 139:7-8, Jeremiah 23:23-24, John 4:24
- Self-Existent (Aseity)
 1. Acts 17:24-25
- Never Changes
 1. Malachi 3:6, Numbers 23:19

IV. Our Maker

➤ Scriptures:

- Genesis 1:1
- John 1:1-3

➤ Question: What did God use to create?

- Hebrews 11:3 (Ex Nihilo)
- Psalm 33:6

➤ Question: Why did God create?

- Romans 11:36, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Psalm 19:1

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