

## The Existence and Attributes of God - Part 1

### I. Introduction

### II. God's Existence

#### A. Biblical Presupposition

If we are Christians, we can say that we believe that God is “really there,” because He has revealed Himself to all men \_\_\_\_\_ by creation and providence, \_\_\_\_\_ in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, \_\_\_\_\_ in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and \_\_\_\_\_ through the Work of His Spirit.

#### B. Traditional Proofs

1. Cosmological
2. Teleological
3. Ontological
4. Moral

#### C. General Revelation Versus Special Revelation

##### 1. The Two Defined

a) *General Revelation: is that unveiling of God, the knowledge of God's being and will which is given to all people everywhere, at all times, through the ordinary experience of being alive in God's world.*

b) *Special Revelation: is how God has made himself known by particular acts and words, especially the Word of the Lord (=Scripture), and the Lord of the Word (=Jesus Christ).*

##### 2. What Does General Revelation Reveal?

(Ps 19; Rom 1.18-32; Acts 14.14-18; Acts 17.16ff)

- a) *God is one. (Acts 17.26; Rom 1.20)*
- b) *God is the creator (Ps 19; Acts 17.25)*
- c) *God is eternal and independent (Rom 1.20; Acts 17.25)*
- d) *God is invisible and powerful (Rom 1.20)*
- e) *God, though distinct from the universe, is active in it. (Acts 17.24; 26-27)*
- f) *God sustains all things (Acts 17.24-28; 14:15-16)*
- g) *God is moral, the ultimate source of our values (Rom 1.32)*

### III. The Attributes of God

A. The Independence or Self-Existence of God (*Aseity*)  
(John 5:26, Acts 17:24-2)

B. The Immutability of God  
(Num. 23:19, 1Sam 15:29; Ps. 102:26, Mal. 3:6, Heb. 6:17-18, 13:8)

C. God is Infinite  
(Ps. 90:2-4, Jer. 23:23-24, Isa. 57:15, Prov. 15:3, Ps. 139:7-10, Ps. 145:3)

#### *Article II, Of the True God, New Hampshire Confession of Faith*

*We believe that there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.*