

# **Bible for Life: *God and His Word***

## ***CLASS 1: THE EXISTENCE OF GOD***

### **1.1 INTRODUCTION TO THE CLASS**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ – The study of God and His characteristics.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ – The study of God’s Word, the Bible.

### **1.2 RESOURCES**

Charles Ryrie – *Basic Theology*; Wayne Grudem – *Systematic Theology*  
 JI Packer – *Knowing God*; John Feinberg – *No One Like Him*

### **1.3 THE EXISTENCE OF GOD – PHILOSOPHICAL ARGUMENTS**

- A) \_\_\_\_\_ Argument – Anselm (late 1000s)
- Basic Argument: A perfect God must \_\_\_\_\_, because existence is an attribute of perfection.
- Exodus 3:14 –
- B) \_\_\_\_\_ Argument – Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, etc.
- Basic Argument: Everything has a cause, and God is the original \_\_\_\_\_
- Hebrews 3:4 –

### **1.4 THE EXISTENCE OF GOD – BIBLICAL ARGUMENTS**

- A. The Bible \_\_\_\_\_ God’s existence (Gen 1:1)
- B. The Bible assumes God’s existence is \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ to all people
- Romans 1:18-21 –
- 1) What does this passage assume about God’s existence?
- a) Not all can be known about God without \_\_\_\_\_ revelation

- b) \_\_\_\_\_ things can be known about God without special revelation  
 c) The things that can be known *are* \_\_\_\_\_ *known*

2) Why doesn't everyone just believe in God?

- a) Unbelievers willingly \_\_\_\_\_ the truth (vs 18)  
 b) An unbeliever's heart is \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 21)

3) What is known about God?

- a) The \_\_\_\_\_ of God (vss 18, 20)  
 b) His eternal \_\_\_\_\_ and divine \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 20)

4) How are these things revealed?

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ – Vs 20; cf. Psalm 19  
 b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Roman 2:14-16 –

C. \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation is enough to condemn people to Hell.

\_\_\_\_\_ is still necessary for salvation.

D. \_\_\_\_\_ give definitive proof of God's existence.

Deuteronomy 18:21-22 –

Isaiah 41:21-24 –

Isaiah 44:24-28 –

## 1.5 THE PERSISTENCE OF UNBELIEF

Hebrews 11:6 –

\_\_\_\_\_ fills in the gaps where evidence leaves us wanting.

2 Corinthians 4:4 –

Atheists are deceived by \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 10:4 –

Atheists are deceived by their own \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 1:20 –