

The Core Doctrines of GOD

We can also call these the *Core Doctrines of Truth* or the *Core Doctrines of Knowing God* or the *Core Doctrines of Biblical Christianity* or the *Core Doctrines* of having a *Correct Understanding* of the God of His Bible and of the Bible of God.

Regardless of these Truths' label, a humble, unbiased, and correct understanding of these four *Doctrines* is necessary for our eternal destiny.

God himself put these four *Core Doctrines* in His Bible. They are about God and how He interacts with the people He created. And God's preeminent expression of His holiness and love is in His Son, Jesus, who is the Christ of God, and Lord.

The first two of the four doctrines we have identified as "***Core Doctrines***" of ***Truth*** are simultaneously mutually independent and yet interrelated.

God is (exists), regardless whether we humans ever find out about Him. Yet, thankfully, God revealed Himself to us!

We could not know God without His revelation, and His Bible reveals God to us, including His nature and His sole provision for our salvation (the other two **Core Doctrines** of **Biblical Christianity**).

God's *written revelation* to us is exclusively found in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. God intentionally did *NOT* use any other book, writing, or claim; *NOR* did He use any tradition of man or church to communicate to us in writing.

"God...hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed Heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; who is the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person" – Hebrews 1:1-3.

And, "he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." – Hebrews 11:6.

The Four Core Doctrines of Christianity

1. God *IS* (He truly does exist), He alone is God, and God is unambiguously one as the trinity of Father, Son, Spirit.
2. God has *revealed* Himself to us, the people He created, primarily in the Old and New Testaments of His Bible.
3. God is utterly *HOLY*, every one of us humans is a sinner, and our sin *must* be punished.
4. *ONLY* through Jesus, the Messiah, can sins be forgiven, and our salvation can only be accomplished His way.

1. God indeed is Real, and He is God

"The **LORD**¹ our God is one [LORD]:
And thou shalt love the LORD thy
God with all thine heart, and with
all thy soul, and with all thy
might." – Deuteronomy 6:4-5.

"...**we know**...
there is none other God but one."²
– First Corinthians 8:4.

¹ The English version of the Jewish Scriptures (published by the Jewish Publication Society) has all of Dt.6:4 prominently capitalized. This is the first core doctrine, that the LORD * alone is God and that this God is one.

^{2 a} The fact that there is only one true God eliminates all counterfeit false religions such as Hinduism, Anamism, and false cults like the (so-called) Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons.

^b The fact that this one true God is "the LORD"* (that Yahweh is the only LORD) eliminates all counterfeit false religions such as Taoism, Buddhism, and false cults started by some individual.

^c That Yahweh is who and what His Bible says He is and how He acts eliminates all counterfeit false religions such as Islam, Romanism (Catholicism & Orthodoxy), and "culture-driven" heretical teachings.

* "LORD" or "GOD" when in all capitals is "YHWH" in Hebrew, pronounced "Yahweh", or "Jehovah" in English.

It is so very obvious from His creation itself that God exists, that He declares in Psalm 14:1 and 53:1 that only ...

"The fool hath said in his heart,
'There is no God.'"

Why? "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools."

– Romans 1:19-22.

***Jesus, Who is Lord and
Messiah, IS GOD.***

“For unto us a **Child** is born,
unto us a Son is given:
and the government shall be
upon His shoulder:
and **His name shall be called**
wonderful Counselor,
The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.”
– Isaiah 9:6.

“**I and My Father are ONE.**”
– John 10:30.

“**He that hath seen Me
hath seen the Father.**”
– John 14:9.

“For **thy maker** is thine husband;
the LORD of hosts is His name;
and thy Redeemer the Holy One
of Israel; **The God of the whole
earth shall He be called.**”
– Isaiah 54:5.

Integral to this first Core Doctrine is that Jesus is God.

The Scriptures make His triune deity unmistakably clear. We must understand that ...

- i. Jesus is Lord, specifically THE LORD (Jehovah) God of the Old Testament, the creator and ruler of all, and
- ii. Jesus is the foretold Christ, the Messiah, the Saviour, the anointed and rightful King of all His creation, and
- iii. Jesus “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.”
– First Corinthians 15:3-4.

Jesus Christ claimed deity in fulfillment of the Scripture: “**The Spirit of the Lord [GOD] is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the LORD.**” And He closed the book, and He gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on Him. And He began to say unto them, “**This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears.**”
– Luke 4:18-19 (which quotes Isaiah 61:1-2) & Luke 4:20-21.

“**God is a Spirit:**
and they that worship *Him* must worship *Him*
in spirit and in truth.”
– John 4:24.

“**But when the Comforter is come,**
whom I will send unto you from the
Father, *even* the **Spirit** of truth,
which proceedeth from the Father,
He shall testify of me.” – John 15:26.

2. ONLY the Holy BIBLE is the Complete Written Message from God

"[T]he scripture cannot be broken." – Jesus, in John 10:35.

Jesus honored the Scriptures. He said, "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." – Matthew 5:18.

Jesus points us to the Scriptures for answers. "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me." – John 5:39.

3. Sinners in the Hands of a Holy God

"There is none righteous, no, not one." "There is none that doeth good, no, not one." "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." – Romans 3:10,12,23. "For the wages of sin *is* death." – Romans 6:23.

Although we are sinners, and thus cannot fulfill the Law of God ourselves, and are therefore rightly under the death sentence, the good news is that Jesus has fulfilled the Law and paid our penalty for us. "And He is the propitiation for our sins." – First John 2:2.

Only that prophesied "holy one of Israel" could be the spotless "Passover Lamb" to be our substitute in death and everlasting punishment.

4. Salvation Can Only Be God's Way

Jesus said, "I am THE way, THE Truth, and THE Life. NO one comes to the Father but by me." – John 14:6.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is NO other name under heaven whereby we can be saved." – Acts 4:12. We could argue this, but it would not change the fact. *Click Here* for the details on HOW to be saved.