

1: The Original Spirit

Why are some things about God hard to understand?

Human understanding is very limited. If we took all the smart people in the world and combined all they know, we would have only a tiny fraction of all there is to know about the physical universe. We know even less about the spiritual world. Because of this huge gap between our understanding and the vastness of the physical and spiritual universe, we should expect many things to be difficult to understand and explain.

How does the Bible describe God's greatness in Psalm 145:3?

Some things about God are hard to understand, but we **can** understand enough about God to give meaning and purpose to our lives. Here are **five** basic truths about God every person should know:

Five Things You Should Know About God

1. God is a _____.

The word "trinity" means tri-unity, or three in one. This word describes what we find in the Bible. God is one God we experience in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. How do we see the trinity of God at Jesus' baptism (Matthew 3:16-17)?

1. Jesus was physically present.
2. The Holy Spirit _____ on Jesus like a dove.
3. The Father _____ from heaven: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (3:17).

Another familiar example is when Jesus told us to baptize people in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19). God is a Trinity, one God we experience in three persons.

2. God is _____.

(*omni* = unlimited *present* = present)

How does Psalm 139:8 describe God's omnipresence?

God is everywhere—from the highest parts of heaven to the lowest parts of hell. There is nowhere we can go to get away from Him. That is why God told Joshua in Joshua 1:5, “. . . I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.”

3. God is _____.

(*omni* = unlimited *scient* = knowledge)

According to these verses, what does God know?

Psalm 147:4 -

Matthew 10:30 -

What is “beyond measure,” according to Psalm 147:5?

4. God is _____.

(*omni* = unlimited *potent* = power)

What does the angel Gabriel say about God's power in Luke 1:37?

Because God is **omniscient**, we never have a problem that takes God by surprise, and since He is **omnipotent**, we never have a problem that is impossible for Him to solve. So, why does God allow His beloved children to suffer with problems? What does God say when the apostle Paul pleads three times with Him to ease his suffering (2 Corinthians 12:9)?

5. God is _____.

(*im* = not *mutable* = changing)

How does God express this in Malachi 3:6?

While everything in this world is changing, it is great to know Someone we can count on to never change.

How does Hebrews 13:8 describe Jesus?

Small Group Break-out Discussion:

What is one of the biggest problems youth face today?

How much does God know about this problem?

Does God have the power to solve this problem?

Is God present with you as you deal with this problem?

Why does God allow us to suffer with situations He has the power and knowledge to take away, according to the following verse?

“And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us” (Acts 17:26–27).

If you could solve all your problems on your own, how much would you seek God?

Suggested Memory Verse:

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).