

God and the Good News

In this course we study the message of Jesus Christ, which is the basis for the Christian faith.

1. **What is this message called?** Matt. 4:23

_____.

2. **What makes it Good News?** John 10:10

_____.

What kind of life is a fulfilling life?

A life of _____.

Is knowing the purpose of life important for a fulfilling life? Why?

_____. *Only then we know if our life and accomplishments have*
_____.

What are some of the basic questions about life, whose answers are important for us?

_____ *are we here? (Purpose of life)*
Where did we _____ *? (Origin)*
Where do we _____ *? (Destiny)*
Who _____ *? (Identity)*

What does the Good News offer regarding these basic questions?

Offers _____ *to the basic questions on life.*

What are some serious problems in our world that cause unhappiness to many?

_____.

What does the Good News offer regarding these problems?

It offers the _____ *for all the problems.*

3. Why is this Good News True? Romans 1:1 (* 1)

_____.

4. What is the concept of God in the Bible? Genesis 1:1

_____.

5. Why is this fact about God important? (for obtaining the answers and solutions for our life)

If you bought a camera, who would you ask about operating it and fixing it if it needs repair?

*Camera _____ - Would _____ how the camera operates, what it is for.
Would also know how to _____ when it has problems.*

In the same way, how can you know the answers and solutions for our life?

As _____, God would _____ the answers and He can _____ our problems.

6. What is the importance of the Bible?

How can we know the answers about life, if God is the Creator?

God as _____ - can give us an "Owner's _____."

Has God given us the answers in this way? 2 Tim. 3:16,17.

_____ - _____from our Maker.

7. How do people all over the world who do not have the Bible know about God?

Rom. 1:19,20.

From _____, which is God's _____.

Why does nature (universe) point to a Creator?

(Think of how a camera leads us to believe there is a camera maker; then think of the human eye)

*The complex _____ and _____ in the universe point to an _____
_____. _____ and _____ have failed to explain origins.*

What is known about God from creation?

God's _____, _____, _____.

8. What things about God cannot be known through observing nature? Why?

(*2)

(Think of knowing about Henry Ford by studying the Ford car)

*Not known - God's _____ and _____ clearly.
(e.g. Is He loving or cruel? Evidence for both in nature)*

Can science and philosophy give us knowledge of God in these areas? Why?

*_____! Since Science and philosophy study the _____, not the
_____.
So also religions based on _____ (e.g Eastern religions)
Creator is not _____ of creation!*

9. How then can we know about God's character and moral laws?

(If my mother wants me to know what she wants me to do, how will I know it?)

*By God _____ to man. (e.g. my mother _____ to me about what
she wants me to do)*

Has God spoken to human beings? (* 3)

Gen. 12:1 *God spoke to _____*
Exod. 3:6 *God spoke to _____ (He can! He spoke in _____)*

What are people like Abraham and Moses called? (*4) _____.

What was revealed this way? *God's _____ and _____.*

Where is the record of God's speaking to mankind through prophets?

_____ Testament - record of God speaking man through _____ of _____ until the time of _____.
(_____ part of the Bible)

10. What is new about the revelation of God in the New Testament? Heb. 1:1,2

God spoke through His _____.

Who is referred to as the "Son"? (* 5)

God's Son is _____. (Not in the _____ sense)

What is the meaning of the title "Son of God"? Heb. 1:3
(e.g. If some one is "son of a man", what nature will he have?)

"Son of God" means He has the exact _____ of God.

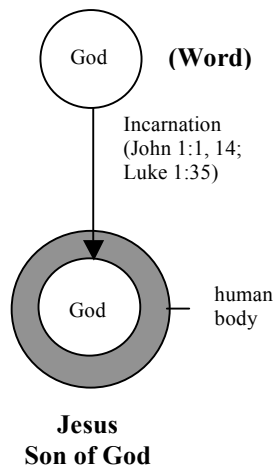
What is another title for Jesus? John 1:1,14

Jesus - also known as the _____ of God.

What do verses 1 and 14 of John 1 say about Jesus?

He existed always as _____ (under the title "Word of God").
He then took a _____ body (When He was born through Mary).

(diagram)



How is the title "Son of God" more appropriate to Jesus than the title "God"?

Son of God refers to Jesus as God _____ He took human body.

If Jesus called Himself "God," people would misunderstand that God, in His _____ form, has a _____ body.

(It is all right to call Jesus God if we mean only His divine nature)

How did Jesus Christ reveal God's nature? (as Son of God)

By _____ character. _____ revelation in a _____.

Why is this more complete than the knowledge through prophets? (* 6)

_____ and clear revelation of God's character. Cannot clearly reveal His _____ through messages to prophets. e.g. God's love, which is _____ from human love. Jesus _____ to explain it.

What other knowledge did Jesus give?

Jesus also brought knowledge of _____ (the solution to all our problems)

SUMMARY

What are the three ways of knowing God?

God = Creator

First, _____ revelation through _____ - God's existence, power, and intelligence.

Second, _____ revelation through _____ - God's character and will (in Old Testament)

Third, _____ revelation in _____ (God's Son) in the New Testament

Today, if we want to know about God, what is the best place to begin? (* 7)

Begin with _____.

Where in the Bible is the record of Jesus? (* 8)

In the four _____ in the _____ Testament, which are the first 4 books of the New Testament.