

WHAT WE BELIEVE – “God is, was, and forever will be” Eph.4:4-6

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No matter our starting point... the hope is that we all will grow in our knowledge of, & in our response to, the God who makes Himself known!

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Faith is not self-generated; it comes from an external source – the word of Christ! **“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?”**

We are all called to preach... to be proclaimers of the word of Christ... to be representatives/ambassadors of God Kingdom & the “truth”...

I emphasize “truth”, because WE BELIEVE there is TRUTH to be discovered!

- **We don't embrace relativism**... where everyone has their own truth!
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- **We believe in ONE truth**... God's truth... Scripture Alone!

Does this mean we are not open to conversations with others? **No!**

Does this mean we will reject you if you disagree with us? **No!**

Does this mean we will force our beliefs on you? **No!**

Does this mean we have it all figured out? **No!**

Does this mean we too are on a journey of discovering truth? **Yes!**

Let us engage together in this pursuit of knowing God, making Him known, and living in response to Him! This is what this series is all about!

Scripture tells us that **“There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God & Father of all, who is over all & through all & in all.”**

There is one God... Do we know Him? The truth about Him can be known!

What do we know/believe about God? _____

What questions, doubts, fears, etc. do we/others have about what Scripture teaches about God? _____

We must acknowledge the tension/struggle that exists here... but we must also dare to believe that there is “One Lord, one God and Father of all...”

Our first foundational belief about God... **“God is, was, and forever will be!”** “We believe God is eternal, all-knowing, all-powerful, all-present, all good, & the source of all-good. He is one, & yet He reveals Himself in Scripture in 3 equal persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit).” Scripture informs these beliefs!

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God is one – Deuteronomy 6:4, 1 Corinthians 8:6, 1 Timothy 2:5

Revealed in 3 persons – Matthew 28:19, John 10:30, 2 Corinthians 13:14

This is “WHAT” we believe... but **“SO WHAT?”** Why does it matter?

If God is eternal, then... _____

If God is all-knowing, then... _____

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We've looked at “WHAT” ... **“SO WHAT?”** ... what about **“NOW WHAT?”** How should we live in response? **Ephesians 4:11-15**

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