

Lord's Supper / Communion

- Celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection that nourishes our souls by building up our faith in Him
 - Just for Christians: saving faith in Jesus Christ
- At Crossway Multinational Church
 - First Sunday of each month
 - Cycle through 6 parts of the Gospel

Holy, creator God

Sin separates us from God

Jesus' death brings forgiveness

We receive forgiveness by faith

We are called to worship in action

Jesus will bring His Kingdom on earth

How do you relate to...

A pet?

People in a movie or novel?

An idea or a technique?

A blogger or Internet preacher?

An imaginary friend?

The nature of *the other* determines how you can relate to that *other*

How do you relate to... God?

What is the nature of God?

What has no beginning
and no end

An impersonal force?

The universe?

Our imagination?

A judge?

An idea?

“Chief operating officer”?

A genie that
grants wishes?

A (forgotten) grandpa?

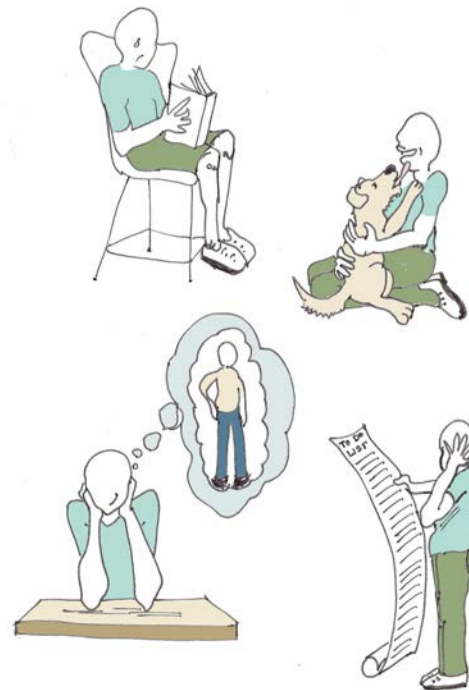
How do you view God?

How do you relate to God?

The God of Love

Genesis 1:1-2

John 1:1-3



*There is good reason to believe that God exists
(one of several very strong reasons...)*

- Everything that began to exist has a cause
 - Key to human functioning, learning, and research
- The universe began to exist
- Therefore: the universe has a cause
 - We call that cause “God”: an uncaused, personal Creator

Believing in the existence of God

is more rational than believing that there is no God

So...what is God like? How might we relate to God?

Genesis 1:1-2

OLD TESTAMENT

In the beginning **God created the heavens and the earth**. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

God is the creator of all things

→ the Father and Jesus

John 1:1-3

NEW TESTAMENT

In the beginning was the Word [Jesus Christ], and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God**. He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

Because God (the Father and Jesus) is the only Creator of the whole world...

Isaiah 45:22-23 **OLD TESTAMENT** **Philippians 2:9-11** **NEW TESTAMENT**

“**Turn to me and be saved,**
all you ends of the earth;
for I am God,
and there is no other.

By myself I have sworn,
my mouth has uttered in all
integrity
a word that will not be revoked:

Before me every knee will bow; and **every tongue acknowledge**
by me every tongue will **that Jesus Christ is Lord,**
swear. **the Father and Jesus** to the glory of God the Father.

God is the only Savior of the world
and so He is to be worshiped alone by all beings

Therefore God exalted him [Jesus]
to the highest place
and gave him the name that is
above every name,
that **at the name of Jesus every**
knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and
under the earth,

Matthew 28:18-20

NEW TESTAMENT

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of **all nations**, baptizing them **in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Trinity
(tri-unity) **God is the one name (authority, being)**
over all places and over all time
in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Crossway Statement of Faith #1

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in a loving unity of three equally divine Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Having limitless knowledge and sovereign power, God has graciously purposed from eternity **to redeem a people for Himself** and to make all things new for His own glory.

The Big Idea

There is one and only one creator God
who has always existed and always will exist
as three persons:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
in loving fellowship together

Dear friends, let us **love one another**, for **love comes from God**. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love**. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

1 John 4:7-10

May the **grace of the Lord Jesus Christ**,
and the **love of God**,
and the **fellowship of the Holy Spirit**
be with **you all**.

2 Corinthians 13:14

An offer to every person

- of every country
- of every race and ethnicity
- of every ability
- of every financial situation
- of every age

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Application

- The greatest commandment is **Love**
 - Love God completely
 - **Be amazed:** God invites broken people like me and you into the perfect fellowship of the Trinity!
 - Since God is love, to be known by God in Christ is to be **loved perfectly by God**
 - There is no part of us that is better when apart from God
 - We are to know God and be known by God **head**
be passionate for Him and experience His compassion, **heart**
serve Him and experience His care for us **hands**

Application

- The greatest commandment is **Love**
 - Love God completely
 - Love people like God does
 - We are made in the image of God > made for loving fellowship
 - Invite other people into the loving fellowship of the family of God
 - Yet we are broken people, so our love is far from perfect
 - We point people to the love of God
 - We strive to love by the power of God's Spirit
 - We trust the work of the Spirit who uses broken people

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“Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and be glad

and give him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.”

Revelation 19:6-7

**Christians:
Individually and together**

