

## I. OBJECTIVES

- A. PMLO: To equip saints to the unity of faith, knowledge of Christ and maturity demonstrated through building the church in love (**Eph. 4:12-16**)
- B. CLO: Determine how to prioritize our witness about God with the world (**Acts 1:8**)

## II. QUESTIONS

- A. Name 3 attributes of God.
- B. Share how you know these attributes of God.
- C. Which attribute of God challenges you the most?
- D. How do other people know God's attributes are important to you?

## III. INTRODUCTION

- A. Purpose
  - By the time we finish the series, you should have competence and confidence to be a witness unto your neighbor and, hence, the world
- B. You are qualified to know about God
  - You are a human made in His image
- C. You are qualified to speak to others about God
  - You are saved by the gospel
  - Use Scripture to speak with people

## IV. WEEK 1: GOD UNDENIABLE

- A. Introduction
  - God's existence is undeniable
    - It can only be suppressed
  - Ways to suppress the truth
    - Reject the truth
    - Keep the truth hidden
      - (1) concern for those who refuse to speak
  - **Romans 1:16-23** addresses suppression
    - We will show God's undeniable existence
    - Combat suppression
    - Empower you for speaking the truth
- B. **Romans 1:16-23**
  - Verses 16-18
    - The gospel reflects God's power
    - Power revealed
      - (1) Righteousness is revealed
      - (2) Wrath is revealed
    - Direction and objects
      - (1) From faith to faith
      - (2) From heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men
        - (a) Men suppress the truth in unrighteousness
  - Verses 19-20
    - God has given enough evidence since creation
    - God has an identity clearly seen
    - No one is excused from trusting God

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- Verses 21-23
  - Everyone knows God
  - Men suppress the truth of God
    - (1) Men don't honor nor thank God
    - (2) Men have futile speculations
    - (3) Men have foolish hearts darkened
    - (4) Men become fools
    - (5) Exchange the creator for creation
- C. Takeaways
  - Share about the God we know
  - There is enough evidence for God
  - Everyone has access to the same evidence

## **V. WEEK 2: GOD PRESUPPOSITIONAL**

### A. Introduction

- God's is presuppositional
  - God is necessarily preexistent
  - Start with God, reason from Him
- **Colossians 3:8-15** addresses making sense of life with Christ
  - Oppose philosophies of the world
  - Bounce your ideas off who Christ is

### B. **Colossians 3:8-15**

- Following ungodly philosophies are like being captive
- The deity of Christ matters to how you believe
- Your allegiance to Christ is expected
- No additional life philosophies needed (**Matthew 6:24**)
  - Sayings
    - (1) Set your mind on Christ > affirmations (**Colossians 3:4**)
    - (2) You already love yourself > Love yourself (**Ephesians 5:29**)
    - (3) Treat others like you want to be treated = **Luke 6:31**
  - Theories
    - (1) Syncretism (Mixing parts of contrary philosophies)
    - (2) **Macro-evolution** (unnecessary)
- Christ must be your authority
- Identify with Christ, not with the world (**1 John 2:15**)
  - People will love the world and leave (Demas "having loved this present world" **2 Timothy 4:10**)
- God did work to get you saved
  - Do NOT let Him down
- Your coming resurrection is sure like Christ's
- "He made you alive together with Him" Live with JESUS
- Your spiritual life came with forgiveness
  - God forgave although you sinned
- God cancelled your debt
  - You owed God
  - God removed hostile debt
- "We are complete in him" - in our conversion from sin to holiness set forth in baptism, and our resurrection from death to life experienced in forgiveness (**verses 11-13**); and in the removal at once

of the legal bar which forbade our access to God (**verse 14**), and of the veil of inferior and partial mediation which obscured his manifestation to us (**verse 15**).”

C. Takeaways

- Start with God
- Bounce your ideas off of Christ

**VI. WEEK 3: GOD UNCONTAINABLE**

A. Introduction

- God’s is not containable
  - God is not safe
  - God orchestrates the world
- **Psalm 115** references God’s freedoms
  - People wonder where God is
  - God does whatever He pleases

B. **Psalm 115**

1. Verse 1

- a. God deserves the glory
- b. Associate God with love and truth
  - i. God is foundational to these
  - ii. God is not peripheral to these

2. Verse 2

- a. (Groups of) people question God’s presence
  - i. They do not relate with God (their)
  - ii. They do not know God’s whereabouts

3. Verse 3

- a. God is somewhere you are not
- b. God does what He wants
  - i. If He wants, He does
  - ii. God’s autonomy > our autonomy

4. Verses 4-8

- a. Idols are man-made
  - i. Idols have NO inherent potential
    - 1) Idols are dependent
    - 2) Idols are perishable
    - 3) Idols are incompetent
    - 4) Idols are not sensitive
- b. Idols are not made in God’s image
  - i. Idols can’t imitate man as desired
  - ii. Idols can’t perform like man
  - iii. Man will become like their idols

5. Verses 9-11

- a. Embrace the theological, enjoy the practical
  - i. Trust God, and practice accordingly
- b. You still need God’s help in practice
  - i. Your theology makes practice purposeful
- c. God protects you
  - i. God protects you from you

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- ii. God protects you from circumstances
  - 1) Circumstances may be seen or unseen
- d. Fear AND trust God
  - i. Fear = reverence/ respect/ allegiance
- 6. Verses 12-13
  - a. The Lord is mindful and blesses
    - i. God's distance does not sever relationships
    - ii. God is not too far to bless
  - b. You have the right/expectation to fear
    - i. You have the privilege of blessing
- 7. Verses 14-15
  - a. The creator blesses His creation
    - i. You
    - ii. Your children
  - b. There is a desire for your blessing
- 8. Verses 16-18
  - a. Heaven belongs to the LORD
  - b. The earth is inherited by men
  - c. The dead are incapable of praising God
  - d. Blessing God is a choice
    - i. We have reason to bless God forever
    - ii. God deserves all blessing there is
- C. Takeaways
  - Trust that God's qualified to guide
  - Believe God blesses

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## **VII. WEEK 4: GOD RELATABLE**

- A. Introduction
  - God can relate to us well
    - Christ lived
    - Christ died
  - We need to relate to God
    - Christ resurrected
    - Christ never sinned
    - Christ lived in wisdom
  - **Hebrews 2:14-18** references Christ's relatability
    - Christ is fully Man/God
    - Christ overcame the world's sins
- B. **Hebrews 2:14-18**
  - Verses 14-15
    - Therefore
      - (1) **Isaiah 8:17-18** – 17 And I will wait for the LORD who is hiding His face from the house of Jacob; I will even look eagerly for Him. 18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are for signs and wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.
      - (2) **Isaiah 8:19** – When they say to you, "Consult the mediums and the spiritists who whisper and mutter," should not a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?

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- Jesus is flesh and blood, fully God, fully man
  - (1) Against Christological heresies, such as
  - (2) **Arianism** (Jesus lacked deity)
  - (3) **Apollinarianism** (Jesus lacked human nature)
  - (4) **Nestorianism** (Overemphasizing the separation between the deistic and human natures of Christ)
  - (5) **Monophysitism** (Denies the dual nature of Christ), etc.
- Jesus overcomes death and its advocate
  - (1) Death threatened us since birth
  - (2) Death is a result of sin
- Verses 16-18
  - Humans get help, not angels
  - Jesus became a high priest
    - (1) Jesus advocates for us to the Father
    - (2) Jesus is merciful and faithful
      - (a) Jesus's character is what we need
        - (i) In a high priest
        - (ii) (Btw) For our own character
      - (b) Jesus's character is based on God
        - (i) Our character/conversations should include God
  - Jesus made propitiation for our sins
    - (1) God's wrath is appeased
  - Jesus was tempted
  - Jesus can aid those tempted
    - (1) Sin is the problem
    - (2) Jesus provides solutions
      - (a) Jesus exemplified a life against sin
      - (b) Jesus exemplified a life for holiness

C. Takeaways

- Don't promote the death of the innocent
- Praise God Jesus died already for us

## VIII. **CONCLUSIONS**

- A. Tell people about Jesus
- B. Make Jesus a highlight/reason in conversations
- C. Respect God's authority/autonomy