

Rom. 1:18-21  
"Avoiding Confusion"

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1. Introduction
  - a. Biblical worldview
    - mindset
    - how you look at something
  - b. Lesson 2: avoid confusion about "existence of God"
    - "Is there a God?"
    - "Is God here?"
    - "Where is God?"
    - "Is God dead?"
    - "Is God alive?"
  - c. People are born, live, & die
    - we know by experience that we exist
    - we see others living & dying
2. God declares Himself - Gen 1:1
  - a. "In the beginning..." where time began
  - b. "God" - I am here
  - c. "created" - I made
  - d. "the heaven & the earth" - physical universe (outer space & earth)
  - e. God declared Himself through human writers - Moses
  - f. God is the ~~Creator~~ Creator
3. God also shows other sides of Himself
  - a. "God is love" - 1 John 4:8,16
  - b. God show His love - "love of God"
    - Titus 3:4 love of God our Savior toward all men appeared
    - 1 John 3:16 - we understand love of God because He laid down His life
    - 1 John 4:9 love of God revealed by sending God's only begotten Son into world

### 3c. God is holy

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- Isaiah 6:3 holy repeated 3 times
- Rev. 4:8 holy again repeated 3 times
- Why 3 times? God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit
- God is the God of all Hosts, Lord God almighty

### 4. God reveals His authority

#### a. God is the final judge

- Ps 75:7 God is the judge
- Ps 68:5 God is father & judge
- Ps 96:13 God will judge with righteousness & His truth

#### b. God reveals His wrath (anger)

- Rom 1:18 God reveals His deep anger against all unrighteousness

### 5. God has revealed Himself inside each person

#### a. Each person has an inner conscience

#### b. What is inner conscience?

- moral compass
- sense of right & wrong
- sense of good & evil

#### c. Rom 1:19-20 Every person knows God inside their inner conscience

- invisible things of the creation
  - \* God's eternal power
  - \* unchanging nature of natural laws (such as gravity)
- God is the "higher power"
- humans cannot demand that natural & moral laws change to suit their desires

### 6. God reveals Himself in creation

#### a. Creation shows some of God's nature

#### b. Creation reveals invisible parts of God's nature

- God the artist - God the builder
- God the engineer - God the thinker
- God the designer - God the provider

## 6 c. God's eternal power

- God's power lasts forever
- \* God's laws are unchanging
- \* God's natural laws don't change
- \* God's moral laws don't change  
(murder, stealing, cheating partner, telling lies about your neighbor, dishonoring family members) - all the bad things not to do - evil things
- \* God is immutable
  - x God is always the same
  - x God does not change
- \* Past time cannot be changed

## d. God's deity

- \* Greek word theiotes
- \* similar to English word theology (study of God)
- \* Bible answers questions of "Who is God?"
  - want to know God?
    - \* read Isaiah chapters 40-66

## 7. Problem with people

### a. Because people reject God

- Rom 1:21
  - \* Did not glorify (give thanks to) God
  - \* Became full of vain imaginations
  - \* Their foolish heart darkened
- Rom 1:28 did not want to retain (remember God) in their knowledge

### b. Common human ideas

- Communist Manifesto
- Humanist Manifesto (humans only)
  - \* Younger adults (less than 35) have no religion

### c. Every generation needs to meet Jesus