



EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY

STRAIGHT ANSWERS TO ULTIMATE QUESTIONS IN A RELAXED SETTING



Introduction

1. **The blind men and the elephant**

2. **The foundation of the Christian faith: God has spoken.**

*If the One who sees all things and knows all things has spoken to us,
it is neither humble nor wise to live as though we cannot know the truth.*

WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

1. **God is the creator**

- a. Eternal

“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God” (Psalm 90:2).

- b. Powerful & Independent

“The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork” (Psalm 19:1)

“His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made” (Romans 1:20).

c. Sovereign

“He upholds the universe by the word of His power” (Hebrews 1:3).

“For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps” (Psalm 135:5-6).

“I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose’” (Isaiah 46:9-10).

2. God is righteous

“For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds . . .” (Psalm 11:7).

“For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice . . .” (Psalm 33:4-5a).

“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne . . .” (Psalm 89:14).

“Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, and You cannot look on wickedness with favor” (Habakkuk 1:13).

“[God] will by no means clear the guilty” (Exodus 34:7).

3. God is merciful

"The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin . . ." (Exodus 34:6-7a).

"Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful" (Psalm 116:5).

"Return, faithless Israel,' declares the LORD. 'I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful,' declares the LORD; 'I will not be angry forever'" (Jeremiah 3:12).

SALVATION IS GOD'S MERCIFUL GIFT

"[God] saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy . . ." (Titus 3:5).

"But God, *being rich in mercy*, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved . . ." (Ephesians 2:4-5)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Week 1 (Preview Dinner) – *How Good Is Good Enough?*

Week 2 (Oct. 26th) – *What is God Like?*

Week 3 (Nov. 2nd) – *What Does God Think of Me?*

Week 4 (Nov. 9th) – *Who is Jesus, and What Has He Done for Us?*

Week 5 (Nov. 16th) – *What Must I Do to Be Saved?*