

Essentials of the Faith

The Nature of God: Eternal, uncreated creator

1. The written word of God

- a. The scriptures are the inspired word of God
- b. The scriptures are the inerrant word of God
- c. The scriptures are authoritative for the life of the believer
- d. The scriptures are sufficient to equip us for a life of faith and practice

2. The Nature of God

- a. Our God is eternal
- b. Our God is the uncreated creator

Small Group Questions:

1. What is the difference between a different denomination, a different faith, and a cult?
 2. What must be our primary source when we try to discern the nature of our God? Why must we rely upon this source?
 3. What does it mean to say that God is eternal? Where do we see this affirmed in scripture? Why is this doctrine important, and what bearing does it have upon our faith?
 4. What are the “big questions of life?”
 5. What is the definition of a naturalist? In what way is the naturalist restricted from answering the big questions of life? What is the naturalist’s assertion of origin?
 6. Why is the question: “Who created God” absurd to the Christian worldview?
 7. What evidence do you find to support the assertion that God is the uncreated creator?
 8. What questions do you still have on these subjects?
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For Further Study and Reflection:

- *Unmasking the Cults* by Alan W. Gomes
- *Why God Makes Sense in a World That Doesn't* by Gavin Ortlund
- *40 Questions About Creation and Evolution* by Kenneth D. Keathley and Mark F. Rooker
- *Seven Days that Divide the World* by John C. Lennox
- *Life's Biggest Questions* by Erik Thoennes
- *Knowledge of the Holy* by AW Tozer
- *The Story of Reality* by Gregory Koukl