

## OUR DEPENDENCE UPON GOD

Act 17:26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

**Act 17:27** That they should seek the Lord, if haply **they might feel after him, and find him**, though he be not far from every one of us:

Act 17:28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

**Joh 15:5** I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

**Rev 3:17** Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and **have need of nothing**; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see.

**Thou art wretched** - Ταλαιπωρος: Most wretched. “The word signifies,” according to a commentator, “being worn out and fatigued with grievous labors, as they who labor in a stone quarry, or are condemned to the mines.” So, instead of being children of God, as they supposed, and infallible heirs of the kingdom, they were, in the sight of God, in the condition of the most miserable slaves.

## THE NUMERICAL PRINCIPLE IN THE BIBLE

1. Helps us to see our dependence upon God.
2. **It is impossible to read the Scriptures without noticing the continuous use of numbers.** God Himself is the Divine

Creator of numbers, and He has stamped His numerical seal upon the whole creation and upon his world.

**Job 14:14** If a man die, shall he live *again*? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

3. **God and Numbers:**

- a. Job 14:15 “For now thou numberest my steps...”
- b. Psalms 90:12 “So teach us to number our days...”
- c. Psalms 147:4 “He telleth the number of the stars...”
- d. Matt. 10:30 “But the very hairs of your head are all numbered”
- e. Ps 90:10 “The days of our years are threescore years and ten”
- f. Daniel 5:26 “God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.”

4. **These are just a few verses and many more that point out the fact that God is in the numbering business.** This is seen clearly in His dealings with Israel.

5. **Number one is a primary number;** all other numbers depend upon the number one. It precedes and produces all other numbers; that every digit is dependent upon number **ONE**.

6. **Number One is God’s number; without Him nothing could exist.** “In the beginning, God...” No creator – no creation. No designer – no design, without a former, there can not be a formation. No saviour can mean only one thing no salvation. “He is before all things and by Him all things consist” (Colossians 1:17).

7. **There cannot be two firsts:** The number two confirms that there is a difference. We are admonished to “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.”

- a. Rev. 1:17-18 “I Am the first and the last”
- b. Eph. 4:4-6 “One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God...”
- c. Col. 1:16 “For by Him were all things created...”  
“For by Him was created the universe...”

8. **The Number ONE excludes all other Numbers**

a. He alone has all power; He alone is all knowing and without Him the world would have not have been created. No man would have been formed, no heaven prepared for those who are saved.

9. **He supersedes all who claim to be God:** All the man made gods' and one day He will bring to understanding that He alone is God and His name is Jesus.

*Isa 44:6* Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God.

*Isa 45:21* Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD? and *there is* no God else beside me; a just God and a Savior; *there is* none beside me.

*Isa 45:22* Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else.

*Zec 14:9* And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

***Isa 52:6*** Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore *they shall know* in that day that I *am* he that doth speak: behold, *it is* I.

10. **The Number ONE Stands Alone:** Number one stands alone, independent of all other numbers. God is Independent; we are Dependent. We Need Him, and without Him we are and can do nothing.

a. Man likes to think of himself being independent. But man is dependent.

***Jer 10:23*** O LORD, I know that the way of man *is* not in himself: *it is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

11. **Everything in the World is dependent upon God:** The crops, the rain, the sunshine, the right temperature, the giver of

seasons, The soil we grow our food in. He is my health, He is my provide, my healer, my deliver, my inheritance, my protector, my shelter, my defender in battle. Jesus is the very air I breathe, He is the song I sing, He is the only Hope I have, He is life, and more abundant, He is the sunshine of my life; He is my eternal life,