

# “So, What Do YOU Believe about...God?”

Second in a Series on the BCC  
Statement of Faith

*We believe in one God, the Creator of all things. Yet this God is manifest in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God has limitless knowledge, limitless power, and limitless presence. In His holiness He shares with us His grace and mercy.*

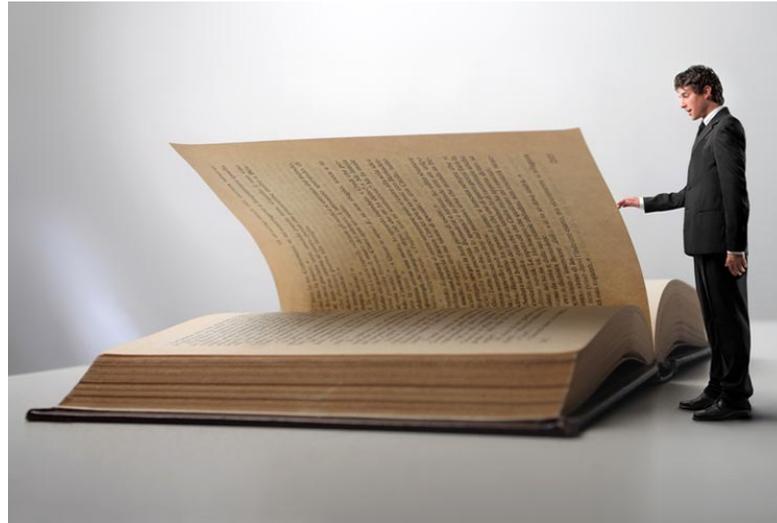
Statement #2 BCC Statement of Faith

# True or False

1. God is “out there” watching over all of us without being involved in our lives.
2. There is nothing God is incapable of doing.
3. God is the Creator of all things.
4. God invites all men to enter into a relationship with Him.

# Theology

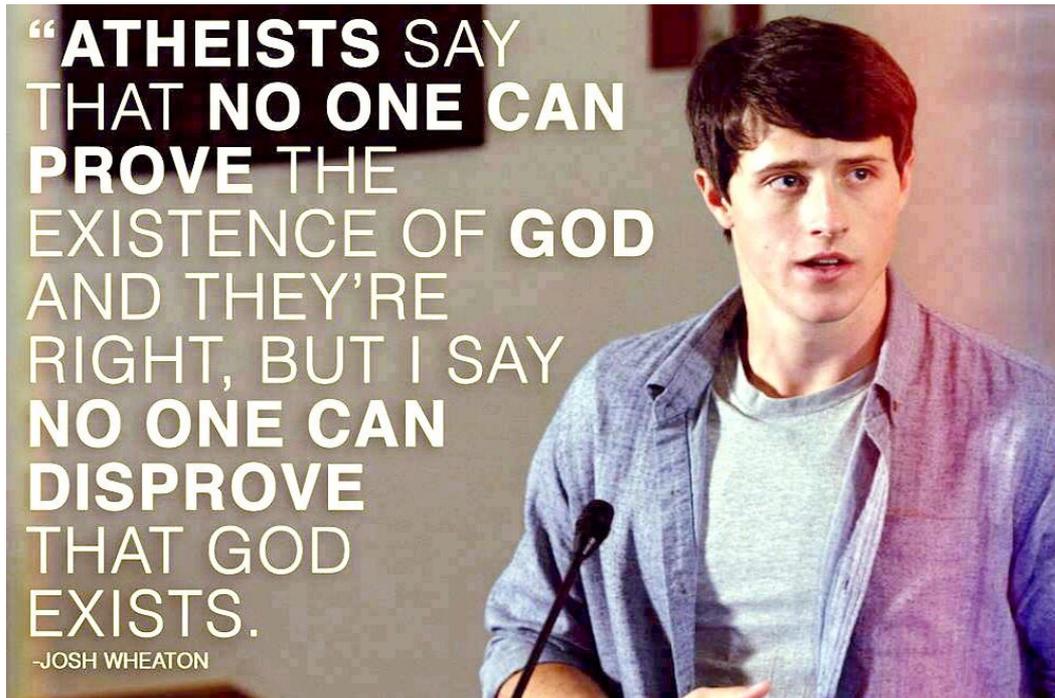
- A word that instills “fear” into our lives.



- Theology is “the study of God.”
- Why should we study theology today?
  - There are many who want to be acknowledged as God today.
  - There are some whose god is some type of spiritual energy.
  - There are many whose god is the environment – Mother Earth, Gaia
  - There are some whose god is fashion or recreation



- Classic proofs for God:
  - God is the uncaused Cause.
  - God is the Intelligent Designer.
  - God is the source of moral authority, of right and wrong.



# The Names of God

- Yahweh – The One Who has always been –  
Exodus 3:13-14
- Jehovah-Jireh – The One who provides –  
Genesis 22:13-14
- Jehovah-Rapha – The One who heals –  
Exodus 15:26
- Jehovah-Nissi – The One who is a Banner –  
Exodus 17:8-15

# The Character of God

- God is Spirit – John 4:24
- God is eternal – Psalm 90:1-2
- God is omnipotent – Matthew 19:26
- God is omniscient – Psalm 139:2-4
- God is omnipresent – Psalm 139:7-12
- God is love – 1 John 4:8
- God is holy – Leviticus 20:28

# God Is the Creator of All

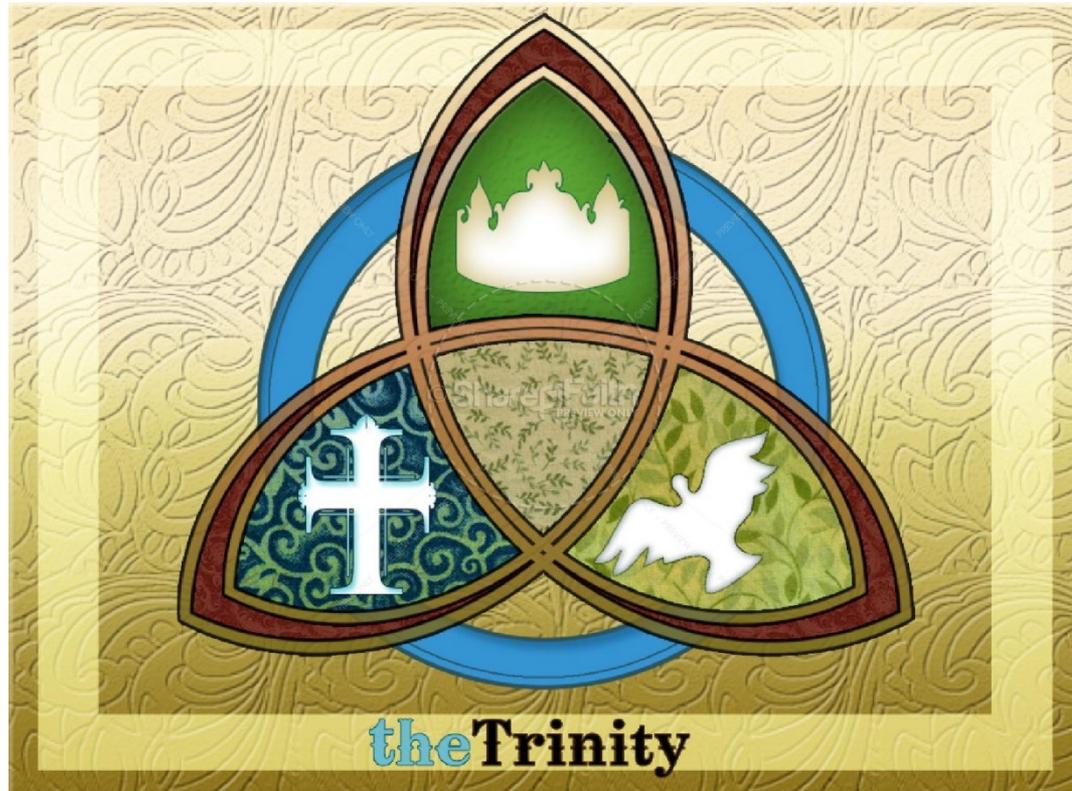
- Almost from the very beginning, man has sought to explain the reason why the world exists.
- With rare exceptions, the origins were delegated to a divine and powerful figure.
- That changed in 1859 with Charles Darwin's book, On the Origin of Species.

- The Bible affirms that God created the world and everything in it.
- The Bible does not give us the specifics of how God created.
- The term the Bible uses is “and God said.”
- There is a diversity of interpretations:
  - Those who hold to a literal 6 24-hour days.
  - Those who hold to “long day” position.
- All agree: God is the Creator!!

# God Is Triune

- This statement upholds those orthodox declarations at the Council of Nicea (325) and the Council of Constantinople (384).
- The Bible affirms the existence and the equality of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
  - Genesis 1:1
  - Genesis 1:26
  - Matthew 3:16-17
  - 2 Corinthians 13:14

- Augustine: “If you deny the Trinity, you will lose your soul; if you try and explain it you will lose your mind.”



# Thoughts to Chew On

- “First of all, my child, think magnificently of God. Magnify His providence; adore His power; pray to Him frequently and incessantly. Bear Him always in your mind. Teach your thoughts to reverence Him in every place for there is no place where He is not. Therefore, my child, fear and worship and love God; first and last, think magnificently of Him!” – Paternus
- Your theology is what you are when the talking stops and the action starts – Colin Morris