



Announcements



Our Next 'Pillar' Event:



Variety Show Talent Night

Friday, February 9th ~ 6:30pm

You're invited to join us for this evening of great laughs – and even some real talent! Popcorn, Candy, Prizes – and fun for the whole family.



Weekly Events:



- **The Gathering (Teens):** Every Friday @ 6-8pm



- **Adult Bible Study:** Every Sunday @ 9:30am
Current series: "More Than A Name"



- **Wednesday Service** @ 7-8pm
+ 'The Den' (age 6-12) and 'Catalyst' (teens)



Coming Up Soon:

2/09 – Variety Night Talent Show (6:30pm)

2/10 – Robin Ring's Baby Shower (Saturday, 2:00pm)
Ladies, you're all invited! Hosted in the Connection Building

2/16 - Missions Letter Writing Meeting (Friday, 6:00pm)
at the Farooq's home: 5207 N. Davis Rd, 99216

3/08 – March for Meals on Wheels (Friday, 8-10am)
at the Spokane Valley Mall – sign up if you want to join us!



15 Essential Doctrines of the Christian Faith,
and how they change our daily life.

Part 1: "One God"

The Text: Isaiah 46:1-13

46:1-2 – The Fall of the gods of _____

46:3-7 – The gods that are _____ vs. The God Who _____!

46:8-9 – There is _____ Only _____ God

46:10-11 – God's _____ and _____ are Unlimited

46:12-13 – The True God can bring _____

The Core Bible Truth: There is only _____ God

→ **God is the single, eternal, self-existing, transcendent, all-powerful creator of everything!**

Genesis 1:1 – "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth..."

Exodus 3:14 – "And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM..."

1 Kings 8:60 – "That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God, and that there is none else."

→ **There are no _____ beings like the One True God**

Deuteronomy 6:4 – "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD"
(Repeated by Jesus in **Mark 12:29**)

Isaiah 43:10 – "Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me."

→ **Other so-called 'gods' are imaginary or _____**

1 Corinthians 8:4-6 – "... we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. For though there be that are called gods..." (see also: **1 Corinthians 10:19-20**)

James 2:19 – "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble."

The **Attacks** on the Truth

Atheism = There is ____ God or spiritual realm of any kind.

Polytheism = There are ____ gods!

Pantheism = god includes ____ things and is contained in all things

The **Core** Christian Stand for Truth:

"We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible." – Nicene Creed

Ephesians 4:5-6 – "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

Application:

➔ **One True God = the existence of _____ and objective truths**

Rationality involves the use of laws of logic.... But how can we account for (1) the existence of laws of logic, (2) why they are immaterial, (3) why they are universal, (4) why they do not change with time, and (5) how human beings can possibly know about them?

"The problem with naturalistic philosophy is that if you follow it down the road, it dissolves rationality" - Thomas Nagel (*atheist philosopher*)

"Atheism, in the end, unravels rationality. And that is the end of science and of all meaning. It all ends up being relative and subjective... it's simply anybody's opinion. Good and bad are disappearing."

– John C Lennox (*Emeritus Professor of Mathematics, Oxford*)

"The chief aim of all investigations of the external world should be to discover the rational order and harmony which has been imposed on it by God and which He revealed to us in the language of mathematics."

– Johannes Kepler (*key figure of the 1600s 'Scientific Revolution'*)

➔ **One True God = universal _____ standards**

"If people are just chemicals, then why punish one for killing another? We wouldn't get upset at baking soda for reacting with vinegar; that's just what chemicals do... Any moral standard of our own creation would necessarily be subjective and arbitrary." - Dr. Jason Lisle

In the end, if nothing is _____ *morally* wrong – then any evil is allowed.

The **Change** in Our Daily Life:

_____ the Bible as a roadmap for navigating hard decisions

Psalm 119:104-105 – "Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

2 Timothy 2:15 – "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

_____ the Bible as medicine for right and wrong

John 8:31-32 – "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

_____ the Bible as an anchor against the storm

Matthew 7:24-27 – "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, **and doeth them**, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock... And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and **doeth them not**, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand..."

CORE Christian Truths for Living:

- ➔ The Bible clearly teaches that there is only ____ God.
- ➔ Other so-called gods are _____ or demonic.
- ➔ Christians have always _____ for this plain teaching of the Bible
- ➔ This set the stage for all _____. Without God, you cannot explain the very foundations of reason and logic and math.
- ➔ This is also the foundation for _____. Without God as the Lawgiver, all that remains is personal opinions and preferences.
- ➔ This belief in One God _____ the way we live our daily lives:
 - ❖ We study the Bible as a _____ for living
 - ❖ We trust the Bible as true _____ for morality
 - ❖ We apply the Bible as an _____ that can keep us from being destroyed by the storms of life.