

SESSION 11

The Doctrine of God

Instructor



Dr. Gene Haas grew up in Canada in a religious home but did not know the grace of salvation in Christ, after university, travelling in Europe for 8 months, Gene was converted to Christ at the age of twenty-two in the mountains of Switzerland. After returning to Canada, God led him to attend Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, where he earned the M.Div. and Th. M. degrees.

Returning to Canada, he was involved in a church plant, and taught at a Bible college for 4 years. During this time, he was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church in America. He moved to Toronto where he completed a doctorate in theology at the Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto. After that, he was a Church Planting pastor for 5 years. He then accepted a position as Professor of Religion and Theology at Redeemer University, Ontario, Canada, where he taught for 28 years. He has been married for 39 years, and has two sons, and grandchildren.

Since his retirement from teaching at Redeemer University, he has been busy with research and writing, as well as frequent preaching at a variety of churches. He is also Chairman of the committee of the Eastern Canada Presbytery which guides and examines all candidates for the pastoral ministry. He has a deep passion for instructing candidates in the Bible and in theology, and for relating the Christian faith to contemporary issues of North American culture, especially in the area of ethics.

Goals

In this basic Bible theology course about the doctrine of God you will get acquainted with who God reveals Himself as, what is the Trinity, some of the problematic in dealing with this subject and some suggestions to deal with these challenges.

Skills & competencies gained:

- Know whether God can be known.
- Know how and as Who God revealed and continues to reveal Himself.
- Know what the Trinity is.
- Know the progress of Church understanding about the Trinity.

Sessions Overview

This course is a follow up of Bible and Theology 1. The session numbers are in continuity from it.

- 11. The Doctrine of God**
12. Attributes & Names of God
13. Trinity Bible Basics
14. Trinity Doctrine Formulation by the Church

Session Summary

Can we know God? What arguments are there for the existence of God? In this session you will learn some of the main theological arguments for the existence of God and how can we know Him.

Fill in the Blanks

1. God is dependent/independent of his creation and humankind.

- 2. Which statement is correct: a) God existed before time began. b) God exists now outside of time.
- 3. According to this video, how does God reveal Himself to people? Add biblical texts to support it.

- 4. Take two of the *assumptions that support the existence of God* and write your thoughts about them:

- a.

- b.

- 5. What are some major arguments in your own culture and background that support the existence of God?

- 6. What are some major arguments in your culture and background that reject the existence of God?

7. How would you explain or defend the assumption of the existence of God?

8. How is Jesus “an argument” for the existence of God.
