

Why does that matter to me?

Doctrines #2

We believe that there is only one God, who is infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of all things, and who is the only proper object of religious worship.

The world has always wanted proof. 1 Corinthians 1:22²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

1. One God
2. Infinitely perfect
3. The creator of all things
4. Preserver of all things
5. Governor of all things
6. The only proper object of religious worship

1. One God

(Deuteronomy 6:4-9) Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.^a

A. Personal 'My shepherd...' Psalm 23

B. Powerful (Daniel 7:34-37)

34At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation.³⁵All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?"³⁶At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before.³⁷Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

C. Present

Jeremiah 23:24

'Someone might try to hide from me in some hiding place.
But it is easy for me to see that person, says the LORD,
because I am everywhere in heaven and earth.'

Psalm 139:7-10

Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)

⁷Your Spirit is everywhere I go.

I cannot escape your presence.

⁸If I go up to heaven, you will be there.

If I go down to the place of death, you will be there.

⁹If I go east where the sun rises

or go to live in the west

beyond the sea,

¹⁰even there you will

take my hand and lead me.

Your strong right

hand will protect me.

2. Infinitely Perfect

Psalm 92:15

¹⁵proclaiming, "The LORD is upright;

he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

Isaiah 26:7

⁷ The path of the righteous is level;
you, the Upright One, make the way of the righteous smooth.

James 1:17 (NKJV)

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

3. The Creator Of All Things

Genesis 1:1

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Hebrews 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Revelation 4:11

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

4. Preserves all things

Colossians 1:15-17

15The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.**16**For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. **17**He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

5. Governor of all things

Colossians 1:15-17

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.**16**For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. **17**He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

6. The only proper object of religious worship

(Exodus 20:1-5a)

1And God spoke all these words:

2"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

3"You shall have no other gods before^a me.

4"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.**5**You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God

Why does that matter to me?