

# PBC Growing in Christ

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# Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of tall grass. The background is a sunset sky with soft, golden light breaking through the clouds. The cross is the central focus of the image, symbolizing faith and presence.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

# Growing in Christ

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- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



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*To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)*



# Nature of God

## John 14:8-11,16-20,23-26

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**When have you thrown  
up your hands and  
determined something  
was too complicated?**

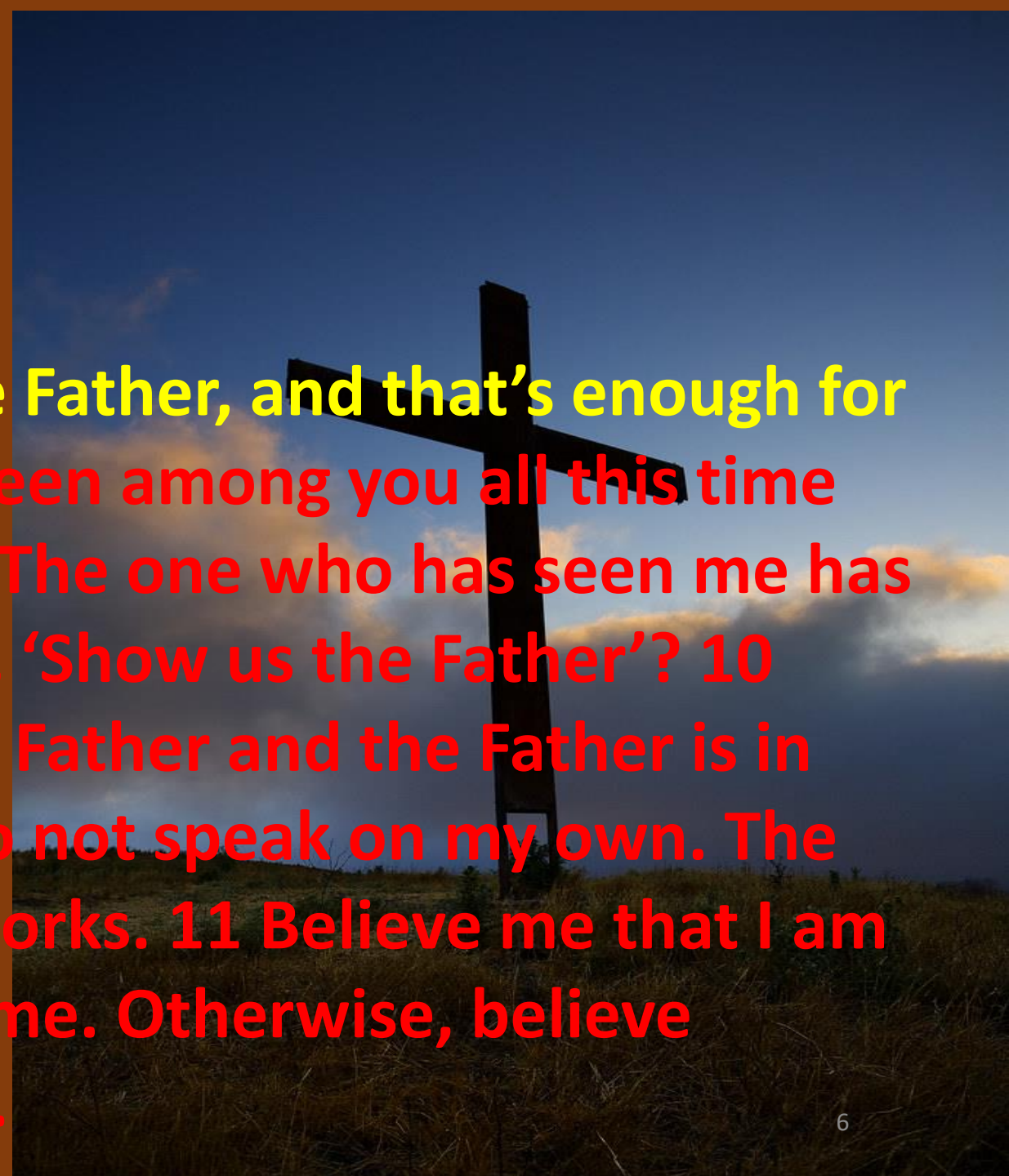


# Scripture

## Nature of God

### John 14:8-11

8 “Lord,” said Philip, “show us the Father, and that’s enough for us.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been among you all this time and you do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who lives in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves.





## Nature of God John 14:8-11

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**In what ways does Jesus show us what God is like?**

**How would you explain the relationship between Jesus and the Father in your own words?**



# Nature of God

## John 14:8-11

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- Each Person of the Trinity is fully God, not just a part of Him. Our inability to totally understand how the Father and the Son are one but separate doesn't mean we can't appreciate the way He works.
- When the Word of God became flesh and made His home among us, He came to us as Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus is fully God, and He revealed God to us in a way we can relate. He became human like us. And even though He is God, Jesus died as a human. The key difference is that Jesus died in our place so that we could be cleansed from our sins and have eternal life with Him.
- Jesus I the visible, tangible image of the invisible God



# Scripture

## Nature of God

### John 14:16-20

16 “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor (advocate) to be with you forever. 17 He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn’t see him or know him. But you do know him, because he remains with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you.



## **Nature of God John 14:16-20**

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**What are the benefits of having the Holy Spirit in your life?**

**What are the consequences of ignoring the work of the Holy Spirit?**



# Nature of God

## John 14:16-20

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- **Two things Jesus told us about the Holy Spirit:**
  - **The Counselor was coming so the disciples wouldn't be left "as orphans." Jesus wanted them to know that His physical absence didn't mean the Father had left them on their own.**
  - **The Counselor was coming so they could still have access to God just as they had access to God when they talked with Jesus face-to-face.**
- **God sent the Holy Spirit to live in believers, to have the Holy Spirit is to have Jesus himself**

# Scripture

## Nature of God

### John 14:23-26

**23 Jesus answered, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 The one who doesn’t love me will not keep my words. The word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. 25 I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. 26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.**



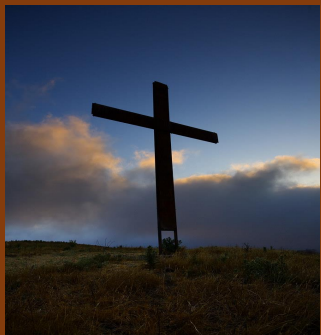
# Nature of God

## John 14:23-26

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**God exists as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How does understanding this help you engage with Him in your daily life?**

**How does it make you feel knowing that God provided the Spirit to help you understand His Word?**



# Nature of God

## John 14:23-26

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- The Holy Spirit guides us in the same way Jesus guided His disciples. (Jesus said the Spirit would “teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.”)
- Each time someone does an amazing thing through the power of the Holy Spirit, it is to further the kingdom of God. It allows believers to reach people who had been unreachable, speak to those who had not heard, and teach the gospel and make disciples in impossible places.
- The Holy Spirit we read about in Scripture is the exact same Spirit at work in our hearts today. He still convicts us, moves us, and empowers us. And He dwells inside everyone who calls Jesus Lord. The Father sent the Son to give us an example to follow and to die for our sins. He sent the Holy Spirit to continue the work of the Son by empowering believers to be His church.



# GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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- **Pray for revelation.** Thank God for revealing Himself to you. Thank Him for coming to you in Jesus Christ and giving you His Holy Spirit to work in and through you. Pray right now that God would show you the Spirit's presence in your everyday life.
- **Study for understanding.** Compare Genesis 1:1-2 and John 1:1-18. Underline where you see the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in these passages. Make note of the similarities and differences in how the three Persons of
- the Trinity are described.
- **Follow with action.** Trust the Holy Spirit to give you the opportunity and the words to point others to Jesus. If you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to do something, and you've prayed about it and continue to feel that nudge, take a leap of faith and follow through!



# Final thoughts about Nature of God

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- **By looking at Jesus—a historical figure, a man with flesh and blood—we see God. God the Son shows us God the Father. Every culture in every place and time can know God.**
- **The Godheads all have two facts: (1) does not deal with falsehood. (2) It can be trusted.**
- **The disciples had already fulfilled the only requirement for receiving the Holy Spirit: they recognized and acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah, the One who came to save them. The promise of the Holy Spirit meant they wouldn't be disconnected from a relationship with God. This is also good news for us. We still have access to Jesus because we have the Holy Spirit. When Jesus, the Son of God, is in your life, God the Holy Spirit is in your life.**



# Resources

- **Trinity (Godhead) God the Son, God the Father, God the Holy Spirit.**
- **God empower disciples (believers):**
  - The gospel in languages they didn't speak (see Acts 2:4)
  - heal the sick and the lame (Acts 3:1-9)
  - discern truth from lies (Acts 5:3-4).
- **Romans 1:19-20**
- **Col. 1:15**
- **Hebrews 1:1-4**
- **Revelation 4:5**
- **BIBLE-Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth**
- **[Bible.com](http://Bible.com)**



Next Week: March 14, 2021  
**The Purpose of Humanity**

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## THE POINT

God created us to serve and honor Him.

## THE PASSAGE

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31

“What’s your least favorite household responsibility?”

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# Bible Study Session Date of Essentials of Christianity

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|---|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | March 7, 2021  | The Nature of God           | John 14:8-11,16-20,23-26   |
| 2 | March 14, 2021 | The Purpose of Humanity     | Genesis 1:1-5,26-31        |
| 3 | March 21, 2021 | The Nature of Sin           | Isaiah 59:1-13             |
| 4 | March 28, 2021 | The Death of Jesus          | John 19:8-11,16b-18,28-30  |
| 5 | April 4, 2021  | The Resurrection of Jesus   | John 20:3-9,19-23,27-29    |
| 6 | April 11, 2021 | The Work of the Holy Spirit | John 15:26-27; 16:7-15     |
| 7 | April 18, 2021 | The Return of Jesus         | Matthew 24:3-8,29-32,42-44 |



**God Bless  
You!**

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