

**In the Beginning**

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EVERLASTING	PURPOSE	JUDGMENT	THOUGHT
MERCIFUL	THINK	PEACE	HOPE
PLAN	GRACE	FAITH	FREE
SALVATION	ABUNDANT	LONGSUFFERING	REST
TRUTH	FORGIVE	PARDON	MERCY
FAVOR	RAIN	KINDNESS	LOVE

**The Scriptures Speak**

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them” (Matthew 7:15-20).

**In the Beginning**

**Welcome**

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

**Website**

**Meeting Location**

**ASSEMBLIES**

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**Find the Rescuer**



## In The Beginning I

### I. God's Existence Based on Evidence:

- A. Rom. 1:20 - Material objects testify to the perfection of God manifested in them.
- B. Gen. 1:1; Jn. 1:1 - Testify to the existence of God. No where in the scriptures does God argue His existence.
- C. Exod. 3:14 - I AM THAT I AM
- D. Jn. 8:58 - Jesus said, "Before Abraham was born, I am."
- E. Psa. 90:2 - "Even from everlasting to everlasting"

### II. When God Created:

- A. The Power of God is manifested:
  - 1. Job 9:4-12 - The power of God expressed
  - 2. Col. 1:15-17 - "in Him all things consist."
- B. All creation has a purpose:
  - 1. Eccl. 3:1, 17; 8:6 - "to every purpose there is a time and judgment"
  - 2. Isa. 14:26-27 - What Jehovah purposed does come about.
  - 3. Lam. 2:17 - Jehovah fulfills that which He has purposed.
  - 4. Jer. 29:10-13 - "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith Jehovah, thoughts of peace... to give you hope in your latter end." "Device, plan, purpose."

### III. Characteristics of God: Exod. 34:6-7

- A. Merciful: Compassionate
- B. Gracious: good and kind to men, without any merit or desert of theirs, but bestows good things on them freely (Gill).
  - 1. Eph. 2:5, 8 - grace through faith
  - 2. Rom. 5:6-8 - Grace in action
  - 3. Titus 2:11-12 - "Grace of God that bringeth salvation..."
- C. Slow to Anger (ASV) Longsuffering (KJV): 2 Pet. 3:9 - "not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."
- D. Abundant in Lovingkindness: Tender regard, mercy; favor (Webster 1828).
- E. Abundant in Truth:
  - 1. "Conformity to fact or reality; exact accordance with that which is, or has been, or shall be. The truth of history constitutes its whole value. We rely on the truth of the scriptural prophecies" (Webster 1828).
  - 2. "Stability; figuratively certainty, truth, trustworthiness" (Strong's).