The Self-Existence of God

God is **self-sufficient in his existence**—He does not depend (rely) on or is influenced by anything in creation. He is completely independent of everything.

God is **ininitely distinct from all creation**—the **Creator-creature distinction**

This means—

- **God’s existence is entirely in Himself**—He is totally uncaused, independent of everything outside of Himself *(our existence is the result, immediately, of parents, and ultimately, of God)*
- **God necessarily exists**—God as God exists; in contrast, man does not exist of necessity. Man exists because of reasons outside of himself, he is dependent on God.
- **God is infinite being, not becoming**. He is uncaused, not self-caused.

**Scripture**—

Exod 3:14  “I AM”—this shows that it is God’s very nature to exist
Ps 36:9  “With You is the fountain of life”
Rev 4:11  “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created”
Ps 94:8-11  “Pay heed, you senseless among the people; and when will you understand, stupid ones? 9 He who planted the ear, does He not hear? He who formed the eye, does He not see? 10 He who chastens the nations, will He not rebuke, even He who teaches man knowledge? 11 The LORD knows the thoughts of man, that they are a mere breath.”
John 5:26  God “has life in Himself”

**God’s self-existence is implied in texts with regard to**—

(1) His thoughts, Rom 11:33-34
(2) Will, Dan 4:35; Rom 9:19; Eph 1:5
(3) Power, Ps 115:3
(4) Counsel, Ps 33:11