

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 **infinitely 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