Lesson 1 – In the Beginning GOD

Searching the Scriptures (Genesis 1:1)

1. The Bible does not try to prove that God has existed for all of eternity.
2. God simply declares that He existed before creation.
3. God does not tell us everything about Himself (Deuteronomy 29:29).
4. Finite beings like man cannot fully understand God.

    Job 11:7-9 – Canst thou by _____ find out God?

    Ecclesiastes 3:11 – ...no man can _____ _____ the work that God

    maketh from the beginning to the end.
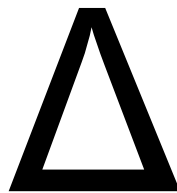
    Romans 11:33-36

God is eternal and timeless.

    Psalm 90:2 (Gen. 21:33, the _____ God, *El Olam*)

    Exodus 3:13-14 – I AM THAT I AM, not I WAS...

    Revelation 1:8 – ...which _____, and which _____, and which is ____ _____

1. The Bible never refers to _____ of years.
2. Evolution using billions of years is man's attempt to explain life without eternal God.

God is a triune Godhead.

    Genesis 1:26-27, 29

    Proverbs 30:1-6

    1 John 5:7

God was active before He created the heavens and the earth.

1. God enjoyed communion within the trinity.

   Psalm 16:11 – In God's presence is _____ of joy

   John 1:1-3

   John 17:1-5, 24

2. God created _____.

   Job 38:4-7

   Ezekiel 28:11-14

   Colossians 1:16-17

3. God prepared His _____.

   Matthew 25:34

4. God _____ us in His Son before the foundation of the world.

   Ephesians 1:4

   2 Timothy 1:8-10

5. God made _____ before the world began.

   Titus 1:2 (Hebrews 6:13-20)

6. God ordained _____ before the world.

   1 Corinthians 2:6-8

   Proverbs 8:22-23

Applying Truth to Life

1. Do you believe what the Bible says about God even though you may not fully understand?

   Consider: God's eternal existence is beyond our _____

   but not unreasonable when accepted by _____.

   Hebrews 11:1-6

2. Who are you trusting in for everlasting life?

   Isaiah 43:10-12

   1) Eternal God who sent His Son to earth?

   2) Finite *you* trying to appease God with what you do?

3. Are you ready with _____ for those who are wanting to know the hope that we have as believers in Christ? (1 Peter 3:15)