

Beyond Belief Session 1A: Who Are You?

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(Teaching begins 8 minutes into the video. The introduction is helpful as to what to expect overall from this conference series.)

INTRODUCTION:

_____ is the one that is beyond belief.

Somehow, we've developed an understanding of _____ and _____ that doesn't connect with real life.

Cultural assumption: you can be a _____ without being a _____

Job 22:21: the knowledge of God is supposed to come and permeate our _____.

TODAY'S TOPIC: Our Basic Nature As Spiritual Beings

We need to come to a place where the teachings of Jesus are the simple reflection of what we become _____.

When the tests of life come we can simply respond as _____ would and discover that's the _____ way to live.

The big lie about Jesus' teachings is that it's _____.

WHO YOU ARE

We can't understand our lives and what God's called us to unless we're able to come to a true picture of who we are.

You will _____ see _____

John 8:51 ...

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Confidence = _____

Faith has come to mean to many people what you say you believe, and you wish you did even though you don't. Confidence is where you really believe it.

You have faith in something when you're ready to _____ as if it were _____.

2 Tim 1:10.... Jesus _____ death and brought light and immortality to life through the gospel.

The great barrier that hangs over everyone's life is the idea that this life is all of it.

You are a _____ and you are never going to cease _____.

The spirit is currently treated as if it were _____ when it is in fact the center of _____.

God is _____.

Spirit means he is primarily creative _____. Creative _____. Self-determined.

Exodus 3:14 "I AM *that* I AM" KJV refers to the fact that this is a Being that depends only on itself. (It is not "I am *who* I am" as many popular translations now say. "I am who I am" is true of any of us. God said, "I am *that* I am" because he is not dependent on anything for his existence.)

God's image in you is creative _____. We were meant to exercise that creative will in _____ with God. Genesis 1:26

SPIRIT is unbodily personal power.

Unbodily – means not derived from the _____.

Power – anything that does _____.

Personal – God is personal

God out of his infinite being produced matter, a physical universe, with laws that govern the physical universe, out of a personal act.

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We are not _____ beings primarily.

You are not your _____.

God inhabits _____ like we inhabit our _____.

In summary of who you are...

You are a never ceasing spiritual being...

You're not going to go out of _____ because:

- God has _____ for you
- He is _____ in you
- He _____ you.

You are an unceasing spiritual being with an eternal destiny in God's great universe.

- You are _____ in substance.
- You are _____ in duration.
- You are ruling creative governance in destiny.

Your purpose is to learn to _____ and _____ with Christ and with God forever and forever.
(more on this in session 1B)

"There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations, these are mortal. And their life is to ours as is the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry and exploit. Immortal horrors or everlasting splendors. Next to the blessed sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses." ~ C.S. Lewis

"We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." ~ Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

For more in-depth teaching on this topic please watch ["The Reality of Spirit Visible and Invisible,"](#) session 6 of the Denver Seminary Spiritual Formation Course on Dallas Willard Ministries YouTube channel.