

Sermon Outline – September 20, 2015
God's Work of Salvation ... Straight Up
Does God Exist?

Genesis 1:1-3, 11-12, 20-22, 24, 26-28; Romans 1:18-20; John 1:1-5

What is the Bible's presumption of God?

"Twenty Arguments for the Existence of God" by Peter Kreeft

Five Proofs for the Existence of God

1. How do we have the idea of God, the Being than which nothing greater can be thought? *Proof from the origin of the idea of God, Ontological.*
Anselm – Archbishop of Canterbury, Rene Decartes

2. How did we get a universe with these particular characteristics?
Thomas Aquinas

- What set everything into motion? _____ *Prime Mover*
- What began the ongoing sequence of cause and effect followed by more causes and effects? _____ *First Cause*
- What first created anything out of nothing? _____ *Cosmological or Necessary Being*
- What gave us degrees of value? _____ *Absolute Value*
- What gave us the incredible and pervasive design of creation? _____ *Divine Designer*

3. How did the incredible and pervasive design of creation that we observe happen? *The Design (or Teleological) Proof*

- What are some examples of the incredible design?

- Watch Illustration

4. How is it that there are certain moral truths that are held by all human beings? *The Moral Proof*

5. How can we explain the special events and experiences people have? *The Proof from Special Events and Experiences*

Maybe an Illustration or two:

Examples of those who have been converted by the evidence.

The Necessity of faith.