

2. Foundations

The origins and development of Christianity, and the sources of wisdom on which it is based

Topic	Content	Key Knowledge
Knowledge of God's Existence*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural knowledge of God's existence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ as an innate human sense of the divine ○ as seen in the order of creation • Revealed knowledge of God's existence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ through faith and God's grace ○ revealed knowledge of God in Jesus Christ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as all humans are made in God's image they have an inbuilt capacity and desire to know God, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ human openness to beauty and goodness as aspects of God ○ human intellectual ability to reflect on and recognise God's existence • what can be known of God can be seen in the apparent design and purpose of nature • as humans are sinful and have finite minds, natural knowledge is not sufficient to gain full knowledge of God; knowledge of God is possible through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ faith ○ grace as God's gift of knowledge of himself through the Holy Spirit • full and perfect knowledge of God is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ and through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the life of the Church ○ the Bible
	<p>Learners should have the opportunity to discuss issues related to Christian ideas on knowledge of God, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether or not God can be known through reason alone • whether or not faith is sufficient reason for belief in God's existence • whether or not the Fall has completely removed all natural human knowledge of God • whether or not natural knowledge of God is the same as revealed knowledge of God • whether or not belief in God's existence is sufficient to put one's trust in him 	
	<p>Suggested scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority <i>Learners will be given credit for referring to any appropriate scholarly views, academic approaches and sources of wisdom and authority, however the following examples may prove useful</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 1:18–21 • Calvin, J. <i>Institutes of the Christian Religion</i> I.I and I.II • Acts 17:16–34 	