

## WHERE DID GOD COME FROM?

### PROBLEM

- We can only partially comprehend the notion of God's existence.
- Everything to us had a beginning. (EX: Chair, building, town, country, planet, universe, etc.)
- We are finite and God is infinite.
- To understand God we must use human concepts to speak of God.
  - Terms: "without beginning or end"; "eternal"; "infinite", etc.

### SOLUTION

#### God's Word

- "... even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God" (Psalm 90:2).
- "Your throne is established from of old; Thou art from everlasting" (Psalm 93:2)
- God had not beginning and no end, so he didn't come from anywhere. He has always been and always will be. (Genesis 1:1, John 1:1)

#### God's Self-Sufficiency

- The fact that God has had no beginning demonstrates to us that He is God.
  - There are no self-made people. We are all a product of
    1. Our nature (unchangeable characteristics God has given us)
    2. Our nurture (environment, circumstances)
    3. Our choices (right or wrong)
  - All of these things helped form us and make us who we are. In a sense we are dependent on these things, and ultimately our parents and God for the creation of our life. We did not make ourselves.

#### God's Isn't Bound By Time

- To us, the notion of time is linear. We see a beginning and an end.
  - Seconds, minutes, hours, weeks, months, years, decades, centuries, etc.
  - Examples:
    1. Age – birthdays
    2. History – timelines, nations, lives
- God is "beyond the chart." He has no beginning or end. He simply has always been.
- There was no "before Genesis 1:1." Time started there. That was the beginning.

#### Physics

- Physics has shown that time is a property that is the result of the existence of matter.
- God is not matter. In fact, God created matter. He created the universe. So, time began when God created the universe. Before that, God was simply existing and time had no meaning, no relation to Him.
- Einstein proposed that time is not an absolute entity. In his theory of relativity, he said that a body travelling at the speed of light would have an infinite mass and time would cease to exist. As far as is humanly possible, he has been proved right.

### CONCLUSION

- To ask where God came from is to ask a question that cannot really be applied to God in the first place. Because time has no meaning with God in relation to who He is, eternity is also not something that can be absolutely related to God. God is even beyond eternity. Eternity is a term that we finite creatures use to express the concept of something that has no end -- and/or no beginning. Since God has no beginning or end, He has no beginning. This is because He is outside of time.
- II Peter 3:8 *But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*