

THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

- 1) Independence:** God does not need us or the rest of creation for anything, yet we can glorify him and bring him joy (Acts 17:24-25).
- 2) Immutability:** God is unchanging in his being, perfections, purposes, and promises, yet God does act and feel emotion, and he acts and feels differently in response to different situations (Mal 3:6, James 1:17).
- 3) Eternity:** God has no beginning, end he sees all time equally vividly, yet acts in time (Psalm 90:2, John 8:58).
- 4) Omnipresence:** God does not have size or spatial dimensions and is present at every point of space with his whole being (God is Spirit), yet God acts differently in different places (Psalm 139:7-10).
- 5) Unity:** God is not divided into parts yet we see different attributes of God emphasized at different times.
- 6) Omniscience:** God fully knows himself and all things actual and possible in one simple and eternal act (1 John 3:20).
- 7) Wisdom:** God always chooses the best goals and the best means to shape these goals (Romans 11:33).
- 8) Faithfulness:** He is the true God and all his knowledge and words are the final standard of truth and he will always do what he has said and fulfill what he has promised (Deut 32:4).
- 9) Goodness:** God is the final standard of good, and all that God is and does is worthy of approval (Ps 100:5). His goodness is seen in many of his other attributes.
- 10) Love:** God eternally gives of himself to others (1 John 4:8).
- 11) Mercy:** God's goodness toward those in misery or distress (2 Cor 1:3).

12) Grace: God's goodness toward those who deserve only punishment (1 Peter 5:10).

13) Patience: God's goodness in withholding of punishment toward those who sin over a period of time (Ex 34:6).

14) Holiness: God is separated from sin and dedicated to seeking His own honor (Isaiah 6:3).

15) Peace: In God's being and actions he is separate from all confusion and disorder, yet he is continually active innumerable well-ordered, fully controlled, simultaneous actions (1 Cor. 14:33).

16) Righteousness/Justice: God always acts in accordance with what is right and is himself the final standard of what is right (Deut 32:4).

17) Jealousy: God continually seeks to protect his own honor (Ex 20:5).

18) Wrath: God's wrath means that he intensely hates all sin (Rom 1:18).