

God: His Attributes and Character (2)

A. Nonmaterial

John 4:23,24

B. Person with personality

Teacher, not a Tyrant (Jn 14:26)

Feels grief (Eph 4:30)

Rebukes, reveals things (Jn 16:8-11)

Capacity to reproduce (Jn 3:1-8)

C. Superior personhood

Gen. 1:27

Father: Father and fatherly

Eph 3:14,15

Hos 11:3

3. God's other attributes:

A. Greatness & Majesty 1 Chron 29:11; Is 40:18,25

B. Omnipotence Jer 32:27; Eph 1:19-21
(God has all power)

C. Sovereignty Is 46:9-10; Dan 4:34,35; Rom 8:28
(God has rule and authority over all)

D. Independence. God's independence is defined as follows: *God does not need us or the rest of creation for anything, yet we and the rest of creation can glorify him and bring him joy.* This attribute of God is sometimes called his self-existence or his *aseity* (from the Latin words *a se* which mean "from himself").

(Acts 17:24–25).

(Job 41:11).

(Ps. 50:10–12).

E. Unchangeableness.

(Mal. 3:6).

(James 1:17).

F. Eternity: God Is Timeless in His Own Being:

Psalm 90:2

Job 36:26,

G. Omnipresence: God Is Present Everywhere

(Deut. 10:14)

(Jer. 23:23–24).

(Ps. 139:7–10)

4. The Knowability of God

A. The Necessity for God to Reveal Himself to Us

(1 Cor. 1:21; cf. 1 Cor. 2:14;

2 Cor. 4:3–4; John 1:18).

(Rom. 1:18, 21, 25).

B. We Can Never Fully Understand God

(Ps. 145:3)

(Ps. 147:5),

(Ps. 139:6),

(Rom. 11:33)

(Isa. 55:9)

(Job 26:14; cf. 11:7–9; 37:5).

(Ps. 139:17–18).

C. Yet We Can Know God Truly

(Jer. 9:23–24)

(John 17:3)

(Heb. 8:11),

(1 John 5:20; see also Gal. 4:9; Phil. 3:10; 1 John 2:3; 4:8).

(1 John 2:13).

When we have been saved from our sin, we are grateful. No longer do we need fear the future. In addition, we now have a reason to live--to please our Savior and Lord. Before us is eternal life; we look forward to that. But, how does "eternal life" affect the "here-and-now?" In Jesus prayer in John 17 he says, "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." (v3)

This is why it is important for us to get to know God. This week, take the verses above which talk about God; go back and read the verses around them to see what was happening that caused the statement to be made. Some of the passages may be difficult to understand. But, don't let that stop you. Go on to the next one, making sure that you jot down your questions so that you can discuss them next week.

Above all, take time to thank your heavenly Father that he cares enough about you not only to save you, but to desire a personal relationship with you. That is what makes each one of