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When we talk about God's "attributes" what are we referring to?

- His qualities or characteristics
- Who God is in His essence
- Also known as the "perfections" of God.

God is not defined *by* His attributes.

Rather, God is the definition *of* His attributes.

God's attributes are not the result of His actions.

Rather, God's actions are the result of His attributes.

God is always all of His attributes all at once.

None of God's attributes ever conflict with one another.

All the members of the Trinity share all the attributes of the Godhead equally.

What are the benefits of studying the attributes of God?

If we don't stand in awe and amazement of God, if we are not captivated by Him, enthralled by Him, if we do not fear Him as we should, love Him as we should, or trust Him as we should, it can only be because we do not know Him as we should.

God is not who you think He is. God is who He says He is.

"The foundation of all true knowledge of God must be a clear and mental apprehension of His perfections as revealed in Holy Scripture. An unknown God can neither be trusted, served nor worshiped." (Pink, pg. 7)

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*Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."
And He said, "Come!"*

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Psalms 89:6-8

For who in the skies is comparable to the LORD? Who among the sons of the mighty is like the LORD, a God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all those who are around Him? O LORD God of hosts, who is like You, O mighty LORD?

Isaiah 40:25

"To whom then will you liken Me That I would be his equal?" says the Holy One.

Jeremiah 10:6-7

There is none like You, O LORD; You are great, and great is Your name in might. Who would not fear You, O King of the nations? Indeed it is Your due! For among all the wise men of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is none like You.

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2 Samuel 7:22

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⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: “I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides Me. Who is like Me? [...]” ⁸ Is there any God besides Me, or is there any other Rock? – I know of none.”

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Psalm 90:2

Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

Habakkuk 1:12

Are You not from everlasting, O LORD, my God, my Holy One?

1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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- God is not subject to time. Time is subject to Him.
- Time is God's tool, not His master.

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2. God is self-existent.

“During a past eternity, God was alone: self-contained, self-sufficient, self-satisfied; in need of nothing. Had a universe, had angels, had human beings been necessary to Him in any way, they also had been called into existence from all eternity.” (Pink, pg. 10)

Revelation 4:11

“You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

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Exodus 3:14

Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, "I AM has sent me to you."

John 5:26

[God] has life in Himself.

Acts 17:24-25

"The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things."

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Romans 11:34-35

For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN?

“Such a one is to be revered, worshiped, adored. He is solitary in his majesty, unique in his excellency, peerless in his perfections. He sustains all, but is himself independent of all. He gives to all, but is enriched by none.”

(Pink, pg. 12)

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“The Holy Spirit has to shine in our hearts (not intellects) in order to give us the ‘knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ’ (2 Cor. 4:6). And even that spiritual knowledge is but fragmentary. The regenerated soul has to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus (2 Pet. 3:18).”

[Pink, pg. 13]

Questions? Comments?

