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Systematic Theology

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THEOLOGY PROPER

General Contents:

1. The Existence of God
2. The Attributes of God
3. The Trinity
4. Creation
5. Providence

The Attributes of God

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1. Recommended reading: (classics on this subject)

Thomas Watson – A Body of Divinity –

Stephen Charnock – The Attributes and Existence of God

J.I. Packer – Knowing God –

A.W. Pink – The Attributes of God

2. Enumeration:

1) The Aseity of God

2) The Eternity of God

3) The Immutability of God

4) The Omnipresence of God

5) The Unity of God

5. The Unity of God

This attribute points to two things: There is only one Divine Being and He is not divided into parts

Westminster Confession 2:1 “WCF 2.1 There is but one only (1) living and true God, (2) who is infinite in being and perfection, (3) a most pure spirit, (4) invisible, (5) without body, parts or passions...”

a) There is only one God: Dt 6:4; 1Tim 2:5

b) God is not divided into parts. It is not that part of God is love, another portion of Him contains wrath, and another holiness. God is all love, justice, holiness; all of His being is perfectly full of all of His attributes.

5. The Unity of God

John writes in 1 Jn 1:5 **God is light**; and in 4:8 **God is love** [and the writer of Hebrews says that “**Our God is a consuming fire**” Heb 12:29 pointing to His holiness and avenging justice comp Is 33:14.

God is not divided into parts because He is indivisible in His being.

This does not eliminate the fact that there are certain attributes which appear more prevalent in some places and instances than in others. In **Creation** we see His Power and Wisdom highlighted more distinctively; in the **Deluge**, we see His justice and wrath more sharply emphasized; in the **Salvation** we see His Grace, Love and Mercy, &c.

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We should not believe that one attribute of God has more prevalence than another. All of God's attributes have the same preponderance to Him, because they make Him to be who He is.

Grudem aptly states: *"...when we see all of God's attributes merely as diverse aspects of His complete character, we realize that no attribute can be highlighted as more important than the other. God in His being is supremely important and it is God in His being whom we ought to know and love"* (Ibíd., Pg.82)

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APPLICATORY NOTE

Sadly, we (in our constant breaking of the 2nd commandment) and our propensity to make a god in our image, we distort the true God in our minds and either make Him to be mindlessly emotional and fluffy or impassively rigorous (either being love or holy, merciful or righteous), but He is all and at once all of His moral Attributes, which are perfectly manifested in the person of Christ, and ultimately displayed on the cross

Ps 2:11 Worship the LORD with reverence, And rejoice with trembling

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<https://www.rob主ell.com/lovewins/>

So... love wins at the end?

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Example: Rom 3:23-26 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace **through** the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25 **whom** God displayed publicly as a **propitiation in His blood** through faith. *This was to demonstrate His righteousness*, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, **that He might be just and the justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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