

Communicable Attributes pt 2  
Chapter 13

1. L \_\_\_\_\_

Grudem says, "God eternally gives of Himself."

a. It's Undeserved

Romans 5:6-8

Deuteronomy 7:7

Ephesians 2:4-5

b. It's V \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 1:4-6

Ephesians 5:25

c. It's Eternal

Romans 8:37-39

Pink says, "This is of necessity. God Himself is eternal, and God is love; therefore, as God Himself had no beginning, His love had none. Granted that such a concept far transcends the grasp of our feeble minds, nevertheless, where we cannot comprehend we can bow in adoring worship."

d. It's C \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 5:1-2

1 John 4:10

1 John 4:19

1 John 5:1-2

2. The S \_\_\_\_\_ Will of God

a. It Encompasses both Good and Evil

Ephesians 1:11

b. It Cannot be T \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel 4:35-36

Proverbs 21:1

c. It is Secret

James 4:13-16

- d. The Believer is not commanded to know or discern

Deuteronomy 29:29

Deuteronomy 18:10-11

### 3. The Commanded Will of God

- e. It involves only that which is good (no evil)

1 Peter 4:1-2

- f. It is revealed in the Bible

Matthew 7:21

Deuteronomy 29:29

- g. It can be resisted

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

Matthew 6:10

- h. Believers are commanded to know and obey for decision

Ephesians 5:15-17

My favorite example of bad decision-making: Jonah 1:1-5

- i. Decisions of Righteousness

2 Timothy 3:16-17

- ii. Decisions of Common Sense

- iii. Decisions of Triviality

### 4. Omnipotence of God

Grudem says, "God's ability to do all His holy will."

- a. God Cannot Repent or Change

Numbers 23:19

- b. God Cannot Lie

Titus 1:1-2 <sup>1</sup> Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, <sup>2</sup> in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,

Charles Hodge says, "It is . . . involved in the very idea of power, that it has reference to the production of possible effects. It is no more a limitation of power that it cannot effect the impossible, than it is of reason that it cannot comprehend the absurd, or of infinite goodness that it cannot do wrong. It is contrary to its nature. Instead of exalting, it degrades God, to suppose that He can be other than He is, or that He can act contrary to infinite wisdom and love. When, therefore, it is said that God is omnipotent because He can do whatever He wills, it is to be remembered that His will is determined by His nature. *It is certainly no limitation to perfection to say that it cannot be imperfect*" (*Systematic Theology* I:409).

c. God Cannot Be Tempted by Or Commit Evil

James 1:13

d. God Cannot Deny Himself

2 Timothy 2:13

Augustine concurs: "God is omnipotent, and yet he cannot die, he cannot lie, he cannot deny himself. How is he omnipotent then? He is omnipotent for the very reason that he cannot do these things. For if he could die, he would not be omnipotent."

e. God Cannot Do Something That is A Contradiction

How does God display His power?:

i. His Power to Create Life in the Womb

Genesis 18:14

ii. His Power To Fulfill Promises

Zechariah 8:4-8

CH Spurgeon said, "God's power is like Himself, self-existent, self-sustained. The mightiest of men cannot add so much as a shadow of increased power to the Omnipotent One. He sits on no buttressed throne and leans on no assisting arm. His court is not maintained by His courtiers, nor does it borrow its splendor from His creatures. He is Himself the great central source and Originator of all power (C. H. Spurgeon).

iii. His Power to Create

Psalms 33:6-9

iv. His Power to Save

Matthew 19:26

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

Charnock says, “Without power--His mercy would be but feeble pity, His promises an empty sound, His threatenings a mere scarecrow.”

*Practical Implications :*

Psalm 145:4-6/ Revelation 21:1-8