

# Everything You Need to Know

## *A Systematic Study of God*

### God's Attributes, Part 2

#### Describing God's Activity

1. God's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. "A thing is good to the extent that it is all that it can and should be—namely, perfect. God alone is all that he can and should be. Thus, since God is wholly perfect, lacking nothing, he is the supreme and absolute good."<sup>1</sup>
  - b. "Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways." (Psalm 25:8)
  - c. God's goodness can be observed in \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 1:31) but it is more evident in \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1:17).
2. God's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. God's love "can be defined as a spontaneous determination of God's whole being in an attitude of benevolence and benefaction that is freely chosen and firmly fixed."<sup>2</sup>
  - b. "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." (1 John 4:8)
  - c. God's love makes it possible for Him to \_\_\_\_\_ sinful people (Ephesians 2:4-5), and to give \_\_\_\_\_ to believers (Romans 5:3-5), and for believers to understand God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 12:6).
3. God's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. "God's mercy is His compassion, pity, kindness, tenderness, and gentleness toward miserable sinners."<sup>3</sup>
  - b. "He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities." (Psalm 103:10)
  - c. Grace considers a person \_\_\_\_\_ and in need of forgiveness; and mercy considers a person as bearing the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin and in need of God's help.

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<sup>1</sup> Grant M. Sutherland, ["God's Goodness,"](#) in *Lexham Survey of Theology*, ed. Mark Ward et al. (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2018).

<sup>2</sup> Tim Shenton, [\*Our Perfect God: A Summary of the Attributes of God\*](#) (Leominster, UK: Day One Publications, 2005), 44.

<sup>3</sup> Rolland McCune, [\*A Systematic Theology of Biblical Christianity: Prolegomena and the Doctrines of Scripture, God, and Angels\*](#), vol. 1 (Allen Park, MI: Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary, 2009), 266.

4. God's \_\_\_\_\_

- a. "God's grace is His underserved, unearned, unrecompensed, and, for unbelievers, unwanted favor toward mankind. It is God's condescending, judicial benevolence toward the deserved guilt of sinners."<sup>4</sup>
- b. "He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time," (2 Timothy 1:9)
- c. Grace is manifested in \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 3:23-24), \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 2:8-9), \_\_\_\_\_ (Titus 2:11-12), and \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 12:9)

5. God's \_\_\_\_\_

- a. "The holiness of God speaks to God's existence as completely separate from his creation and, at the same time, to his pure and utterly incorruptible nature."<sup>5</sup>
- b. "Who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen." (1 Timothy 6:16)
- c. "This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all." (1 John 1:5)

6. God's \_\_\_\_\_

- a. "The truth of God is his essential property whereby, in his nature and works, he is utterly sincere and faithful, and completely free from any falsehood or pretense."<sup>6</sup>
- b. "He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he." (Deuteronomy 32:4)
- c. He is true in his \_\_\_\_\_ (John 17:3), his \_\_\_\_\_ (John 17:17), and his \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 146:6).

7. God's \_\_\_\_\_

- a. God's wisdom is the perfect insight arising from his infinite knowing.
- b. "To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his." (Job 12:13)
- c. "The wisdom of God is God fully exercising his \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge, and yet it is his delight to \_\_\_\_\_ this wisdom with his finite creatures."<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Rolland McCune, [\*A Systematic Theology of Biblical Christianity: Prolegomena and the Doctrines of Scripture, God, and Angels\*](#), vol. 1 (Allen Park, MI: Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary, 2009), 269.

<sup>5</sup> J. Owen Carroll, "[God's Holiness](#)," in *Lexham Survey of Theology*, ed. Mark Ward et al. (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2018).

<sup>6</sup> Tim Shenton, [\*Our Perfect God: A Summary of the Attributes of God\*](#) (Leominster, UK: Day One Publications, 2005), 39.

<sup>7</sup> Mark Olivero, "[God's Wisdom](#)," in *Lexham Survey of Theology*, ed. Mark Ward et al. (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2018).