

**GOSPEL:** We come to faith through the gospel. (Rom 1:16; Eph 1:13-14; Mark 1:15; Acts 15:7)

**REVELATION:** How can we... *know God exists?*  
*know about God?*  
*know God?*

God is immanent. He can be known because He reveals Himself.

## WHO IS GOD? — Nine Characteristics of God

### [1] GOD IS CREATOR

- God created all good things, even the Heavens and the earth. (Gen 1:1; Ps 139:13-16; 1 Timothy 4:4)
- God is the author of all good things.
- God is the giver of life. (Job 33:4; Is 42:5)
- God is sustainer. (Ps 54:4)
- God is an artist who has left marks of His person upon all of creation.

### [2] GOD IS SOVEREIGN

- God is. God defines all things, but is not defined by them. (Ex 3:14)
- God transcends space and time. (2 Chron 2:6; Jer 23:24; Ps 139:7-16; Heb 4:13; Isa 55:8-9)
- God reigns. (Ps 9:7, 47:8, 93:1, 96:10, 99:1, 146:10)
- God is supreme. (Ps 95:3; 47:2; 103:19)
- God rules over all things, even evil. (Is 45:7; Eph 1:11; Rom 8:28; Prov 19:21)
- God is the absolute authority. (Is 45:5; 1 Kings 8:60; Deut 4:39)

### [3] GOD IS TRUTH

- God cannot lie. (Num 23:19; Hebrews 6:18)
- God is the basis for all good things. In a world that is constantly changing, God never changes. He is the base.
- God is real. We know that we exist because God exists.
- God is faithful. He always does what He says He will do. (Deut 7:9; 1 Sam 15:29; Ps 119:89,142; 145:13; Is 40:8)

### [4] GOD IS ETERNAL

- God never changes. He is absolute. (Gen 21:33; 119:89; Is 26:4; Jer 10:10; Ps 90:2; Is 40:28; Ps 102:25-27)
- God has no cause/origin and does not need one.

### [5] GOD IS ONE

- God is unique. Impossible to have multiple eternities. (Deut 6:4; Deut 4:35; Neh 9:6; Ps 86:10; Is 44:6)
- God is unity. We are united as one because God is one.
- God is harmony. All things work together because only one God is ordaining them.
- God is peace. God is not divided against Himself. (Heb 13:20; 2 Thes 3:16; Prov 16:7)

### [6] GOD IS GOOD

- Only God is good. God defines goodness by His person, He is not defined by goodness. (Matt 19:17)
- God is just. (Deut 32:4; 2 Chron 19:7)
- God is righteous. All He does is right. (Is 5:16; Gen 18:25)
- Objective morality flows from God's goodness. Without God, there is not such thing as good.

### [7] GOD IS HOLY

- God is pure. There is no corruption within Him. (Lev 11:44-45; Ps 99:5)
- God is set apart. There is nothing like Him. (Is 44:8; Is 45:5, 18, 22)
- God is perfect. He is complete and not lacking anything. (Ps 18:30; 2 Sam 22:31)

### [8] GOD IS WORTHY

- God is deserving. He created all things, sustains all things, and makes all things possible. (Ps 96:4)
- God is glorious. He is beautiful. When witnessed, He stirs awe and wonder. (Ps 111:3; Is 28:5; 1 Chron 29:11)
- God is great. (Ps 145:3) Universe cannot contain God. (1 Kings 8:27; Is 66:1)

### [9] GOD IS LOVE

- God is merciful, forgiving, charitable, and kind. (Jer 31:3; 1 John 4:7-9; Ps 100:5; Ps 118:1; Ps 33:5, 40:11, 62:12)
- \*\*\*The statement "his love endures forever" appears 41 times in the NIV