

5. God is Eternal - God has no beginning, and has no end. He lives in what we might define as the 'ever present' wherein He oversees what has happened and what shall be (Psalms 90:2, 102:12).

When we say eternal, we include past, present and future. He never began, does not experience growth, and will never do so (Psalm 29:10, Psalm 48:14, Isaiah 40:28, 1Timothy 1:17).

Consider God's word to Isaiah the prophet. Go tell my people. *"Have you never heard or understood? Don't you know that the LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth? He never grows faint or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding"* (Isaiah 40:28).

Let me ask you - What is your God like? Is he just a figment of your imagination or is he the eternal one?

Does he inspire you to live for the future or are you treading water, looking for help? God loves you and wants to be your friend.

Perhaps you need to know that the God of the Bible, **is the only true God.**

Applying these truths to life:

1. The worship of other gods is senseless. First, they do not exist. Secondly, if they did, they're no rival to the one true God.

2. Our belief in the greatness of our God, will drive us to Him for solutions to our problems. He is absolutely sufficient.

3. Derive comfort from the fact that God could deliver you from all troubles, if He so chose - He is all-powerful. Since God is good, we know there is always a good reason for our troubles.

4. God is all-wise, and knows how much we can take, and what we can take, and just what we should take (1Corinthians 10:13).


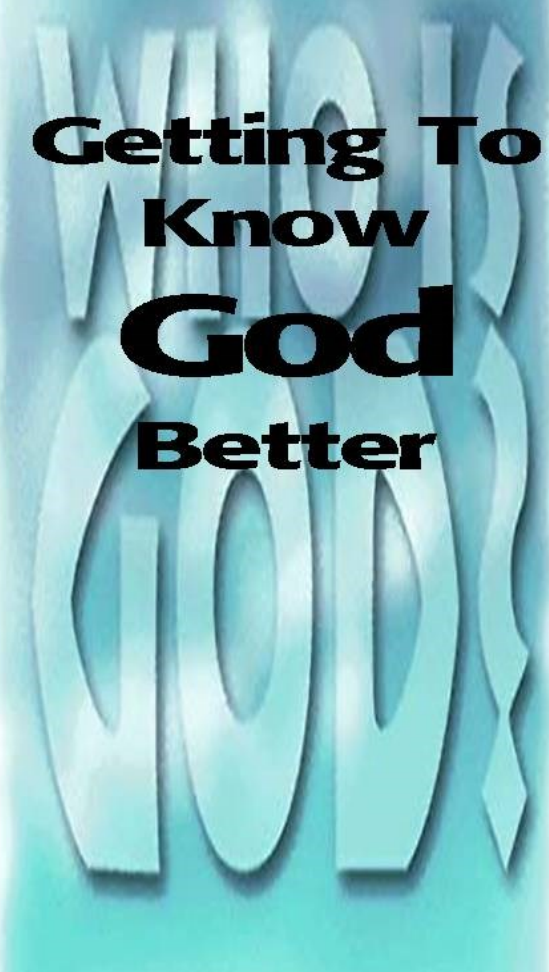

5. God is incapable of letting you down! His promises have to be fulfilled! When others around you change (sometimes for the worse), God never will. Why? Because, He can't! It's not in His nature.

6. God is so incredible, and as divine Creator of this world and His myriads of universes, He is worthy of our trust, worship and praise. He is in final control.

If you do not know God personally - you can - by placing your faith in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord. He who has the Son has the Father (God) also. (John 14:23). Just pray and ask Jesus and God into your life. He will do the rest.

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Getting To Know God Better

John 17:3

"Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

Did you know that God is quite popular these days? People use his name a lot. We hear the words "Oh my God" repeated frequently in TV shows, Radio, and the news.

Most Americans would think that God exists in some form. They might think of him as the unknowable force. The one who kick started the universe, the world and mankind. But since then, evolution took over and now God is irrelevant.

However, if we are desirous of getting to know God better, we need to confine our thoughts and conclusions to the Bible and what it has to say on the subject. The Bible is the word of God.

It is not easy to arrive at a Definition of God — In defining God, we need venture no further than the Westminster Catechism of 1646, which says, namely, *"God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth."*

Our reason for looking at the attributes of God is to get to know him better. What greater endeavor could we embark upon than to know and understand the God of heaven and earth?

In this study we will examine some important attributes or 'qualities' of God that

will be a great blessing to us.

1. God is Spirit - Jesus said, *"God is spirit, (Gk. pneuma) and his worshipers must worship Him in spirit and in truth."* (John 4:24) This means that though God is unseen by the human eye, God is personal, knowable, self-determining, and quite alive.

No element of matter may be ascribed to God. He has no parts, no form, bulk or mass and is quite invisible – The Bible states *"It is God alone who is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen."* (1Timothy 6:16).

Hence, we need to understand the importance of the second commandment forbidding all attempts to create some kind of image of Him (Exodus 20:4-6). Such images or representations of God distort His being and create an idol.

2. God is Self-Existent - The ground of God's being is Himself (or, God is His own cause) - everything else is dependent on God.

To think of a being that always existed is very difficult for us humans to comprehend. But God is the essence of all life and without him nothing would exist.

This is why knowing Jesus is vital. Jesus revealed God in human form. He said, *"Anyone who has seen ME has seen the Father."* - (John 14:9).

Jesus said again in John 5:26, teaches us, *"For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself"*. (cp. Isa. 40:18; Ro. 11:33-36).

3. God is Changeless (or, immutable) which means - (God does not change) Psalm 102: 26 -27 states, *"The heavens and earth will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."*

What the Bible means is that God does not change in His essential being. He is devoid of all change in His purposes and promises. He may work them out differently based on human response etc, but His knowledge forever remains the same. God does not grow at all in wisdom or knowledge and He does not learn new things. He neither improves nor deteriorates (Mal. 3:6; Psalm 102:25-27). What an awesome God is our God!

4. God is Infinite - This means God has no limitations. Think of that for a moment! He is not limited by the universe or the time-space world, and is not confined to this universe. David said in Psalm 145:3. *"Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom."* (cp. Job 9:1-10,).

When considering God's present church age program, the plans and purposes of God for Israel and His promises to them regarding his future kingdom on earth, Paul is overwhelmed and cries out, *"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen"* (Romans 11:33 -36).