

Bible Doctrines 101, Chapter 4

The Doctrine of God (why study this?)-What does it mean to glorify God? (1 Cor. 10.31)

The Incommunicable Attributes (the ones that we cannot imitate or share in too well) are a part of the character of God, the glory of God and help us understand that He is Transcendent. The Communicable Attributes (the ones that can imitate on a limited level and attempt to share in) are part of the character of God, the glory of God and help us understand He is Immanent. Even though we put these into two groups, it really is not quite as neat and tidy as that as we will see.

How Do We Know that God Exists?

1. God has made his existence known in the heart (inner man) of every person.

Is there such a thing as an atheist?

- Technically, No!
- Practically, Yes! (due to the blinding and irrational effect of sin)

2. God has made his existence known through the Special Revelation (the Bible) and General Revelation (Nature).

- A. The Bible assumes the existence of God and has no need to prove it.
- B. Nature supports the Bible, but cannot be understood or rightfully interpreted without the Bible.

3. God has made his existence known through Jesus Christ. (John 14.9)

Can We Really Know God and Know Things About God with Certainty?

1. God cannot be fully Comprehended.
 - A. God is Infinite.
 - B. We are Finite.
2. God can be Known.
 - A. We can know things about God in a limited way.
 - B. We can have certainty even with our limited knowledge.

Incommunicable Attributes – The attributes that are “less shared by us.”

1. Independence – God does not need us but enjoys us and receives glory from us.
2. Unchangeableness – God’s being, perfections, purposes and promises do not change.
3. Eternality – God has always been and will always be.
4. Omnipresence – God is present everywhere all the time.
5. Unity