

**Recap from last week:** God is Sovereign and within His Sovereignty He has given man free will. In our finite human minds there are many things about God that we cannot fully reconcile this side of heaven. (Trinity, Eternity Past, etc.)

**1. God Elects according to His own purpose and grace. Eph. 1:3-6, 2 Timothy 2:10**

**2. Atonement is unlimited meaning that the offer of salvation is to any and all who would believe. John 3:16, I John 2:1-2, 2 Peter 3:9.**

**3. As believers we can rejoice in God's wonderful plan of salvation. As His servants we need to be faithful to preach the gospel, and share in God's heart for the lost. Luke 15, 1 Timothy 2:3-4.**

## **“Moral Attributes of God”**

**A. The Goodness of God. “That is His nature always inclines irresistibly toward righteousness.**

**God is never torn by evil motives. God is light and in Him is no darkness at all ([1Jn 1:5](#)). So He does not need to be reminded about the duty of His deity.” - Piper**

1. The power of God to give blessing and happiness to His creatures. Psalm 145:9
2. He is a forgiving God. Psalm 27:13, I John 1:9
3. He has a wonderful plan for us. Psalm 34:8, Romans 12:1-2, Psalm 100:5.
4. He is even good to the unbelieving world. Matt. 5:45, 2 Peter 3:9, Rev. 22:17, Rom. 2:4, Ex. 34:6.

**B. The Justice of God. Deut. 32:4**

1. “God is not only righteous but will always do what is right.” Psalm 145:17, 64:7
2. God is the only one fit to be judge because of his righteousness and impartiality. Deut. 10:17, James 1:17, John 8:7, Matthew 7:3-5.
3. God is not always a God of immediate justice, but he is a God of ultimate justice. Acts 17:31, Psalm 37:1-2, Romans 12:19.
  - God calls us to live at peace with everyone, and trust in His justice. Rom. 12:18

**C. The Veracity of God. God is a God of truth who cannot lie. Deut. 32:4, Titus 1:2, Heb. 6:18.**

1. "the character of God is in view when He is called the God of Truth. He not only advances and confirms that which is true, but in faithfulness abides by His promise. Apart from the element of truth in God there would be no certainty whatsoever in this life, and men would wander on in comfortless perplexity not knowing whence they came or whither they are going. Without truth in God, a revelation is only a mockery. On the contrary, as asserted in the Bible, “Let God be true, but every man a liar” ([Ro3:4](#)). Though

men deceive, the veracity of God can never be questioned to the slightest degree. Truth in God is surety that what He has disclosed is according to the nature of things and that His disclosures may be depended upon with plenary certainty. This certainty characterizes alike every revelation from God by whatever means." - Lewis Sperry Chafer

2. This is important not only because our faith rests upon His promises, but because of the attacks on God's Word. Matt. 5:18- It's Preservation... Matt. 6:18- The Churches preservation.

#### **D. The wisdom of God. "The assurance the knowledge is always used for worthy purposes"**

1. The wisdom of the LORD is demonstrated in creation. Ps. 104:24
2. God will give wisdom to those who seek it in His Word, and His direction. James 1:5-6, Proverbs 1:7, 3:5-6.
  - James 3:17 is a good test for wisdom.
3. God is a God of purpose. Rom. 8:28, Ephesians 1

#### **E. The Holiness of God.**

1. God is completely set-apart from sin. Holy is the way God is. He does not conform to a standard but rather is the standard. He is perfect in righteous. Rev. 15:4, Psalm 145:17
2. Hab. 1:13- God cannot tolerate sin and will punish sin. Ex. 34:7, Romans 1:18, I Thess. 1:10
  - God's wrath against sin is because He is holy.
3. Man's response to God's holiness is absolute humility and disgust with his own sin. Revelation 1:11,17, Isaiah 6:1-5.