

## II. THEOLOGY PROPER

### A. Existence of God

1. *Revealed in Creation* - The fact that a God exists, who is the creator of the universe, is clearly demonstrated by His creation <sup>Ps 19:1</sup>, exclusive of special revelation <sup>Rom 1:19-20</sup>.
2. *Revealed in Scripture* - The Bible (special revelation) treats the existence of God as the most basic of facts. It repeatedly declares the reality of God <sup>John 1:1</sup> and the folly of willful ignorance of Him <sup>Ps 14:1</sup> as the creator <sup>2 Peter 3:5</sup>.
3. *Revealed to the Mind* - In his own mind, every man is made aware of the existence of God <sup>John 1:9</sup>. This includes, but is not limited to, the logical arguments for the existence of God such as the *A priori*, *Cosmological*, *Teleological* arguments, and etc.

### B. Attributes of God

1. *Holiness* - Perhaps the most important attribute of God is His holiness <sup>Is 6:3</sup>. The Bible repeatedly declares it <sup>Rev 4:8</sup>. God has never sinned, cannot sin, and will therefore always remain perfectly holy unlike any other being <sup>Re 15:4</sup> – beyond our ability to describe or understand.
2. *Omniscience* - God has always been in possession of all knowledge. There is nothing to be known that God has not known for all eternity.
3. *Omnipotence* - There is no limit to the power of God <sup>Jer 32:17</sup> and no power that does not originate from God <sup>Heb 1:3</sup>.
4. *Omnipresence* - The presence of God is as limitless as his knowledge and power <sup>Ps 139:8</sup>. There is no place where God is not.
5. *Perpetuity* - The existence of God is also limitless both in the past and in the future <sup>Ps 90:2</sup>. God has no beginning or ending; He is the beginning and end <sup>Rev 1:8</sup>.
6. *Immutability* - God has never been any different than He ever will be <sup>Heb 13:8</sup>. He does not improve, learn, increase, or alter with respect to time <sup>Mal 3:6</sup>.
7. *Personality* - God is not merely a force, but has personal attributes such as will <sup>II Pe 3:9</sup>, preferences <sup>Pr 6:16</sup>, emotion <sup>Nu 12:9</sup> and love.
8. *Limitation* - God cannot cease to be God. He cannot tell a lie <sup>Titus 1:2</sup>, or violate His promises and declarations.
9. *Justice* - God will execute righteousness by punishing all unrighteousness <sup>II Pe 2:9</sup>.
10. *Love* - God sacrificially reaches out to men, to save them, as far as possible without ceasing to be who He is.
11. *Self Existence* - God's existence is completely independent of any external factor. He is, without dependence upon anything <sup>Ex 3:14</sup>.

### C. Essence of God

1. *Unity* - God is one God <sup>Deut 6:4</sup>. There is no other.
2. *Trinity* - God is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. These three are one <sup>I Jn 5:7</sup> in unity as well as purpose.
3. *Father* - God is God the Father. He is the eternal creator of all things.

**Ps 19:1** The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

**Rom 1:19** ¶ Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

**John 1:1** ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**Ps 14:1** ¶ The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

**2 Pe 3:5** For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water

**John 1:9** That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

**Isa 6:3** And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

**Re 4:8** ¶ And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

**Re 15:4** Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy

**Jer 32:17** Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee

**Heb 1:3** Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power

**Ps 139:8** If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

**Ps 90:2** Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

**Re 1:8** I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

**Heb 13:8** Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

**Mal 3:6** For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

**2 Pe 3:9** ¶ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

**Pr 6:16** These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

**Nu 12:9** And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed.

**Titus 1:2** In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began

**2 Pe 2:9** The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

**Ro 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**Ex 3:14** And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM; and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

**De 6:4** ¶ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD

**I Jn 5:7** For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one.

4. *Son* - God is God the Son. He is the one who came in humility to die for sinful men.
5. *Holy Ghost* - God is God the Holy Ghost. He leads all men into truth, and restrains evil in this world.

**D. Purpose and Works of God**

1. *Creation* - Anything at all that exists, except for God Himself, was created by God <sup>Col 1:16</sup>.
2. *Sustenance* - God sustains His creation until the time when it will be replaced <sup>Ps 147:8</sup>.
3. *Salvation* - God purposes that all men should be saved from their sins <sup>II Pe 3:9</sup>.
4. *Judgment* - God intends to judge all those who reject the Lord Jesus Christ <sup>Heb 10:12-13</sup>.
5. *Reign* - God will reign over His creation and people for ever and ever <sup>Rev 11:15</sup>.

**Col 1:16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

**Ps 147:8** Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

**II Pe 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

**Heb 10:12** But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; **13** From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool

**Rev 11:15** And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.