

KNOWING GOD

WEEK TWO: KNOWING GOD’S ATTRIBUTES

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Text: Romans 3:21–26

“But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.” (Romans 3:21–26)

INTRODUCTION

Quote: “The nature of God is best revealed by His attributes. We must be careful not to think of them as abstract but as vital mediums through which His nature is revealed.”—**Emery Bancroft**

Quote: “Non-communicable attributes: What distinguishes God uniquely as God.”

GOD'S NON-COMMUNICABLE ATTRIBUTES

1. Self-Existence

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me." (Isaiah 43:10)

2. Eternal

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

3. Immutable

"For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." (Malachi 3:6)

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17)

4. Omnipresence

"Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? 24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD." (Jeremiah 23:23-24)

"Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. 11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. 12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee." (Psalm 139:7-12)

5. Omniscience

"Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? 8 It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know?" (Job 11:7-8)

6. Omnipotence

"I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee." (Job 42:2)

"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." (Revelation 19:6)

Quote: “Communicable attributes: What God allows us to reflect.”

1. THE _____ OF GOD (v. 21–23)

A. God’s Righteousness _____ (v. 21)

Quote: “God’s holiness is not simply the best we know infinitely bettered. We know nothing like His divine holiness. It stands apart, unique, unapproachable, incomprehensible and unattainable.”—**A.W. Tozer**

REVEALED IN CHRIST

“Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.” (Mark 1:24)

“For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;” (Hebrews 7:26)

Quote: “If He, [God], is to save men from the folly and ruin of sin, it must be in a way that will not violate the righteous demands so clearly revealed in the law of Moses.”

—**John Phillips**

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” (Proverbs 9:10)

Quote: “For the child of God, the primary meaning of the fear of God is veneration and honor, reverence and awe.”

—**John Murray**

REVEALED IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF SIN

“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.” (Isaiah 53:5–6)

“Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. 11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.” (Isaiah 53:10–11)

“Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.” (Romans 3:20)

Quote: “The Old Testament law was both moral and ceremonial. The moral law (Ten Commandments) was designed to uncover sin; the ceremonial law (Tabernacle – offerings and feasts) was designed to provide a temporary cover for the sinner thus exposed.” —**John Phillips**

“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” (Romans 8:3–4)

B. God’s Righteousness _____ (v. 22–23)

RIGHTEOUS DEMAND MET IN CHRIST

ALL MEN NEED CHRIST

*“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.”
(Romans 3:10)*

2. THE _____ OF GOD (v. 24–25)

A. God’s _____ of Love (v. 24a)

GOD’S LOVE DEFINED

“He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.” (1 John 4:8)

Quote: “Love is that attribute of God by which He is inclined to seek the highest good for His creatures and the communication of Himself to them regardless of the sacrifice involved;”

—**Emery Bancroft**

GOD’S LOVE DEMONSTRATED

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

Quote: “God’s love is an exercise of His goodness toward individual sinners, whereby, having identified Himself with their welfare, He has given His son to be their Savior, and now brings them to know and enjoy Him in a covenant relation.”

—**J.I. Packer**

B. God’s _____ of Love (v. 24b–25a)

EXPRESSED

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

Quote: “If we want proof of God’s love for us, then we must look first at the Cross where God offered up His Son as a sacrifice for our sins. Calvary is the one objective, absolute, irrefutable proof of God’s love for us.”—**Jerry Bridges**

PROVEN

“Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.” (Romans 5:9)

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;” (Ephesians 1:7)

3. THE _____ OF GOD (v. 26)

A. God’s _____ Declared (v. 26a)

*“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”
(2 Corinthians 5:21)*

B. God’s _____ Declared (v. 26b)

Quote: “God’s Holiness and Love are now in harmoniously just through the redemptive work of Christ.”

Quote: “God soon turns from His wrath, but he never turns from his love.”—**C.H. Spurgeon**

*“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. 9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. 13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.”
(Psalm 103:8-13)*

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