

What We Believe

The Doctrine of God

In his excellent book, *The Knowledge of the Holy*, A.W. Tozer says: "I believe there is scarcely an error in doctrine or a failure in applying Christian ethics that cannot be traced finally to imperfect and ignoble thoughts about God." Knowing God, not just about God, is the divine pursuit of every believer, and indeed the unconscious and unknowing pursuit of many who have rejected God. Knowing Him, His person, His character, His plan, and His will is crucial to all doctrine and all scriptural interpretation. At BRBC, we want to develop believers who at every level, men and women, are on a lifelong pursuit to know God.

BRBC Doctrinal Statement on God: We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is Spirit, eternal, omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient, immutable, sovereign, holy, just, righteous, faithful, merciful, loving, good, and actively at work in the world and lives of men today.

I. God's Person

- A. One (Deut. 6:4; John 10:30, 17:3)
- B. Triune (Matt 3:16-17, 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)
- C. Eternal (Ps 90:2)
- D. Omnipresent—All-present (Ps 139:7-10)
 - 1. In Time
 - 2. In Space
- E. Infinitely perfect (Matt. 5:48)
- F. Spirit (John 4:24)
- G. Omnipotent—All-powerful (Gen. 18:4; Lk 1:37; Mt. 19:26; Rev. 19:6)
- H. Omniscient—All-knowing of the actual and even the possible
 - 1. Knowledgeable (Ps 139:4)
 - 2. Foreknowledge (Isa 44:7; Romans 8:29, 1 Peter 1:20, Acts 2:23)
- I. Immutable—God is unchangeable and unchanging
 - 1. In His person (Malachi 3:6; Numbers 23:19; James 1:17)
 - 2. In His word (Isaiah 40:8)
 - 3. NOT in his actions—he can respond. Immutable does not mean immobile (Jonah 3:10)
- J. Holy—He is separate and pure (Isaiah 6:3; 1 Jn 1:5; Lev. 19:2)
- K. Just (Genesis 18:25; Romans 2:1-2; A
- L. Righteous (Ezra 9:15; Zeph. 3:5)
- M. Good (Lk 18:19; Acts 14:17)
 - 1. Merciful—He has compassion on fallen, sinful creatures (Ps 116:5; Deut. 4:31)
 - 2. Loving—He seeks the highest good for others (Acts 14:17; Eph 2:4-5; Rom 8:38-39; 1 Jn 4:7-10)
- N. Faithful (Deut. 7:9; 1 Cor. 1:9)

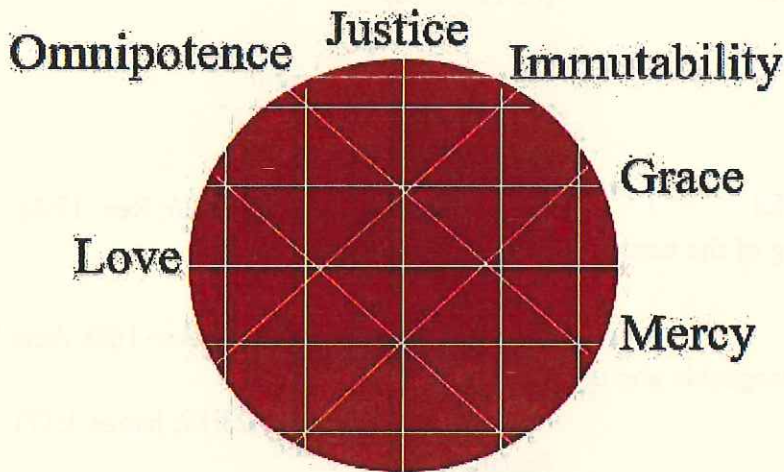
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II. God's Position

- A. Creator (Gen. 1:1)
- B. Sovereign—the infinite, supreme ruler (Eph. 1:8)

III. God's Plan

- A. Actively at work in the world and men's lives
(Acts 17:27-28; Philippians 4:19; Matt. 6:31-33)
- B. The Father's work in our salvation
 - 1. He knew us (1 Peter 1:1-2; Romans 8:29)
 - 2. He chose us (Ephesians 1:4)
 - 3. He granted us mercy (2 Timothy 1:9; Jn 6:37)
 - 4. He predestined us (Romans 8:29-30)
 - 5. He sent His Son to save us (Jn 3:17)



*Taken from Wayne Grudem's, *Systematic Theology*, pp. 178--179.

Other resources:

Knowledge of the Holy by A. W. Tozer

Knowing God by J.I. Packer

God is...A Devotional Guide to the Attributes of God by Mark Jones

thebibleproject.com (Biblical Themes video section)

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