

God, the Gospel, and Culture

Theology Proper:

Who Is God?

Creator



- God made, sustains, and has authority over all things
- Genesis 1:1

Self-Existent



God is not dependent upon creation. He exists in himself.

- Exod. 3:13-15
- Acts 17:24-25

Unchanging



God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He does not change his mind.

- Psalm 102:25-27
- Malachi 3:6
- Numbers 23:19

Omniscient and Omnipresent



God knows all things and has power/authority over all things.

- Psalm 139:1-12

Simplicity/Unity



God is not made up of parts and there is no attribute he could lose and remain God.

- 1 John 1:5 (light)
- 1 John 4:8 (love)
- Exod. 34:14 (jealous)
- Isaiah 6:3 (holy)
- Deut. 4:24 (consuming fire)
- Job 36:5 (mighty)
- Psalm 116:5 (gracious, righteous, merciful)
- John 4:24 (spirit)
- 1 Corinthians 1:9 (faithful)

Communicable Attributes



- Relationship
- Spirituality
- Knowledge
- Wisdom
- Faithfulness
- Goodness
- Love
- Mercy/Grace/
Patience
- Holiness
- Peace/Order
- Righteousness/
Justice
- Jealousy
- Wrath
- Will
- Freedom
- Power/Domini
on
- Perfection
- Blessedness
- Beauty
- Glory

Trinity



Unity:

- Deut. 6:4
- Galatians 3:20
- John 17:1-5, 21-22

Trinity



Diversity:

- John 1:1
- John 5:19, 30
- John 14:1
- John 14:28

Trinity



Equality:

- John 14:9-11
- Galatians 3:20
- John 14:16-17, 20, 26

God and Culture

Why does this matter?

What about these truths helps us think through cultural issues?

Which of these attributes do you think is especially relevant today?

