



# **Behold the Greatness of God**

*The Attributes of God*

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## Defining God

### **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

“God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.”

### **A. W. Tozer**

“An elementary but correct way to think of God is as the One who contains all, who gives all that is given, but who Himself can receive nothing that He has not first given.”

*The Knowledge of the Holy, pg 39*

### **Matthew Barrett (echoing Anselm)**

“God is someone than whom none greater can be conceived.”

*None Greater, pg 10*

# Classifying Attributes

## Charles C. Ryrie

- Nonmoral (Natural) & Moral Attributes
- Absolute & Relative Attributes
- Incommunicable & Communicable Attributes

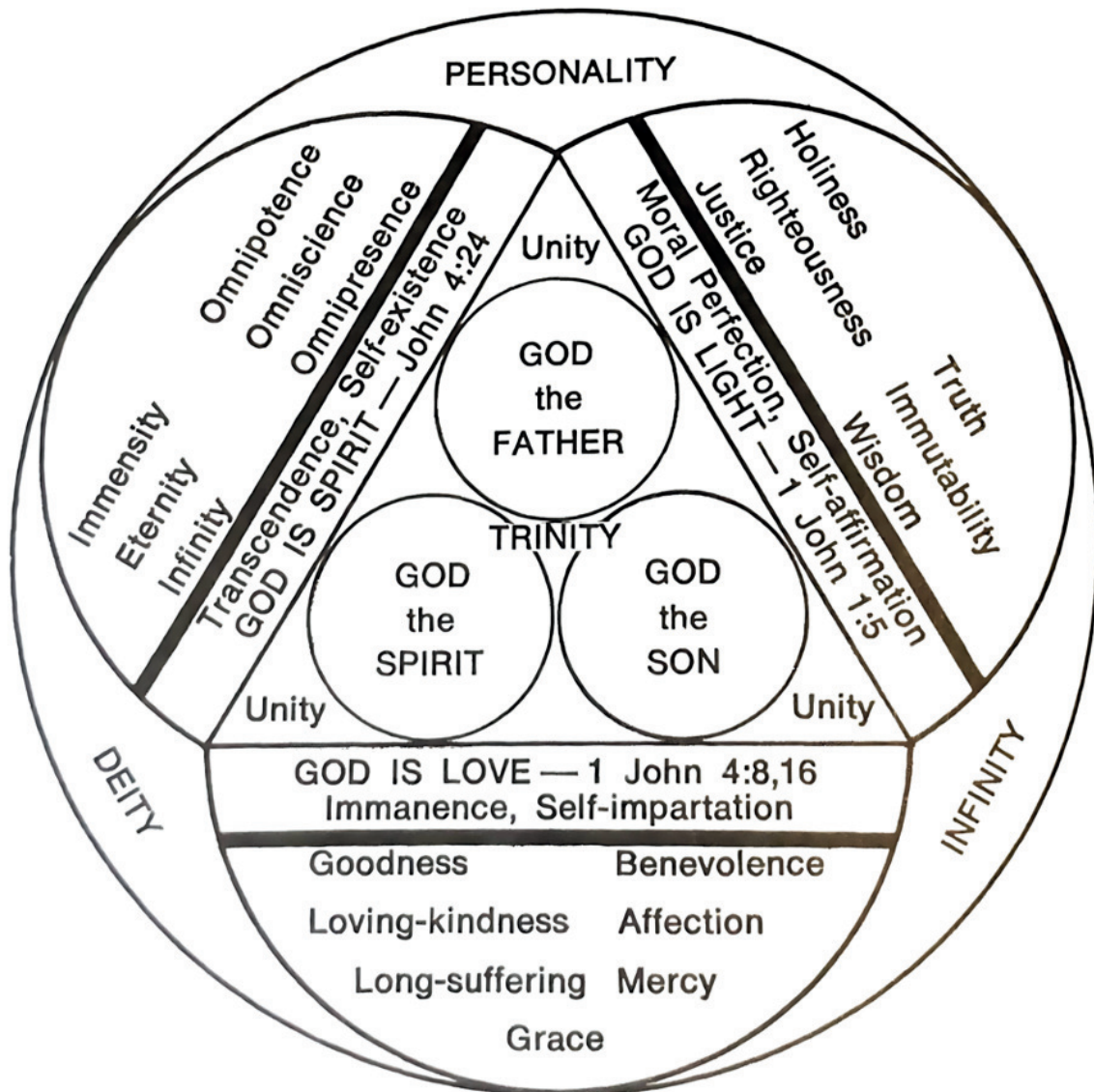
*Basic Theology, pg 40*

Incommunicable	Communicable
Self-existent	Holy
One	Truthful
Self-sufficient	Wise
Eternal	Righteous
Immutable	Just
Impassible	Merciful
Free	Loving
Infinite	Good
Simple	Generous
Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent	Forgiving

# God is Simple

**George W. Peters**

*A Biblical Theology of Missions,*  
pg 56





## Three Great-Making Perfections

1. Behold God's \_\_\_\_\_

- His "Aseity" – from "a se" meaning \_\_\_\_\_
- God has \_\_\_\_\_
- He \_\_\_\_\_

2. Behold God's \_\_\_\_\_

- God is \_\_\_\_\_
- God is \_\_\_\_\_
- God is \_\_\_\_\_



## A. W. Tozer

Our concepts of measurement embrace mountains and men, atoms and stars, gravity, energy, numbers, speed, but never God. We cannot speak of measure or amount or size or weight and at the same time be speaking of God, for these tell of degrees and growth or addition or development. Nothing in God is less or more, or large or small. He is what He is in Himself, without qualifying thought or word. He is simply God.

*The Knowledge of the Holy, pg 51*

## Augustine

“We are speaking of God. Is it any wonder if you do not comprehend? For if you comprehend, it is not God you comprehend... To attain some slight knowledge of God is a great blessing; to comprehend him, however, is totally impossible.”

*None Greater, pg 23*



## Three Great-Making Perfections

3. Behold God's \_\_\_\_\_

### J. I. Packer

“Today, vast stress is laid on the thought that God is *personal*, but this truth is so stated as to leave the impression that God is a person of the same sort as we are – weak, inadequate, ineffective, a little pathetic. But this is not the God of the Bible!... Like us He is personal, but unlike us He is *great*.”

*Knowing God, pg 88*



Behold God's \_\_\_\_\_

- Appreciate \_\_\_\_\_
- Appreciate \_\_\_\_\_
- Appreciate \_\_\_\_\_

## **Behold your God!**

Refresh your spirit with God's  
incomparable greatness

- God deserves \_\_\_\_\_
- God is \_\_\_\_\_
- God is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- Read None Greater
- Turn your thoughts about God into meditations before God
- Compare God with things we consider consider great