

The Moral Attributes of God
Congregational Worksheet – Wednesday, March 5, 2008

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There are 5 Moral Attributes of God that not only teach us *WHO* God is, but that also teach us *WHAT* God is. They explain to us what His divine character is like and they reveal extensively what His heart is towards us as human beings.

And these 5 things are going to be the basis for the second half of our study on The Greatness of God.

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#1. God is Faithful.

The Bible speaks numerous times of The Faithfulness of God.

In The Old Testament we are told, **Lam 3:23** ... great *is* thy faithfulness.

In The New Testament we are told...

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering;
(for he *is* faithful that promised;)

The entire Word of God attests to The Faithfulness of God.

The Hebrew word from which the words *faithful* and *faithfulness* are translated from, mean to _____, to _____, or to _____.

So when The Bible teaches that God is faithful, it is revealing the fact that God is someone that you can safely _____ because He has the ability to hold you up.

The word picture that is given here is very much like a father who is teaching his child how to ride a bike for the first time. The child himself is on the bike pedaling and putting forth an effort, but in their own abilities they are very wobbly to say the least and they are in danger of “crashing” at any moment. But when their father follows right behind them, with his arms on either side of them, they rest secure because they know they can rely on their fathers ability to steady them, support them, and keep them from falling to harm.

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In other words, we can have _____ in God.
The fact that God is faithful should bring overwhelming _____
to the heart of the Christian, because they know that they can have an unwavering
trust in both the _____ and the _____
of their God.

When a person really understands and accepts God’s Faithfulness and all that it
entails, they will no longer have any reason to doubt, worry, or be
_____, because they realize the truth
that is found in The Book of Hebrews 10:23...

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering;
(for he *is* faithful that promised;)

In other words, when a person really understands God’s Faithfulness, their outlook
will be, “God _____, so why _____”.

#2. God is Gracious and Merciful.

The definition of the word Grace is: Unmerited favor.
Which means it is something that can not be _____.

The best way that I’ve ever heard The Grace of God explained is like this...
“Grace is God _____ to us, what we do not _____”.

God’s Grace towards mankind is exemplified in verses such as...

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

Gal 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present
evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten
of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and
washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be*
glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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And in The Book of Romans 5:20, we see that God's Grace is always capable of _____ our sin...

Rom 5:20 ... where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

The old hymn says it like this, "Grace grace, God's grace, grace that can pardon and cleanse within, Grace grace, God's grace, grace that is *greater than all our sins*".

*The word Mercy means: God _____ giving to us, what we _____ deserve.

In no other verse in The Word of God do we find God's Mercy demonstrated than in 2 Peter 3:9, which says...

2Pe 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.

A person will come to a full appreciation of the word Mercy when they look at it's _____ in light of such verses as...

Eze 18:20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Gal 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Bible states very clearly that because of all the evil that we have done, we _____ eternal damnation.

But because God is merciful, He desires to keep us from having to face _____ that we have stored up for ourselves, and He even provides a way for us to _____ them.

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*When you really understand The Mercy of God and you understand what it has _____ you from, and what it has _____ you too, it will brings the words to the song “His Mercy Rewrote My Life” to a whole new level.

His Mercy rewrote my life, His Mercy rewrote my life,
I *should have* fallen, my soul cast down,
But His Mercy, rewrote my life!!!

#3. God is Righteous.

A simple definition for this attribute of God would be: One who is always _____.

Meaning that God is right in all of His _____, in all of His _____, and in all of His _____ with man.

The Psalmist David said it like this...

Psa 145:17 The LORD *is* righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

It is The Righteousness of God that establishes _____ to all of His creation.

From this attribute of God flow all of God’s commandments and all of His laws, which set the standard for His _____ toward mankind, and tell us exactly what God expects and demands of each of our lives.

The Righteousness of God _____ Him from accepting or tolerating sin in any way.

It also insures that _____ sin will be dealt with, because it would be against this Moral Attribute of God to allow sin to be _____.

One man said it like this, “If The Bible declares that God is Righteous, then for Him to overlook sin, would make Him less than God”.

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Even though God may seem to choose to not punish someone _____
for something that they've done while they remain on earth, they still by all means
will receive the full consequences of their sins when they face
_____.

*God's demand for Righteousness was displayed very soberly when a person
understands that, even though we can be forgiven and have God's grace and mercy
applied to our lives...

It was only at the _____ of Calvary, where God's justice towards sin
was met in full.

#4. God is Love.

The most fitting way to define The Love of God is by the Greek word agape,
which means: _____ and unbridled love.

It denotes a Love that is without _____ or _____ and is
expressed in every avenue possible.

It is important to note that God doesn't _____ to Love, but He is
Love. Meaning He doesn't just "do it", but He is "the definition" of it.

*As humans, we tend to Love those that are kind to us or who do good to us in
some way. We even show favorable affection towards those that we can tolerate.

But we have a much more difficult time _____ loving those that do us
wrong or who have harmed us at some point in time.

Our Love is often _____ because we often base it off of the
way we are treated.

But that is completely _____ to the way that God displays His
Love towards us. He loves us when we are _____,
Which unfortunately is probably most of the time.

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*One verse that signifies this Attribute of God towards us is found in John 15:13, where Jesus said... **Joh 15:13** Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

... which is exactly what God did for us.

That proves that God's Love is unconditional, it is _____, and it is _____.

*The only problem with The Love that God has towards man is that it's not always _____.

#5. God is Holy.

The definition of the word Holy is: To be _____ and without any type of defilement whatsoever.

When The Bible says that God is Holy, it is saying that He is entirely _____ and completely _____ of sinning.

God is absolutely void of any type of sin whatsoever, meaning He *has* never and *will* never _____ or take _____ in sin.

The Book of James makes this more that clear in James 1:13, when it says...
Jas 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: ***for God cannot be tempted with evil***, neither tempteth he any man:

The most important thing to understand about God's Holiness is the fact that it is His _____.

That means that His Holiness is not necessarily an actual "attribute", but it is actually God's very _____.

*A good way to explain this vital point would be to say that at my "core" I am a human, as a result of that "core" a lot of different things have occurred out of obligation, such as, I am a male, I am caucasian, I am a husband, I am a father, I have emotions, ect.

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I am all of those things and more, however I could not be any of those things without being human first. All those other _____ or _____ are a result of my humanity.

It is the same way with God, all of His attributes are a result of His Holiness.

*It's also important to note that because of this, all of His attributes are also _____ by His Holy Nature.

Many people fail to understand this essential point and because of it can't answer simple questions such as, "If God loves us so much then why would He allow people to go to hell"? Well, Love is one The Moral Attributes of God, but it does not _____ His Holy nature.