

I. Opening Thoughts

- A. God's attributes are interdependent and unified, not separate and divided.
- B. We must have a holistic view of the attributes of God
- C. God reveals Himself through other attributes.

Attribute	Scripture	Implications	Application
<b>Immutable:</b> God is unchanging in His being, perfections, purposes, and promises; although as He acts in response to different situations He feels emotions.	<b>Numbers 23:19;</b> <b>Malachi 3:6;</b> <b>Psalms 102:25-27;</b> <b>James 1:17</b>	God can always be trusted because He always keeps His word; He is not capricious or moody.	God's standards never change. Don't try to change God nor His standards. Worship Him as He is.
<b>Eternal:</b> God has no beginning or end and is not bound by time, although He sees events and acts in His world in time, which is in fact one dimension of the created order.	<b>Job 36:26;</b> <b>Psalms 90:2;</b> <b>Revelation 1:8</b>	Those who trust the God of eternity can know peace, rest, and comfort in the busyness of life and in spite of impending death. God keeps them in His safety and joy forever.	God will always be with us. He will always be faithful for all eternity. Our hope, trust, and love should be in the eternity of God because He will never cease being.
<b>Love:</b> God freely and eternally gives of himself. The ultimate historical demonstration of God's love is seen in the cross of Christ.	<b>Psalms 103:11;</b> <b>Jeremiah 31:3;</b> <b>1 John 4:8-10</b>	God is eager to extravagantly give of Himself to meet the needs of lost sinners, so they should flee to Him with confidence.	God loves you. It will never run out. There is nothing you can do to separate yourself from God's love (Romans 8:38-39). In spite of hardships, God still loves you.
<b>Wrath:</b> God intensely hates and responds with anger to all sin and rebellion. God hates every threat to what He loves.	<b>Exodus 34:6-7;</b> <b>Deuteronomy 5:9-10;</b> <b>Romans 2:1-4</b>	God should be greatly feared. Unbelievers should fear His judgment and turn to Christ for salvation. Believers should fear God's fatherly discipline. The God who loves us is also the holy God who hates sin.	Live as if God judges sin because He does. He will not remove the consequences of our sin. Our sins do affect other people.
<b>Merciful:</b> Although God does judge sin, He is merciful because He is just. He knows that as fallen creatures, we are born into sin; but we are redeemed by His grace. He is also patient and compassionate with us.	<b>Deuteronomy 4:31;</b> <b>Psalms 145:9;</b> <b>Joel 2:13;</b> <b>Luke 6:36;</b> <b>Hebrews 8:12;</b> <b>James 5:11</b>	It is pure sovereign grace which alone determines the exercise of God's mercy. God affirms this fact in Romans 9:15, "For He said to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy." God is not influenced by things outside of Himself as we are.	Because He is merciful, patient, and gracious, we should be more inclined to worship Him, serve Him, and live for Him. We are not to take His mercy for granted.
<b>Patient:</b> God is incredibly patient. He knows the fallen condition of man and He knows our proclivity to sin. God is patience. God is displaying His. Clearly, the patience of God toward us is absolutely staggering.	<b>Psalms 86:15;</b> <b>Ecclesiastes 8:11;</b> <b>Romans 2:3-4;</b> <b>2 Peter 3:9,15</b>	God is not only patient with believers, but He is also patient with unbelievers. Because He is patient, it is imperative that we lead the lost to Christ.	God's patience leads us (believers) to repentance and worship. His patient also leads us to be patient with others 😊