

I. Opening Thoughts

A. Everything begins and ends with God

B. God is misunderstood by both non-Christians and Christians alike

C. God reveals Himself through actions, names, images, and attributes

Attribute	Scriptures	Implications	Application
Creator: God is creator of all that exists. He is supreme over all His creation.	Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-17	Because God is Creator, He is worthy of all worship.	Worship Him as Creator; don't worship His creation.
Holy: God is absolutely and uniquely excellent above all creation (majesty) and without sin (purity).	Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Peter 1:15-16 (Leviticus 11:44-45); Revelation 4:8	God should be feared and obeyed, and His people should earnestly pursue moral purity.	Strive to live a life of holiness toward God
Omnipresent (Present): God is everywhere all of the time.	Psalms 139:7-12; Jeremiah 23:23-24; Acts 7:49-50	God is always present. Nothing escapes His eyes.	You have no need to feel lonely. God is always there. Also, live as if He is watching; He is.
Omnipotent (Sovereign): God has absolute rule over creation as King and total control and determination over all that happens. He is able to do His own will.	Psalms 115:1-3; Isaiah 46:9-10; Daniel 4:34-35; Matthew 28:18	Mankind should obey and submit to God as humble subjects of His kingdom.	God is King. We are not. Submit to His rule over every part of your life.
Omniscience (Knowing): God fully knows Himself and all things actual and possible—past, present, and future.	Psalms 139:1-4; Isaiah 55:8-9; Matthew 10:29-30; Romans 11:33-36	All God's thoughts and actions are perfectly informed by perfect knowledge, so He is perfectly trustworthy.	Trust in God for everything. He is never wrong.
Independent: God does not need us or the rest of creation for anything, yet we and the rest of creation can glorify Him and bring Him joy.	Exodus 3:14; John 8:58; Acts 17:24-25	God never experiences need, so serving Him should never be motivated by the thought that He needs us. He is the provider in everything.	Live life for His glory, not ours. Live as if we need Him because we do. Serve Him from a pure heart.
Immutable: God is unchanging in His being, perfections, purposes, and promises; although as He acts in response to different situations He feels emotions.	Numbers 23:19; Malachi 3:6; Psalms 102:25-27; James 1:17	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.
Love: God freely and eternally gives of himself. The ultimate historical demonstration of God's love is seen in the cross of Christ.	Psalms 103:11; Jeremiah 31:3; 1 John 4:8-10	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.
Wrath: God intensely hates and responds with anger to all sin and rebellion. God hates every threat to what He loves.	Exodus 34:6-7; Deuteronomy 5:9-10; Romans 2:1-4;	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.