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## THE DIVINE ATTRIBUTES

DIVINE ATTRIBUTES or essence is the characteristics of His essential Being, which are eternally and inherently in Him. Divine attributes are HIS ESSENTIAL BEING, which are eternally and inherently in Him.

AFTER salvation we belong to God and we are designed to understand the thought and the functions of God. The difficulty of the believers in studying the divine essence is that it brings the finite mind to constant and difficult contemplation of the perfect and infinite matters unknown to us.

The grace of God and the work of God are the manifestations of His essential qualities (His attributes), it is important to know and understand WHO AND WHAT GOD IS, (that is to understand His attributes). To understand His attributes is to understand WHO AND WHAT GOD IS. To understand the manifest Person (Jesus Christ) of the Godhead is to understand His divine essence or characteristics.

God in grace has revealed Himself. And everything that are revealed are revealed to be understood with the help of the Holy Spirit. The believer can and must master the information God has provided. After salvation, the believer is designed to understand the thoughts and function of God. There is no excuse not to study the Word of God.

The attributes of God are categorized into absolute and relative attributes. The absolute attributes are:

1. SPIRITUALITY –God is spiritual, real yet invisible. God is life and the source of all life.
2. INFINITY –God is without boundaries or limitations. He is infinitely perfect.
  - A. SELF-EXISTENCE –God exists eternally, without being sustained by Him or by anything else. His existence is unalterable.
  - B. IMMUTABILITY –God is unchangeable and always at His best. He cannot be better or worse.
  - C. UNITY –God is perfectly consistent and there is one perfect, absolute, infinite Spirit [Isaiah 44:6], which the Three Persons possesses it [John 5:44, 17:3].
3. PERFECTION – God is perfect in intellect, affection and character.
  - A. TRUTH OR VERACITY God is true to Himself [Psalm 25:5, John 17:17].
  - B. LOVE-God is love.
  - C. RIGHTEOUSNESS –God is perfectly righteous or holy in everything [Deut. 32:4].

Relative attributes are:

1. ETERNITY –God is eternal. There was never a time when God did not exist.

2. IMMENSITY –Divine attributes related to space and to His creation:

- A. OMNIPRESENCE
- B. OMNIPOTENCE
- C. OMNISCIENCE

3. ATTRIBUTES related to moral beings:

- A. FAITHFULNESS
- B. VERACITY
- C. MERCY
- D. GOODNESS
- E. RIGHTEOUSNESS
- F. JUSTICE

4. PERFECT AUTHORITY –God renders account to no one, He consults no one. He is the final and absolute [Psalm 145:14, Matthew 20:15, 1 Timothy 6:15].