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THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Life Magazine recently asked the provocative question: “WHO IS GOD?” Many answers have been given throughout the ages to reply to this question — but the real answer comes from the Bible. We ought to ask ourselves what does the Bible have to say? Just who is the Christian God, and what is He like?

The Bible reveals God to be the infinite, personal Being who is both creator and sustainer of the universe. By infinite, we mean that God has no limitations or boundaries, particularly when it comes to His divine attributes. So, in effect, God is understood to be everything man is not — independent, eternal, immaterial, unchanging, all-powerful, all-knowing, and everywhere present throughout His creation.

God’s perfection extends also to His inner character. As a personal Being, God is morally perfect. The Scriptures therefore describe God as being pure, righteous, just, holy, true, and loving. To some extent, God shares these attributes with mankind who is made in His image and likeness.

This one God, who is the sovereign ruler of the universe, has further revealed Himself as three distinguishable persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The one true God is the triune God — one in essence, but three in personality. As one theologian put it, “One What, and Three Who’s.”

This awesome God, who is apart from the world, brings the world into existence out of nothing and keeps it together. He is therefore both the all-mighty creator and the sustainer of the universe.

What is most difficult to fathom, however, is that this wonderful God wants to have a relationship with you and me. In fact, Jesus Christ gave His life to redeem us from the bondage of our sins. This righteous and holy God is also gracious and merciful. God (in Jesus Christ) has done for us what we could never do for ourselves. The all-powerful creator is also our personal Lord and Savior.

To this we can only say, “to God alone be the glory!”

On the identity and attributes of God, that’s the CRI Perspective. I’m Hank Hanegraaff.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Two books we recommend on this subject are *Know The Truth* (IVP) by Bruce Milne (B102/\$16), and *Knowing God* (IVP) by J.I. Packer (SB810/\$12). These resources are available through CRI. For prices and shipping and handling information, please refer to our Resource Listing. To place a credit card order, please call toll-free (888)7000-CRI. To receive a free copy of our Resource Listing, call, fax or write us with your request (information below and at the top of this page).