

Tonight's topic is Jesus' Attributes of Deity. Jesus possesses attributes that only God possesses. This is another evidence that Jesus is God.

This is the question:

### **Are attributes that can only belong to God ascribed to Jesus?**

What is an attribute? What does the word attribute mean? An attribute is the quality or characteristics that make someone or something what it is. An attribute is a characteristic of someone that defines or describes that person.

Tonight, we are going to study exclusive attributes of God that the Bible describes God with and we will look at the Bible to see if those same attributes are said of Jesus.

I'd like to discuss 6 Attributes that are exclusive to God, which are ascribed to Jesus.

### **Attribute #1 - Self Existence/Aseity**

Self Existence mean that God exists of Himself alone. Aseity means that God is dependent on no one. He does not rely upon an other being in order to survive or act.

#### Of God:

Acts 17:25 -	God does not need anything.
Exodus 3:14 -	God is the "I AM." He depends on no one.
John 5:26 -	God has life in Himself.

#### Of Jesus:

John 8:24 -	Jesus is the "I AM."
John 10:17,18 -	Jesus' death was under His own control. He was not killed by men. He laid His own life down and He raised His own life back.

Jesus, along with the Father, possesses life within Himself, He is "I AM," and He is dependent on no one for his existence. Jesus possesses the attribute of self-existence along with God.

Isn't it wonderful to know we can completely depend on God because He depends on no one? And isn't wonderful to know that Jesus doesn't need us, but He chooses us?

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### **Attribute #2 - Omnipresence                      Omni (all) - Presence (existing)**

God is everywhere present. He exists everywhere. He is not restricted to being in one place at a time like man is. He is everywhere present. God fully exists in any and every point.

#### Of God:

Psalms 139:7,8 -	David wrote that he could not hide from God no matter where he went.
2 Chronicles 6:18 -	God fills everything. He cannot be contained.
Isaiah 43:2,3-	God declares that He is with His people.

#### Of Jesus:

Matthew 28:20 -	Jesus told His disciples he would be with them at all times.
Matthew 18:20 -	Jesus said He is present in any group gathering in His name.
John 1:48 -	Jesus saw Nathaniel from a distance.
Colossians 1:27 -	Jesus is in believers.
Mark 6:47,48 -	Jesus, from the land, at night, saw His disciples out at sea in a storm.

The Bible declares that God everywhere present. We know that mere men are not present in more than one place at a time, but it is said of Jesus that He is. Jesus possesses the attribute of omnipresence.

There is great comfort in knowing that God is always with us. It is a great comfort to know that Jesus is with me through everything in life. If Jesus calls us to do something for Him, He will be there to walk with us in that calling.

**Attribute #3** - Omniscience                      Omni (all) Science (Knowledge)

God is all knowing. He is infinite in knowledge. God is all wise.

Of God:

1 Samuel 16:7 -	God is able to look beyond the physical and see the heart of people.
Psalms 147:5 -	God infinitely understands.
Jeremiah 17:9,10 -	Man's heart lies to him, but God searches and knows the heart.

Of Jesus:

John 2:24 -	Jesus knew all men.
John 4:29 -	Jesus knew the Samaritan woman's past.
John 16:30 -	The disciples of Jesus said He knew all things.
Matthew 9:4 -	Jesus knew what the scribes were thinking.

While it is said of God in the Bible that He knows all things, it is also said of Jesus that He knows all things. No mere man, like you and me, could ever make the same claim. Jesus is no mere man. He possesses the attribute of omniscience. He knows all, just as God knows all.

That means that Jesus knows what is best for each and every one of us. His plans and His will for us are the best possible outcome for our life. Jesus understands everything about us and all that we go through. When Jesus, through the Word of God, gives us instruction, we can trust Him, because He knows everything.

Now there is one question that often comes up with this topic and that question is this: What about in Mark 13:32 where Jesus said that He did not know what day the Father had appointed for Him to return? That is an excellent question. I won't take the time to answer that tonight, but, Lord willing, we will tackle that question head on at some point during this study in the future.

**Attribute #4** - Omnipotence                      Omni (all) Potent (strong)

God is all powerful. We are weak, but God is strong. God is infinite in power.

Of God:

Jeremiah 32:17 -	Nothing is too hard for God. He made everything.
Genesis 17:1 -	God is God Almighty. He is unlimited in might.

Matthew 19:26 - All things are possible with God.

Of Jesus:

Revelation 1:8; 22:12-13 - Jesus is the Almighty God - Alpha and the Omega."

Hebrews 1:3 - Jesus' power upholds the universe.

Philippians 3:21 - Jesus' power enables him to subject all things to Himself.

Matthew 28:18 - Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth.

The Bible teaches us that God is the all powerful one. The Bible also teaches us that Jesus has that same power. And think about this: Two separate people can't be all powerful at the same time. If the Bible tells us that two persons possess all power, the Bible also ought to tell us that those two persons are one. John 10:30 says exactly that. "I and the Father are one."

It is wonderful to know that God is stronger than all. I can put all my weight upon Jesus finished work on the cross for my soul because He is strong enough to carry me to glory. God can do for us what is impossible for man, and we can trust Him.

**Attribute #5** - Immutability                      Unchanging.

God does not change. God never changes. His is the same yesterday, today, and forever. The nature of who God is does not change. He is always who He is. He cannot be more or less God.

Of God:

Psalms 102:25-27 - While creation will perish, God remains the same.

James 1:17 - There is no variation with God. He is unchanging.

Malachi 3:6 - God Himself declares that He does not change.

Of Jesus:

Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus is unchanging.

Hebrews 1:12 - God the Father (v.5) declares Jesus to be unchanging.

2 Timothy 2:13 - Jesus does not change in His constant faithfulness to us.

While the Bible is clear to point out that God is unchanging, the Bible is also clear to point out that Jesus is unchanging. Jesus possesses the attribute of immutability. He is unchanging just as God is unchanging. If God does not become more or less God because He is unchanging, and Jesus is also unchanging, that must mean one thing. Jesus cannot become more or less God. He has and always will be God.

It sure is wonderful to know that Jesus doesn't change. His promises don't change to us. He said whoever believes in Him has eternal life (John 3:36). That promise is an unchanging promise.

**Attribute #6** - Eternal                      No beginning. No ending.

God has existed for all eternity in the past, and He will exist for all eternity in the future. I won't spend much time on this because we have already devoted an entire week (Lesson #2) to it, but we will review with one verse regarding God and one verse regarding Jesus.

Of God:

Psalm 90:2 - God is from everlasting to everlasting.

Of Jesus:

John 1:1 - Jesus was (imperfect past) in the beginning.  
The Greek grammar of the word "was" indicated that Jesus was always eternally existing before the beginning of the creation of the heavens and the earth.

If God is eternal, and Jesus is eternal, that can only mean one thing. Jesus is God from all eternity. Jesus possesses the attribute of eternity, an attribute belonging to God.

We began tonight with this question: Are attributes that can only belong to God ascribed to Jesus?  
Based off our Biblical research, our answer is **Yes! Jesus possesses attributes that can only belong to God.**