

# Intro to Theology

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Level 1 Class

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## 1 Theology Proper

The nature of God

-Trinitarian Monotheists.

*What are some passages that teach the Trinity?*

-Transcendent immanence

The attributes of God

### Incommunicable

#### 1. Self-Existence.

Exodus 3:14-15 ...I am that I am...

Acts 17:25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

#### 2. Omnipresence.

2 Chronicles 2:6 But who is able to build him a house, since heaven, even highest heaven, cannot contain him? Who am I to build a house for him, except as a place to make offerings before him?

Jeremiah 23:23-24 "Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? 24 Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

Psalms 139:7-12 Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?...

#### 3. Omniscience.

Hebrews 4:13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

**1 John 3:19-20** By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; 20 for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

#### **4. Omnipotence.**

**Genesis 1:1**

**Isaiah 40:28** Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

**Isaiah 46:9-10** for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'

#### **5. Immutable.**

**Malachi 3:6** "For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.

**Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

#### **6. Eternal.**

**Psalm 90:1-2** Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**1 Timothy 1:17** To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### **7. Holy.**

**James 1:13** Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

**Isaiah 6:3** 3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

**Revelation 4:8** And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

## Communicable

### 1.Relational.

### 2.Rationality.

Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

### 3.Speech.

Hebrews 1:1-2 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

### 4.Emotion.

a. Love. **John 3:16**

b. Hate **Psalm 11:5** The Lord tests the righteous and the wicked, and the one who loves violence his soul hates.

c. Paul told the Ephesians to "not grieve the Holy Spirit" **Ephesians 4:30.**

d. Jesus endured the agony of the cross "for the joy set before him" **Heb 12:2**

### 5.Justice.

**Psalm 37:27-28** Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever. 28 For the LORD loves justice;

**Isaiah 30:18** Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

**Micah 6:8** He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**Isa 1:17** learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.

### 6.Mercy.

**Psalm 145:9** The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**Luke 6:36** Be merciful, therefore, just as your Father is merciful.

Eph 2:4-5 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved—

## The identity of God

Exodus 3:13-15

13 Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” 14 God said to Moses, “I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I am has sent me to you.’” 15 God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

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