

WHAT IS GOD?

Part 7 of THE GOSPEL WAY

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THE APOSTLES' CREED: WE BELIEVE

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day, he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The one, holy, catholic Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.

Amen.

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THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

Four hundred years ago, over 120 theologians and preachers met in London, England, to discuss the Christian faith. Their goal was to produce confessions of faith and catechisms for use in all churches. It took several years and over 1,000 meetings, but in the end, they created some of the most enduring and useful statements ever: The Westminster Confession of Faith, the Longer Catechism, and the Shorter Catechism (westminsterstandards.org).

THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION

The most important question we can ever ask is this: **What is God?** It's the fourth question in the Shorter Catechism. The answer is amazing, biblical, and life-shaping:

Answer: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

If we want to trust, worship, stand up for, and treasure God, we must know who he truly is. So, let's go exploring now.

ONE GOD, WHO IS...

SPIRIT

God does not have a body. He is invisible and immaterial.

John 4:24 (CSB) God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth.”

INFINITE

God has no limits in all his perfections. For example, he is unlimited in goodness. He is the best of the best.

Job 11:7-9 (CSB) Can you fathom the depths of God or discover the limits of the Almighty? 8 They are higher than the heavens — what can you do? They are deeper than Sheol — what can you know? 9 Their measure is longer than the earth and wider than the sea.

ETERNAL

God is without limits related to time. He has no beginning or end. He exists outside of time.

Psalms 90:2 (CSB Strong's) Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from eternity to eternity, you are God.

Revelation 1:8 (CSB) I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

UNCHANGABLE

His being, character, and purposes never change because they are perfect and have no need to change.

Hebrews 13:8 (CSB) Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Numbers 23:19; 1 Samuel 15:29; Isaiah 46:10; Hebrews 1:12; James 1:17)

THE SEVEN PERFECTIONS OF GOD

ATTRIBUTE	MEANING	TEXT
Being	God's nature. He is self-existent and necessary.	Exodus 3:14, God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM.
Wisdom	God organizes everything for the best.	Romans 11:33, Oh, the depth of the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God!
Power	God is able to accomplish his will.	Revelation 19:6, Hallelujah, for our Lord God, the Almighty, reigns!
Holiness	God is unique and morally perfect.	Isaiah 6:3, Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Armies; his glory fills the whole earth.
Justice	God always does the right thing. He rewards good and punishes evil.	Deuteronomy 32:4, The Rock — his work is perfect; all his ways are just.
Goodness	God delights to do good and provide for us.	Psalms 86:5, You, Lord, are kind (good) and ready to forgive, abounding in faithful love to all who call on you.
Truth	God is always reliable and faithful in all he says and does.	Exodus 34:6, The LORD — the LORD is a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in faithful love and truth...

THE GREATEST THING IS KNOWING GOD

1. Knowing God gives us a drive to worship him.
2. Knowing God transforms our hearts, choices, and lifestyle.
3. Knowing God helps us to trust him and his promises.
4. Knowing God reduces our anxiety and need for control.