

Whom We Call God

Belgic Confession, Article 1

1. IDOL FACTORIES: We must constantly beware the temptation to make God in our _____ .
 - a. For this reason, we must be open to the value of theological instruction that challenges us to think deeply and _____ our full comprehension.

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. (John 17:3)
 - b. God is made known by the _____ : “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.” (Psalm 19:1)
 - c. The Scriptures _____ God more fully, all in a way that resonates with the ways in which God is made known by creation.

2. THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD: The Scriptures reveal God’s attributes such that we can know God, but always in a way that is _____ by our creaturely ability to understand.
 - a. A single and simple spiritual being: God is _____, he is not composed of parts (God *is* all of his attributes), and is spirit, not having a body like us: Deuteronomy 6:4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”
 - b. Eternal: God is not bound by _____. Psalm 90:2 “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”
 - c. Incomprehensible: God can be known, but _____ fully. Romans 11:33 “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!”
 - d. Invisible: 1 Timothy 6:16 “...who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.”
 - e. Unchangeable: Malachi 3:6 “For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.”
 - f. Infinite: 1 Kings 8:27 “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!”
 - g. Almighty: Revelation 1:8 “‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’”
 - h. Completely wise, just, and good and the overflowing source of all good: Exodus 33:19 ‘And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The Lord.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.”’

3. WHY THIS MATTERS: It is for our _____ that the Scriptures reveal the attributes of God and warn us against the danger of idolatry.
 - a. God _____ (Romans 1:19-20).
 - b. God is faithful as the God of _____, and the attributes of God are revealed in their unity at the cross and resurrection of Christ and the sending of the Holy Spirit (Psalm 103:6-10).
 - c. The Scriptures proclaim that God is incomprehensible for our _____.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)
 - d. The goal of all theology is _____.