



The Westminster shorter catechism says that
the chief end of man is

to Glorify God and
to Enjoy Him forever

How do we come to delight in God?

1. God sends His grace (Eph 2:8,9), to call convict, illuminate, draw (John 6:44), and enable us to be in relationship with Him.

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2. We begin to pursue God until He finds us and we embrace Him as God and our Savior (John 1:12). Our pursuit is usually done through the Spiritual Disciplines. (Hebrews 11:6; James 4:7) (Confession, Bible Study, Worship, Fellowship, Prayer, Holy Spirit Guidance, Baptism, Communion, Witnessing, Love, Giving, Fasting, etc.)

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3. We begin to lower our immaturity toward God, listening to Him engage us about our omissions, sins and iniquities.

(1 John 1:9; James 4:7-10)

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4. At some point we begin to interact with God about more than ourselves allowing Him to be all He really is. (Heb 12:18-24; Ex 34:7-9) We begin to learn about Him and what He is like and what He wants. Instead of just treating Him like a vending machine for our needs.

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5. We increase His control over all areas of **life** (not just spirituality but self development, marriage, family, work, finances, friends, church, community and enemies) **learning His way of living.**
(Matt 11:28-30; James 4:5; Matt 22:37-39)

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6. We begin to grow through the dysfunctions of our past (wounds, programming, guilt) and we let God re-parent us. (Galatians 6:7; Matthew 18:21-35; Rom 5:1-5; James 1:2-5; 1 Thess 4:9-12). He brings new perspective, forgiveness, new habits, new beginnings and new relationships.

God can not be understood in the normal way that we would know people

He does not have height, weight, eyes, beginning, parents, job history, skills...

He tells us that the way to understand
Him is through 5 Aspects of His being

1. His Essence
2. His Atttributes
3. His Nature
4. His Names
5. His Works



We learned that God is
an Infinite, Self-Existent, Spirit

In what further way may we come to know and delight in God as an Infinite, Self-Existent Spirit

By studying His attributes or the way He acts and moves. Since God is invisible we can only know Him in action. This means that the greatest working knowledge of God comes from His revealed attributes. We can look for God in these actions and operations of the universe. Isa 40:18; Rom 1:20

What are the Attributes of God

Non Moral Attributes

- Omniscience
- Omnipresence
- Omnipotence
- Immutability

Moral Attributes

- Holiness
- Righteous/Just
- Goodness
- Sovereignty

God's Attributes

What is an attribute of God?

An Attribute is a way that God consistently acts. God will respond in these ways. He will not respond in the opposite ways. It is not possible to completely separate one attribute from another... But in many instances one attribute out shines the others

God's Attributes

Why is it important to study the attributes of God?

Because there are many so called god's out there... but only one with these attributes

God's Attributes

Why is it important to study the attributes of God?

Because God encourages, edifies, directs, comforts and communicates with us about Himself and our life in general through His attributes. If you do not know the attributes then you will not completely understand what God is communicating.

In what ways does this Infinite Self-Existent Spirit act?

He knows everything

He is Omniscient

God's Attributes

What does it mean to say that God is Omniscient?

It means that God is all knowing: 1 Sam 2:3; Job 21:22

It means that God is all Wise: Rom 11:33; 16:27

God's Attributes

How can God's knowledge be comprehended, defined or understood?

His knowledge is original Gen 1:1; Job 38-39; Isa 40:13,14; Prov 25:2

His knowledge is infallible: Job 34:21-25; Isa 46:10; Prov 16:2; 21:2

His knowledge is instantaneous Psa 139:4; Psa 147:4,5

Objection: God goes down to see what is taking place at Babel Gen 11:5

God's Attributes

How can God's knowledge be comprehended, defined or understood?

His knowledge is retained: Isa 49:15-16; Heb 6:10;
Psa 50:21

Objection: doesn't God forget our sins Psa 103:12;
Isa 43:25

His knowledge is exhaustive: Job 38; Ezekiel 11:5;
Dan 2:20

He never learns anything: Psa 147:4,5

God's Attributes

How can God's knowledge be comprehended, defined or understood?

He knows every possibility of every possibility
Matt 11:21

His knowledge is not bound by the constraints of
time and space Rev 1:8; Dan 7:13

His knowledge is true knowledge Job 34:21-25

God's Attributes

What does it mean to me that God is all knowing?

1. The more true knowledge I learn the more I am like God Prov 25:2
2. Hypocrisy and deceit are useless and unprofitable Ecc 12:14; 2 Cor 3:17,18
3. God sees every virtuous act even those that are accomplished in secret. Matt 6:3,4,6,18

God's Attributes

What does it mean to me that God is all knowing?

4. God is aware of every virtuous plan you conceive Eze 11:5 Psa 7:9 Psa 139:2
5. God never loses track of where His servants are located physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually. Matt 10:29,30 Pro 1:20-21
6. God is aware of every plan and plot of His enemies against Him or His servants. Psa 2:1-4; Josh 10:8,25

God's Attributes

What does it mean to me that God is all knowing?

7. God has not made a mistake with your unchangeable features Psa 139:13-16; Ex 4:11
8. NO idea, technology, or discovery surprises God
Ecc 1:9-10; Isa 42:9
9. I don't have to heap guilt or blame endlessly upon myself for not knowing something that would have changed a decision I made in the past: Prov 1:20-22 Col 1:25-27

God's Attributes

What does it mean to me that God is all knowing?

10. God knows my future and all my possible futures: Acts 9:15,16; 21:11; 27:9-31 Eph 2:10
11. He can empathize with our desire to move in a wrong direction because of our limited knowledge.
Heb 4:14-16
12. His revealed knowledge is the only reliable guide in the dimensions beyond our rational categories:
Lev 19:26,31; 1 Cor 8:4-6; 1 Cor 10:19-20

