

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

The Existence & Attributes of God, pt. 1

I. Introduction

II. God's Existence

A. Biblical and Presuppositional

If we are Christians, we can say that we believe that God is "really there," because He has revealed Himself to all men _____ by creation and providence, _____ in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, _____ in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and _____ through the Work of His Spirit.

B. General Revelation vs. Special Revelation

1. The Two Defined

- a) General Revelation: is that unveiling of God, the knowledge of God's being and will which is given to all people everywhere, at all times, through the ordinary experience of being alive in God's world.
- b) Special Revelation: is how God has made himself known by particular acts and words, especially the Word of the Lord (=Scripture), and the Lord of the Word (=Jesus Christ).

2. What Does General Revelation Reveal? (Ps 19; Rom 1.18-32; Acts 14.14-18; Acts 17.16ff)

III. The Attributes of God

A. The Independence or Self-Existence of God (John 5:26, Acts 17:24-2)

B. The Immutability of God (Num. 23:19, 1Sam 15:29; Ps. 102:26, Mal. 3:6, Heb. 6:17-18, 13:8)

C. God is Infinite (Ps. 90:2-4, Jer. 23:23-24, Isa. 57:15, Prov. 15:3, Ps. 139:7-10, Ps. 145:3)

Article V, Section B of GBC Doctrinal Statement on the Godhead

We Teach that the Godhead eternally exists in three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit—and that these three are one God, having precisely the same nature, attributes and perfections, and worthy of precisely the same homage, confidence and obedience (Matt. 3:16-17; 28:18-19; Mark 12:29; John 1:14; Acts 5:3-4; 1 Cor. 2:10,11; 2 Cor. 13:14; Heb. 1:1-3; Rev. 1:4-6).