

GLC Weekly

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Foundations for Life #3: 60 Characteristics of the Nature of GOD

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Continuing with Foundations for Life, this week we cover the second half of "60 Characteristics of the Nature of GOD." This is from the course titled, "Biblical, Judeo-Christian & Truth Foundations for Life." Our purpose is to rebuild the spiritual, moral, intellectual, and truth foundations of our faith that are essential for personal, family, church, community and national transformation, and restoration of the sanctity of human life and a culture of life.

We value human life because we are created in "the image of GOD." This week we examine characteristics 30 through 60 of the Nature of GOD. I encourage you to study one or more characteristic each day.

The Nature of GOD: His Authority, Commandments, and Law

- 30. "The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all" (Psalm 103:19; Genesis 45:5-8; Job 1:6–2:8; Daniel 4:1-37; Matthew 11:25; 1 Timothy 6:14-15).
- 31. All righteous, lawful and just "authority" comes "from GOD" (Romans 13:1-4; Matthew 7:29; 9:1-8; 10:1, 7-8; 28:18; Acts 1:7; Ephesians 1:20-23; Colossians 2:9-10).
- 32. GOD is the "one Lawgiver." His Law and Commandments are the foundation for all righteous, just, and lawful human laws, judgments (Exodus 20; Isaiah 33:22; James 4:12).
- 33. Jesus Christ is "head of the church" (Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:18).
- 34. "GOD . . . rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done," and ordained that man rest one day each week (Genesis 2:2-3; Exodus 20:1, 9-11; Luke 4:16, 31).
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- 35. GOD issues commands to man and expects us to faithfully obey Him (Genesis 2:16-17; 3:8-11; 1 Samuel 15:22-23; John 14:15).
- 36. GOD holds man accountable for disobeying His commands (Genesis 3:1-24; 1 Samuel 13:8-14; 15:10-11, 26-29; Romans 14:10).

The Nature of GOD: His Righteousness, Justice, Impartiality, and Mercy

- 37. "GOD is righteous," the foundation of His throne is "righteousness and justice," and He "loves righteousness and justice" (Daniel 9:14; Psalm 33:5; 89:14; 97:2; Deuteronomy 10:17-18; Isaiah 45:21; John 17:25; Hebrews 1:8-9; Revelation 15:3-4).
- 38. "The LORD loves the righteous" (Psalm 146:8; Psalm 11:7; Isaiah 41:10; 53:11; Matthew 6:33; Acts 3:14).
- 39. GOD hates "evil" (Psalm 97:10; Deuteronomy 12:31; Psalm 11:5; Proverbs 6:16-19; 8:13; Zechariah 8:17; John 7:7).
- 40. "GOD is the Judge" (Psalm 75:7; Genesis 18:25; Isaiah 33:22; John 5:30; 8:16; Acts 10:42; 17:31; Revelation 19:1-2, 11-16; 22:12).
- 41. "There is no partiality with GOD" (Romans 2:11; Deuteronomy 10:17; 2 Chronicles 19:7; Acts 10:34; Galatians 2:6; Ephesians 6:9).
- 42. GOD is "merciful" (Psalm 86:15; Luke 6:36; Exodus 25:21-22; Isaiah 63:9; Ezekiel 39:21-29; Matthew 5:7; 17:14-18; 20:30-34).
- 43. GOD confronts & exposes evil in order to "purge the evil from your midst" (Deuteronomy 13:5; 17:7; 19:19-20; Psalm 51:1-17; Isaiah 19:21-22; 55:7-13; Luke 13:3, 5; James 4:8-10).
- 44. GOD opposes those who are religious, but "disregard justice and the love of God," fail to defend the fatherless and widows, or "shed innocent blood" (Jeremiah 7:5-7; Luke 11:42).
- 45. GOD cherishes and protects human life and thus prohibited "murder" and shedding "innocent blood" (Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 19:10; Numbers 35:33; Matthew 5:21).
- 46. GOD is deeply grieved over the murder of children & by child sacrifice (Psalm 106:37-38; Exodus 21:22-23; Leviticus 20:1-5; Deuteronomy 12:31; 2 Kings 24:1-4; Jeremiah 19:3-6).

The Nature of GOD: He is the Giver of Grace, Forgiveness and Eternal Life

- 47. "The LORD God (is) compassionate," and "His compassions never fail" (Exodus 34:6; Lamentations 3:22; Genesis 19:16; Psalm 25:6; 40:11; 78:38; Luke 7:12-15; James 5:11).
- 48. "The LORD God (is) . . . gracious," and is the Source of grace (Exodus 34:6; Numbers 6:25; 2 Kings 13:23; John 1:14-17; Romans 1:1-7; 3:21-26; 4:16; 2 Peter 1:2).
- 49. GOD takes "no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezekiel 33:11).
- 50. GOD the Holy Spirit "convicts the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment," that each one might be saved and escape eternal punishment (John 16:8).
- 51. GOD alone has authority to totally "forgive sins" (Matthew 9:6; Exodus 34:7; Deuteronomy 21:8; Psalm 32:5; Mark 1:4; Luke 24:46-47; 1 John 1:9).
- 52. Jesus humbly endured disrespect, contempt, ridicule, mocking, persecution, plots against His life, betrayal, denial, abandonment, being spit upon, severely beaten, and crucified; yet He said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34).
- 53. GOD alone can give "eternal life" (John 3:15-16, 36; 5:24; 6:27, 40, 47; 10:27-28; 17:1-3; Romans 5:6-21; 6:22-23; Titus 1:2; 3:3-7).

The Nature of GOD: He is LORD of Heaven & Earth, & Created the Nations

54. GOD made "every nation of mankind" (Acts 17:25-26; Genesis 10:32; 11:9).

- 55. GOD is "Lord of heaven and earth" (Matthew 11:25; Acts 17:24; Joshua 2:11; Daniel 4:34-37; 5:23; Luke 10:21; Acts 7:48-49; Revelation 11:4).
- 56. Jesus Christ is the "KING of kings, and LORD of lords" (Revelation 19:16; 1 Samuel 8:7; Isaiah 33:22; Zechariah 9:9; 1 Timothy 6:13-16; Revelation 17:14).
- 57. GOD is "ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations," holding each ruler & nation accountable (2 Chronicles 20:6; 1 Samuel 15:26; Psalm 22:28; 66:7; Daniel 4:10-27; Revelation 8:1–9:21).

The Nature of GOD: He Loves Israel and the People of All Nations

- 58. GOD chose Abraham to establish a covenant with him and his descendants, the nation of Israel, through whom He brought forth redemption to all people through Jesus Christ, the Son of God; and "he who touches" Israel "touches the apple of His eye" (Zechariah 2:8; Genesis 12:1-3; 15:18-21; 17:1-8; 50:24; Matthew 1:1-23; 2:1-11; 21:4-15; 22:41-45).
- 59. GOD created all the nations for the purpose "that they should seek God . . . grope for Him and find Him" (Acts 17:26-28). Heaven will be filled with believers from "every nation and tribes and peoples and tongues" (Revelation 7:9; Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 12:48-49; 22:21; 23:9; Micah 4:1-2; Revelation 5:9-10; 15:2-4).
- 60. GOD "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16; Matthew 12:17-21; 24:14; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:7-8; 2:1-11; Revelation 14:6-7).

Pray that a true understanding of the image, nature, and characteristics of GOD will be restored in the hearts and minds of believers in Christ, in the Church, and through us to many others.

For the LORD, the sacred gift of life, and remembrance of the babies,

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