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| <b>Independence:</b> God does not need us or the rest of creation for anything, yet we and the rest of creation can glorify him and bring him joy.                                       | God never experiences need, so serving God should never be motivated by the thought that he needs us. He is the provider in everything.   |
| <b>Immutability:</b> God is unchanging in his being, perfections, purposes, and promises, although as he acts in response to different situations he feels emotions.                     | God can always be trusted because he always keeps his word, and is never capricious or moody.   |
| <b>Eternity:</b> God has no beginning or end and is in no way bound by time, although he sees events and acts in his world in time, which is in fact one dimension of the created order. | Those who trust the God of eternity can know peace, rest, and comfort in the busyness of life and in spite of impending death, for God keeps them in safety and joy forever.  |
| <b>Omnipresence:</b> God does not have spatial dimensions and is present everywhere with his whole being, though he acts differently in different situations.                            | God can be sought anywhere regardless of place. Believers should never feel lonely, and the wicked should never feel safe.  |
| <b>Holiness:</b> God is absolutely and uniquely excellent above all creation (majesty) and without sin (purity).   | God should be feared and obeyed, and his people should earnestly pursue moral purity.   |
| <b>Omnipotence:</b> God is able to do all his holy will.   | God's ultimate will is never frustrated by evil, so there is peace and confidence in the face of suffering for those who trust God.   |
| <b>Sovereignty:</b> God has absolute rule over creation as King and total control and determination over all that happens.   | Mankind should obey and submit to God as humble subjects of his kingdom.  |
| <b>Omniscience:</b> God fully knows himself and all things actual and possible—past, present, and future   | All God's thoughts and actions are perfectly informed by perfect knowledge, so he is perfectly trustworthy.   |
| <b>Wisdom:</b> God always knows and chooses the best goals and the best means to those goals. Wisdom is a moral as well as an intellectual quality.                                      | God's wisdom is not always clear to us, but it is great, deep, valuable, and should be highly desired and sought, and we should not doubt its reality even in circumstances that upset us.  |
| <b>Love:</b> God freely and eternally gives of himself. The ultimate historical demonstration of God's love is seen in the cross of Christ.  | God is eager to extravagantly give of himself to meet the needs of lost sinners, so they should flee to him with confidence (cf. <b>Rom. 8:32</b> ).  |
| <b>Wrath:</b> God intensely hates and responds with anger to all sin and rebellion. God hates every threat to what he loves.   | God should be greatly feared. Unbelievers should fear his judgment and turn to Christ for salvation. Believers should fear God's fatherly discipline. The God who loves us is also the holy God who hates sin ( <b>1 Pet. 1:17</b> ). |