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VI. Christ's Attributes – we discussed some of these earlier

A. Eternality

Revelation 22:12-13 – Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done. **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.**

Who is speaking here? - Christ

How does Christ refer to Himself? – Alpha and Omega, first and last, beginning and end
What does that say about Christ? – He is eternal

B. Omnipotence

1. Power over Nature

Matthew 8:23-27 – 23 When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. 24 And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep. 25 And they came to Him and woke Him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing!" 26 He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?" Then **He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm.** 27 The men were amazed, and said, "What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

What was the context here? – sudden storm on the sea; Jesus asleep
When the storm kicked up, what was the disciples' response? – fear
What did Jesus do? – told the storm to subside – rebuked the winds and the sea
What happened? – the storm and its effects subsided
What attribute of Jesus does this demonstrate? – power

2. Power over Disease – Jesus healed a lot of people – e.g., Luke 4:33-36

3. Power over Demons – Jesus cast out a lot of demons – e.g., Mark 5:1-20.

C. Omniscience

John 2:23-25 – “Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing. But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for **He knew all men**, and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for **He Himself knew what was in man.**”

What does this say Jesus knew? – what was in man
Did anyone have to tell Him about man or what was in man? – No
What does this indicate about Jesus? – that He knew everything

D. Holiness

Acts 3:14-15 – But **you disowned the Holy and Righteous One** and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, but put to death the Prince of life, the one whom God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses

Context – Peter was preaching a sermon to Jews at the Temple in Jerusalem

How does Peter refer to Jesus here? – the Holy and Righteous One
What is holiness? – separate; moral perfection, absolute purity, untainted by sin.

2 Corinthians 5:21 – He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him

How much sin did Christ have? – none
How did God use Christ? – He made Him sin; He put our sin on Christ
Why? – so that we might have God's righteousness
How does that happen? – when we are saved, Christ's sinless life is imputed to our account and God sees us as though we lived Christ's life

How does God see you right now? As a sinner living in darkness, or as though you lived Christ's life?

E. Immutability

Hebrews 13:8 – Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Does Jesus Christ change? – no
Did He cease to be God during His incarnation? – no
What did He do during His incarnation? – He voluntarily laid aside the independent use of His divine attributes. *Kenosis*.