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Foundations for Life #2: 60 Characteristics of the Nature of GOD

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Last week I shared excerpts from the first lesson in a series titled, “Biblical, Judeo-Christian & Truth Foundations for Life.” Let’s call this series of the GLC Weekly “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 restoration, 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.” When pondering this, I asked myself, “What is the image of GOD?” I thought I knew. But I decided to take an adventure to discover Who He Himself says He is, and that resulted in “60 Characteristics of the Nature of GOD.” This week let’s take a close look at the first 29 characteristics. I encourage you to study one or more characteristic each day.

The Image and Nature of GOD: General

1. GOD is the only eternal, immortal, self-existing God, who pre-existed all things and creation.
 - Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 33:27; 1 Kings 8:60; Romans 16:26.
2. GOD is one God in three Persons: The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.
 - Genesis 1:1-2; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; John 1:1-3.
3. The GOD Head has an authority structure, order, unity, and division of responsibilities. The Father is the Head; The Father sent The Son; The Father and Son sent The Holy Spirit. They are in perfect communion, submission, unity & complementarity.
 - Luke 24:49; John 5:30; 8:28-29, 42; 10:17-18; 14:16-26, 31; 15:1, 8-10; 17:1-26; 20:22.
4. Representation is intrinsic in the GOD Head: The Son represents, speaks for, and reveals The Father; as does The Holy Spirit, The Father and Son.
 - Same Scriptures for #3 above, plus: John 12:49; 14:10, 24; 15:15, 26; 16:5-15.
5. “GOD is light and in Him is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5).
 - Genesis 1:3-5, 14-18; Psalm 119:105, 130; Matthew 4:16-17; John 8:12; 9:5.
6. GOD always keeps His word, promises, covenants, and has perfect integrity.
 - Genesis 9:9-17; 17:1-21; Numbers 23:19; 2 Corinthians 1:20; Hebrews 6:13-18.
7. GOD is humble, and “humble in heart” (Matthew 11:29).



- Psalm 25:9; Isaiah 66:2; Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:5; 1 Peter 3:4.
8. GOD is “slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth” (Exodus 34:6).
 - Nehemiah 9:16-17; Psalm 86:15; 103:8-14; Isaiah 54:7-10; Joel 2:13; Micah 7:18-20.
 9. GOD does “not change” and “is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8). 1 Samuel 15:29; Isaiah 46:3-4; Hebrews 1:10-12; Rev. 1:8; 21:6; 22:13.
 10. GOD is perfectly self-controlled and disciplined. He always speaks, responds, and acts perfectly consistent with His nature, character, Commandments and Law.

The Image and Nature of GOD: Revealed in His Creation

11. GOD is the Creator of “the heavens and the earth,” and has revealed Himself through what He has created (Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-3). Psalm 19:1-6; Romans 1:19-20; Revelation 4:11.
12. GOD created by speaking things into existence.
 - Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26; Psalm 33:6, 9; 148:5; Hebrews 11:3; 2 Peter 3:5.
13. GOD created light, waters, dry land, vegetation, plants, trees, sun & moon & stars, living creatures, fish, birds, and animals (Genesis 1:3-25; 6:19-20; 7:2-3, 14-16; Job 38-41).
14. GOD “upholds all things by the word of His power” (Hebrews 1:3).
15. “GOD is not a God of confusion, but of peace” (1 Corinthians 14:33). Everything that He creates is with perfect order and harmony. There is no dissonance in Him or in heaven.
16. “GOD created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:26-27; 5:1-2).

The Nature of GOD: He is the Source of Truth, Wisdom & Understanding

17. GOD speaks and communicates with words.
 - Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26, 29; 2:18; Revelation 19:13.
18. Truth comes from GOD. Psalm 43:3; 45:4; 57:3, 10; Ephesians 4:21; John 1:17; 14:6, 16-17; 15:26; 16:13-15; 1 John 5:6-7.
19. GOD is the source of wisdom, understanding, discernment, “the fear of the LORD,” and “the knowledge of God” (Proverbs 2:1-11). Luke 21:15; Romans 11:33; Col. 2:2-3; 1 John 5:20.
20. Jesus confronted those who led people astray from God, Truth, and relationship with Him.
 - Matthew 15:1-14; 16:1-12; 19:1-9; 21:23-46; 23:13-33; Luke 14:1-5; 20:1-8; 20:9-47.

The Nature of GOD: Evidenced in the Fruit of the Spirit of God

- Galatians 5:22-23
21. “GOD is love,” and “love is from GOD” (1 John 3:1, 16; 4:7, 8, 16).
 - Deuteronomy 7:6-14; Micah 7:18, 20; 1 Chronicles 16:34, 41; John 3:16.
 22. GOD is joyful, the source of joy.
 - Psalm 89:15; 113:9; Zephaniah 3:17; Luke 15:10; John 15:11; Hebrews 12:2.
 23. “The LORD is Peace” and the Source of peace (Judges 6:23-24).
 - Leviticus 26:6; Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:14; John 14:27; 16:33; 20:19-21, 26; Romans 15:33.
 24. “The LORD is . . . patient” (2 Peter 3:9).

- Jeremiah 15:15; Romans 9:22; 1 Corinthians 13:4; 1 Timothy 1:15-16.
25. GOD is kind and “the kindness of God leads you to repentance” (Romans 2:4).
- Genesis 39:21; Romans 11:22; Ephesians 2:4-7; Titus 3:3-7; 1 Peter 2:3.
26. “GOD is good” (Psalm 73:1).
- Genesis 1:31; Psalm 84:11; Mark 10:18; Romans 8:28-29; 1 Timothy 4:4.
27. “GOD is faithful” and consistent (1 Corinthians 1:9; 10:13).
- Deuteronomy 7:9; 32:4; Psalm 33:4; 36:5; 2 Corinthians 1:18-20; 1 Peter 4:19; Rev. 3:14.
28. GOD is “gentle” (Matthew 11:29).
- 1 Kings 19:11-13; Psalm 18:35; Matthew 21:5; 2 Corinthians 10:1; James 3:17.
29. GOD is always perfectly self-controlled (Genesis 18:23-26; Matthew 26:62-27; 2 Peter 1:6).

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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