

Attributes of God (Communicable & Incommunicable)

Scripture reveals a difference between communicable and incommunicable attributes:

- Incommunicable attributes are characteristics God shares with (communicates to) no one, because they are elements of His uniqueness (i.e. God is self-existent and eternal)
- Communicable attributes are characteristics God shares with us in some measure (we are made in His image)

All God is, God is all of the time, fully and perfectly. He never diminishes one of His attributes in favor of another.

Incommunicable Attributes

- Eternal (Ex 3:13-14; John 8:58; Rev 1:8)
- Immutable (unchanging) (Num 23:19; Ps 102:25-27; Heb 13:8)
- Incomprehensible (Job 36:26; Matt 11:17; Rom 11:33)
- Independent (self-existent) (Ps 115:3; Is 44:24; John 10:17-18)
- Infinite (Ps 90:1-2; Is 40:28; Heb 1:10-12)
- Majestic (1 Chr 29:11; Ps 24:10; 68:34-35)
- Omnipresent (Ps 139:7-10; Jer 23:24)
- Perfect (Deut 32:4; Ps 18:30; Heb 4:15)
- Self-Sufficient (Gen 1:1; Is 40:28; John 1:12)
- Sovereign (Is 46:10; Rom 8:28-30; 9:19-21)
- Supreme (Pre-eminent) (Ps 99:1-3; Col 1:15-19)
- Triune (Matt 28:19; 1 Cor 12:4-6; 2 Cor 13:14)
- Transcendent (1 Kings 8:27; Is 40:22; 55:8-9)
- Unique (Ex 15:11; Deut 33:26-27; 1 Cor 8:6)

Communicable Attributes

- Accessible (Rom 5:1-2; 10:8; James 4:8)
- Faithful (Deut 7:8-9; Lam 3:22-23; 1 Thess 5:24)
- Generous (Ps 65:9-13; John 1:16; Rom 10:12)
- Good (Ps 25:7-8; 145:9; 1 Tim 4:4)
- Gracious (Ps 84:11; John 1:14; 2 Tim 1:9)
- Holy (Ps 22:3; Is 6:3; 1 Peter 1:16)

- Humility (Mark 10:45; 2 Cor 8:9; Phil 2:5-11)
- Impartial (Deut 10:17; Rom 2:11; 10:12)
- Jealous (Ex 34:14; Deut 4:23-24; 2 Cor 11:2)
- Just (Ps 146:7-9; Is 30:18; 61:8; Rom 3:25-26)
- Kind (Gen 39:21; Rom 2:4; Titus 3:4-6)
- Knowledge (Prov 18:15; 1 Cor 2:10-11; 1 John 3:20)
- Love (Ps 136; John 15:13; 1 John 4:8)
- Mercy (Ps 51:1-2; Micah 7:18; Matt 9:13)
- Patient (1 Tim 1:16; 2 Peter 3:15)
- Righteous (Ps 145:17; Is 51:6,8; 1 John 2:1)
- Truth (Is 65:16; John 8:32; 14:6)
- Wise (Prov 3:19; 1 Cor 1:25; Col 2:2-3)
- Wrath (Ps 7:11; Rom 1:18; Eph 4:26-27)