The Doctrine of God

Immanence and Transcendence
(How God ______________ to His Creation)

Immanence:

God is ______________ and ______________ in all of His creation; He is near, available, approachable, and knowable.

Three Key Biblical Passages:

• ______________
• ______________
• ______________

The Implications of Immanence:

1. God doesn’t have to work ______________ in order to accomplish His purposes. (He can use doctors, medicine, surgery, etc.)

2. God can use anyone He wants to ______________ His purposes. (Used pagan nations in the OT. Can non-Christians do some good things? His influence is everywhere.)

3. “This is my ______________ world.” (We should appreciate and ______________ for it!)

4. God has ______________ Himself in and through His creation. (There is an order and logic behind it all. He is ______________ with His creation.) We can learn something about God from this. (______________ Revelation)

5. An ______________ implication. God is already present in the people with whom we share our faith. (All people are “God’s children” in a sense. They are all made in God’s ______________.)

Transcendence:

God is ______________ from His creation; He is not limited by our understanding of Him.

(Beware of trying to put “God in a ___________”)

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“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than yours and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8-9

The Implications of Transcendence:

1. There is something (Someone) __________________________________. (We are not the center of our world!)

2. We can’t limit God to our __________________________ of Him.

3. Salvation is a “__________ thing!” (We can’t earn it, achieve it, and we certainly don’t ______________ it.)

4. God is ______________ than His creation. (Versus pantheism/panentheism)

5. God is to be ____________________. (He is “different,” He is Holy; He is to be worshipped.)

6. God does __________ in transcendent ways. (This is why we need to ___________!)

The Attributes of God

What is God really like?

It’s _______________ to know what God is really like. Fortunately, He has ______________ us what He is really like. We get to know what God is really like because in His inspired and perfect revealed Word we can study His ________________.

His attributes tell us _______ He is and ________ He is like.

Traditional Classifications:

1. _______________ and _______________

2. _______________ and _______________

3. _______________ and _______________ (Erickson and the Class Approach)

The Greatness of God

1. God is ________________.
2. God is ________________.

3. God is ________________.

4. God is ________________.

   With regard to:
   
   a. ________________
   b. ________________
   c. ________________
   d. ________________

5. God is ________________ (His Immutability).

The Goodness of God

1. ________________ Purity
   
   a. ________________
   b. ________________
   c. ________________/Wrath

2. ________________
   
   a. ________________
   b. ________________
   c. ________________

3. ________________
   
   a. ________________
   b. ________________
   c. ________________
   d. ________________
Reconciling God’s Love versus God’s Justice?

Where do we see this most clearly? The ______________!