

HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a

Explanation of
Luther's Small Catechism

Talking about

The Three Articles of the Creed

126 Who is God?

God is God. He is an eternal spirit who is loving, all-powerful, all-knowing, everywhere present, wise, good, merciful, holy, true, and just. Although God has revealed Himself to us in various ways, no human mind can fully understand Him.

God is God: **Exodus 3:14** “God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

God is a spirit: **John 4:24** “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

God is eternal: **Psalm 90:2** “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”

God is loving: **1 John 4:16** “...God is love...”

God is all-powerful: **Luke 1:37** “For nothing will be impossible with God.”

God is all-knowing: **1 John 3:20b** “...God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.”

God is everywhere present: **Acts 17:27** “...that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us.”

God is wise: **Job 12:13** “With God are wisdom and might; he has counsel and understanding.”

God is good: **Psalm 106:1** “Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!”

God is merciful: **Nehemiah 9:17, 31** “They [Israel] refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them...Nevertheless, in your great mercies you did not make an end of them or forsake them, for you are a gracious and merciful God.”

God is holy: **Isaiah 6:3** “And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

God is true: **Numbers 23:19** “God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?”

God is just: **Psalm 145:17** “The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.”

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

