



# ***WHO GOD IS...***

Ben Witherington III, *Who God Is: Meditations on the Character of Our God* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2020), xvi.

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”

— A.W. Tozer

"The great thing to remember is that, though our feelings come and go, His love for us does not." —C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

1. There is more emphasis placed on the adjectives applied to \_\_\_\_\_ God's actions in the Bible than on the nouns which \_\_\_\_\_ His personage.
2. Most believers in God do not have a very \_\_\_\_\_ view of who God is.
3. Knowing only "about" someone is to know them \_\_\_\_\_, and not specifically.
4. One of the downfalls of witnessing in church life is we share what we know about God to people we meet generally, without most times ever knowing Him \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves.
5. Our knowing "of God" should be instead "\_\_\_\_\_."
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ point between our theology and our ethics as Christians, and Saints comes from the fact that we are created in God's image.
7. Our character and behavior should \_\_\_\_\_ God's character and behavior.
  - **James A. Sanders** who said, "***Biblical characters do not primarily serve us as models for morality, but rather as mirrors for identity.***"
8. Our problem with people is we make the mistake of trying to love them \_\_\_\_\_, when the true meaning, effectiveness, and sufficiency of love is as God loves - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **Genesis 1:26-27 (NET)** <sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, after our likeness, so they may rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move on the earth." <sup>27</sup> God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them.
  - **John 3:16 (NET1)** <sup>16</sup> For this is the way God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.
  - **1 John 4:8 (NET1)** <sup>8</sup> The person who does not love does not know God, because God is love.
  - **1 John 4:16 (NET1)** <sup>16</sup> And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has in us. God is love, and the one who resides in love resides in God, and God resides in him.