Worldviews  
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What Is God Like? The Christian View

1. Christians believe that God is an eternal triune Being who is “infinite and personal, transcendent and immanent, omniscient, sovereign, and good.” (Sire)
2. Attributes with definitions
   1. Eternal—Self-existing; always has been and always will be
   2. Infinite—no bounds to his presence, knowledge, or power
   3. Personal—God thinks, feels, and makes decisions; God is a “he” not an “it”
   4. Transcendent—God exists beyond or outside of the universe; He is present in the universe, yet He is distinct from the universe itself
   5. Immanent—He is present everywhere
   6. Triune—God is three persons in one being
   7. Sovereign—Everything ultimately is under God’s jurisdiction and control
   8. Goodness—God is good in His very nature; He is the standard of what is right, and He loves His creation
3. Pictures of God
   1. Communicator or Revealer: God wants to be known by His creation so He reveals Himself to people
   2. Fountain: He is the source of all things, the Creator
   3. Father: This is one of the best pictures of God that we have. The one responsible for our existence; the one who protects us, provides for us, comforts us, disciplines us, loves us, encourages us, and is there for us.
   4. Judge: All people will give an account to God for their lives after death
   5. Jesus: Hebrews 1 says that Jesus is the “exact image of God’s person,” in other words, Jesus perfectly represents the character of God; He is God in the flesh; He is the face of God to humanity; Jesus is by far the most complete revelation of God to humans

--Qualities of Jesus: