**The Attributes of God: Week 2, Preeminent & self-existent**

**When we say that God is preeminent we mean:**

1. He is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and He is before and above *everything* and *everyone else* in all ways. *(See Col 1:16-17)*
2. He has always been, is, and always will be greater in every way than the full \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of everything and everyone else that ever exists.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ before all things and His existence before all things is the only thing that allows there to be anything \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*(See Rom 11:36)*

1. He has no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, yet everything \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Himself has its origin from Him. *(See Ps 90:2, Jhn 1:3)*
2. God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in all of His attributes. He alone possess them to the full, to the infinite degree of perfection. He alone is God, He alone is before all. He alone is Ruler, Creator & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*(See Ps 86:10, Jer 10:6)*

**When we say that God is self-existent we mean:**

1. He depends on nothing, yet every other thing depends on Him, fully.
2. He is in need of nothing, yet every other thing needs Him, completely. *(See Acts 17:24-25 & 28, Ps 50:9-12)*
3. Whatever God is, and all that God is; He is in Himself, fully. There is nothing needed or required by Him outside of Himself.

The **preeminence** of God tells us that there is One who is; the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of all but is Himself **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** by none!

The **preeminence** of God tells us that there is One who is; **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to none…but to whom all must give **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

The **self**-**existence** of God tells us that there is One who is; in need of nothing…

and One to whom all are in need of…for everything…

The **self**-**existence** of God tells us that there is One who is; independent of everything…and One to whom all are in full dependence of.

**How should God’s preeminence & self-existence impact our lives?**

1. We must **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the reality that there is One to whom we owe our **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** …every breath, every second.
2. We must **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the truth that there is One who is totally **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** us in every way.
3. We must come to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the truth that we have a holy, perfect & loving **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** & ruling Sustainer.
4. We must **thank** Him for giving us life & breath, as well as all that He has done for us.
5. We must **submit** in glad honor to Him because of His sovereign & good ownership over us. *There is no neutral* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** *to the preeminence of God. The creature either* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** *in it, or rejects it.*
6. We must not **exchange** the glory of this incomparable God for the image of created things.
7. We must **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of ever scorning His **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** rule.
8. We should yearn for God’s kingdom reign on earth to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. We should pray for God’s design & will to be done on earth & in our lives as it is perfectly & always being done in heaven.
9. We must walk in the light of the truth, submitting to our Owner’s design…not only because He is the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, but because we trust that He knows what is best for the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
10. We must acknowledge that God in no way needs us or any other thing, but he gladly, willfully & graciously **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to love us and invites us to be used by Him to accomplish His will on earth.