**Spiritual Umbrellas: God’s Authority**

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“God is present in all time, and therefore all time is present to God.” (Grenz)

“God, being eternal, has no beginning or end or succession of events in His own being.” (Grudem)

Read Psalm 90:2; 102:27; Isaiah 57:15; 1 Timothy 1:17.

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“God does not need us or the rest of creation for anything.” (Grudem)

Read John 5:26 and Acts 17:24–25.

**Attribute of being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:**

“God is unlimited, unbounded. There is no confinement, no limitation. He transcends everything in His creation.” (Williams)

Read Genesis 14:18–22; 1 Kings 8:27; Psalm 145:3; Nehemiah 9:5; Romans 11:33; 1 Corinthians 2:10–12.

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Read Genesis 18:14; Jeremiah 32:17; Matthew 19:26; Ephesians 3:20.

**Attribute of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:**

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	+ The Hebraic understanding of wisdom was both intellectual and practical.
	+ Read Job 9:4; Romans 8:28; 16:27; James 1:5.
* **Good** — “God is the final standard of good, and all God is and does is worthy of approval.” (Grudem)
	+ Read Psalm 100:5; 106:1; Luke 18:19.
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**God first revealed Himself to us as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Genesis 1:1 = “**In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

* **God is distinct from creation, but He is involved in creation and creation is dependent upon Him**
	+ Ephesians 4:6; Acts 17:25, 28.
* **God created the universe to show His glory**
	+ Isaiah 43:7; Psalm 19; Revelation 4:11.
* God has purpose in all He does in the world and… He providentially governs or directs all things so they accomplish His purposes.
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**Identity Creed**

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God provides everything I need, and His grace is sufficient to see me through **any** situation. I find my identity in Christ; He lives in me and I live my life for the glory of God. I am beautiful, intelligent, talented, and **capable**. Every obstacle I face is really just a **challenge** that I WILL overcome because I am surrendered to the Holy Spirit who **empowers** me to know and do God’s will.

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