

The Westminster shorter catechism says that
the chief end of man is

to Glorify God and
to Enjoy Him forever

God makes some impressive claims About delighting in Him?

Psa 37:4 Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.

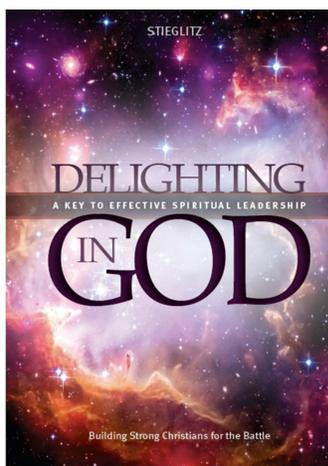
John 17:3 This is the eternal life that they may know You and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

Isa 40:31 Those that wait upon the Lord will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired...

2 Pet 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Chronicles 16:9 For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is completely His.

Do you have a relationship of delight with God the Almighty?



Most people are fascinated by God, but few are in relationship with Him. Even fewer of those who have embraced His gift of grace regularly push into His presence and enjoy deep fellowship with the Almighty.

How do we come to delight in God?

1. God sends His grace (Eph 2:8,9), to call, convict, illuminate, draw (John 6:44), and enable us to be in relationship with Him.

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2. We begin to pursue God usually through the Spiritual Disciplines. (Hebrews 11:6; James 4:7)

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3. We begin to lower our immaturity toward God, listening to Him engage us about our voids, selfishness and destructiveness.
(1 John 1:9; James 4:7-10)

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4. We begin to interact with God about more than ourselves allowing Him to be all He really is. (Heb 12:18-24; Ex 34:7-9)

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5. We begin to increase His control over all areas of life, learning His way of living.
(Matt 11:28-30; James 4:5; Matt 22:37-39)

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6. We begin to grow through the dysfunction and blaming of our past and we let God re-parent us. (Galatians 6:7; Matthew 18:21-35; Rom 5:1-5; James 1:2-5; 1 Thess 4:9-12)

The Classic passage on a Believer Delighting in God

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me besides quiet waters.
He restores my soul;
He guides me in the paths of righteousness
for His names sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I fear no evil, for You are with me.
Your rod and Your staff they comfort me

The Classic passage on a Believer Delighting in God

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
You have anointed my head with oil;
My cup overflows.
Surely goodness and lovingkindness
will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

God's Essence

The first thing we learn about God is that He is Spirit

John 4:24 God is spirit and those who worship Him
must worship in spirit and truth.

God's Essence

What does it mean to say that God is Spirit?

It means that He is
immaterial and incorporeal Luke 24:39

God's Essence

What does it mean to say that God is Spirit?

It means that He is

**invisible Deut 4:15-19; John 1:18; Rom 1:20; Col 1:15;
1 Tim 1:17; 1 Tim 6:16**

**Certain Scriptures do indicate that one day we will see
Him Psa 17:15; Matt 5:8; Heb 12:14; Rev 22:4**

God's Essence

What does it mean to say that God is Spirit?

It means that He is

alive Josh 3:10

He is Himself the source of all life

Acts 17:28; John 5:29; Psa 36:9

God's Essence

What does it mean to say that God is Spirit?

It means that He is

He is a person Ex 3:14

It is not possible to have an impersonal spirit

God is self-conscious Isa 45:6; 1 Cor 2:10

God is self-determined Job 23:12; Rom 9-11;

Heb 6:17

(It means God thinks, will, and feels)

God's Essence

What does it mean to say that God is Spirit?

1. God can not be adequately rendered or worshipped in a picture of a statue. Isa 40:18-20
2. He can only be conceived by His actions or attributes. John 14:5-7; Heb 1:3
3. He desires spiritual worship. John 4:23,24
4. God is incapable of being hurt by physical force. Acts 5:29; Nahum 1:9; Psa 2:3,4
5. He communicates with our spirit. Rom 8:14
6. He will bless us with the highest blessings. Eph 1:3
7. A relationship with Him grows or wanes like other relationships. Matt 23:37; Jer 29:12,13

God's Essence

How is God to be differentiated from other spirits?

He is Infinite

God has no spatial or time boundaries

God's Essence

What does it mean to say that God is Infinite?

He is Infinite

He has no boundaries in regards to time or space

1. He is eternal, without beginning or end.

Gen 21:33, Psa 90:2, 102:27, Isa 57; 15, 1 Tim 6:18

God's Essence

What does it mean to say that God is Infinite?

He is Infinite

He has no boundaries in regards to time or space
2. He is immense in that He is not confined to any one place but fills the earth and the heavens.

1 Kings 8:27, Jer 23:24

He fills all space but is separate from His creation. It is not a part of Him and He does not dwell in it. Gen 1:12, 18, Matt 10:29, John 1:12.

He is in every place but He is not in everything.

God's Essence

What does it mean to me that God is Infinite?

1. He sees everything good or bad personally and does not need to hear a report. He is personally aware of every sinful detail and every virtuous action or thought. Proverbs 15:3
2. He is beyond my finite mind's ability to understand Him. We will never fully comprehend Him or exhaust His person with our rational categories. Isaiah 40:15; Psalms 90:2

God's Essence

What does it mean to me that God is Infinite?

3. Christians have an infinite inheritance beyond time and space. He is infinitely filling, infinitely satisfactory, infinitely pleasant. 1 Corinthians 2:9

4. We can work in secret without external recognition because we know that God sees and will ultimately reward. Matthew 6:4,6,18

God's Essence

What does it mean to me that God is Infinite?

5. The Christian can continue His relationship with God no matter where we are because God is there.

(Acts 17:27; Heb 11:27; Gen 5:21) We are not hampered by location or lack of a temple or building.

6. Christians must not limit their understanding of what God can do. (Rom 11:33) An obstacle to us is not an obstacle to him. We may see only one way of solving a problem but He can move in dimensions and directions which we do not understand.

God's Essence

What does it mean to me that God is Infinite?

7. We can pray for an event that is past tense to us, but remains unknown in its outcome. God can apply it to the past.
8. We can re-examine a past event looking for evidence of God's presence and direction.
9. God can move two or more people to accomplish His purpose no matter how separate they are by time or space. Isaiah 53

God's Essence

What else can be said about God the infinite spirit?

He is Self-Existent

God does not need anything from anyone outside of Himself

God's Essence

What does it mean to say that God is an infinite self-existent spirit?

He is Self-Existent

He exists in and of Himself. He is not dependent upon any creature or thing for His existence.

(Acts 17:24,25) He exists by the power of His own nature. (Exodus 3:14) He is the uncaused cause.

God's Essence

How does the fact that God is an infinite self-existent spirit affect me?

1. He does not need me. I can never put God in a position where He needs me.
2. I am completely dependent upon Him for my life. Every other thing also is constantly dependent upon Him for their continued existence.
3. God did not need to create the world or angels. He is completely self-contained. He created the world because He wanted to.
4. He does not need to be worshiped by anyone. The love within the Trinity is totally sufficient.

Taking Delight in God

Read each section about who God is, let your mind contemplate the wonder of God.

Worship Him for what the Scriptures say about Him.

Cry out to Him to display that aspect of His being in your life so you can take more delight in Him.

Psalms 37:4



**Weapons of
Righteousness**
Building Strong Christians for the Battle

Table Discussions

1. Worship God for His Essence and Attributes.
2. Take delight in Him for what He has done for you personally.
3. Do not ask Him for anything.

