

# FOUNDATIONS

## LESSON 6: THE COMMUNICABLE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Matthew 5:48

<sup>48</sup> You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

### I. The Communicable Attributes

“We believe that there is only one living and true God. He is the **eternal, infinite** Creator and supreme Ruler of heaven and earth. He is **merciful, just, and loving** and governs all things according to His **sovereign** will for His glory. He alone is inexpressibly **glorious** in **holiness**, and is worthy of all honor, confidence, obedience and love.”<sup>4</sup>

Holy – He is completely set apart

Love – He gives benevolently of Himself for the benefit of others

Just (Righteous) – He always does what is right

Omnipotent – He is able to do anything He chooses

Omniscient – He knows all things, and always produces the best result by the best possible means

Faithful – He is always consistent in who He is and to what He has said

Gracious – He gives to those who only deserve punishment

Merciful – He is compassionate to those in need

Jealous – He acts for His own Name’s sake

### II. Holy

#### A. God is Holy

Isaiah 6:1-5

#### B. We are called to Holiness

1 Peter 1:14-16

### III. Love

#### A. God is Love

1 John 4:16

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<sup>4</sup> Del Ray Baptist Church – Statement of Faith 2012

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1. Intra-Trinitarian Love
2. Providential Love
3. Salvific Love
4. Selecting Love
5. Conditional Love

B. We are called to Love

1 John 4:7-12

### **IV. Just**

A. God is Just

Genesis 18:20-33

B. We are called to be Just

Micah 6:8

### **V. Displayed at the Cross**

“The cross is the amphi-theater which hosts the symphony of God’s attributes in perfect harmony.”