

*What are the dangers of considering one of God's attribute more important than all others?*

God is: living, personal, relational, good and loving. God is love (Eph. 2:4) and God is wrath (Zech. 7:12). Adrian Rogers said, "If you take part of the truth and try to make that part of the truth, all of the truth then that part of the truth becomes an untruth." Many accept the love of God but deny the wrath of God. Men deny Christ in doctrine (Mk 8:38; 2 Ti 1:8) and in practice (Tt 1:16). It is an antichrist spirit which denies him (1 Jn 2:22, 23). The consequences are: Christ will deny him (Mt 10:33) and he will be destroyed (2 Pe 2:1).

Men must worship the Lord for who he is not whom they want him to be (Ro 1:25). Doing so makes him an idol (2 Kin. 21:3, 21). Jim Andrews said, "Man's own religion usually descends to the fleshly life to which he, himself practices." God is holy (Ps. 16:10, Is. 11:4, 5). Belief in a Jesus who never existed isn't helpful (Jn 14:6). It is the Jesus of scripture who must be worshipped (1 Chr. 16:29, Jn 4:24).

Common delusions (self-deception) include: rejecting God's existence (Ps. 14:1), supposing God does not see (Ps. 10:1–11), trusting in one's heritage (Matt. 3:9), living for this life alone (Luke 12:17–19), presuming on time (Luke 13:23–30), believing Satan (2 Thess. 2:1–12) and denying facts (2 Pet. 3:5, 16, 17).<sup>1</sup>

Cowards go to hell first (Re 21:8); but the Christian overcomes and he will not be hurt by the second death (Re 2:11). He has chooses to know and love the Lord for who he is. The apostle Paul said, "...That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead." Phil 3:10-11.

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<sup>1</sup> Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). Nelson's quick reference topical Bible index (p. 173). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers.