



# Biblical Counseling Ministries, Inc.

A Church-Based Christian Counseling Ministry

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...I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man.  
Eph. 3:14-16

### GOD MATTERS (Part 2)

*This month we continue to look at God's character and why His attributes matter in everyday life.*

**God is righteous and holy.** Everything God does is completely right and pure. Therefore, I can trust that the life He has chosen for me –with its joys *and* its sorrows, its comforts *and* its trials - is the best way for me to learn His ways and develop His character. He puts me into trials and purifies me through them, just as gold is refined. When I cooperate with what He is doing, I will be victorious no matter what people do or say. In other words, when I choose to live in submission to His will and act in ways that reflect His righteous and holy character, I am successful even when people criticize or reject me. Ps 37:1-8; I Peter 1:5.

**God is everywhere,** so I know He is always with me, will never leave me, sees all I do (good or evil), and will never forsake His own. I am not alone. Psalm 139:7-10; Hebrews 13:5.

**God is just** (part 2). Though evil exists in this world and though sin will hurt me, God will protect me from ultimate harm and will treat me well. He cares for His own as we walk through this perilous world. I Pet 5:7; Deut. 32:4.

**God's is merciful to forgive my sins.** As His child, I no longer have to fear His wrath. When I confess my sins, Christ is faithful and just to forgive. He pleads my case before the Father, and the Father always accepts His defense. I can begin afresh. I John 1:9-2:2. (Note: Nowhere does Scripture say I have to forgive myself; I am to accept God's forgiveness and act accordingly.)

**God always keeps His promises.** I can trust Him to faithfully do what He says He will do. He will help me to follow Him well. But I have to set aside what *I* want and accept what *He* wants so I'll set my expectations correctly. Luke 9:23-24; Psalm 121:1-8.

**God never changes.** I can count on Him even when I can't see Him. He is the Everlasting Rock upon which I can confidently set my feet when the storms of life rage. No longer do I have to thrash around in the waves. Hebrews 13:8; Psalm 31:3; 56:3-4.

To help us serve you better:

### PRAYER REQUESTS and MINISTRY NEEDS

- Pray for counselees who are in intense struggles. Pray for those who need salvation, and for those who are faithfully seeking God.
- Pray for the certification of our training program. NANC has eliminated the category of 'approved training center,' so we are again in the process of having our curriculum certified.
- **Consider hosting a BCM Sunday at your church. Summer and fall openings are available.** Email or call now. 715-423-7190.

### A BOOK WORTH A LOOK...

#### The Attributes of God

*By Arthur W. Pink*

*Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Books, 1975*

The timeless appeal of this classic book, written by a preacher with a worldwide ministry during the first half of the twentieth century, demonstrates the deep hunger for a saving knowledge of God present in each generation. Arthur Pink sought to give readers not just a theoretical knowledge of God but pointed them toward a personal relationship of yielding to Him and living according to His biblical precepts. Pink's book explores attributes such as God's decrees, foreknowledge, sovereignty, holiness, grace, and mercy, among many others, all packaged in a style especially useful for those who sincerely want to know God better. Our God who is above all names cannot be found through human searching alone, Pink teaches, but can be known only as He is revealed by the Holy Spirit through his living Word.

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