

# Nature of God

1. **What** is the nature of God?
2. **How** does the nature of God work?
3. **Why** is the nature of God important?

1. **What** is the nature of God?

When Christians talk about the nature of God, what do they mean? Generally, Christians describe God using a collection of famous qualities. Write definitions for "benevolent", "eternal", "forgiving", "immanent", "judge", "monotheistic", "omnipotent", "omniscient", "personal", and "transcendent".

<b>Benevolent</b>	<b>Eternal</b>
<b>Forgiving</b>	<b>Immanent</b>
<b>Judge</b>	<b>Monotheistic</b>
<b>Omnipotent</b>	<b>Omniscient</b>
<b>Personal</b>	<b>Transcendent</b>

## 2. **How** does the nature of God work?

Generally, Christians believe what they do about what God is like because of the Bible, which describes God's nature in great detail. For example, God's benevolent character is presented through the life and death of Jesus (i.e. God the Son) and some Old Testament passages like Psalm 86:15, which describes God as merciful, gracious and abounding in steadfast love. Make a note about how the Bible influences Christian beliefs about God's benevolent, forgiving and omnipotent nature and his role as judge.

<b>How the Nature of God Works</b>	
<b>Benevolent</b>	<b>Forgiving</b>
<b>Judge</b>	<b>Omnipotent</b>

## 3. **Why** is the nature of God important?

Christian beliefs about the nature of God are important because they have a huge influence on how Christians behave. For some Christians, God's benevolent, immanent and personal nature is emphasised in Jesus, God the Son. With these aspects of God's nature emphasised, he becomes a role model that Christians can attempt to emulate. For other Christians, it is God the Father, the omnipotent, omniscient and transcendent judge whom they imagine in their mind's eye. Make a note about why the nature of God is important.

<b>Why the Nature of God Is Important</b>