

## Doctrinal Studies **THE IMMUTABILITY OF GOD**

As an infinite Being, absolutely independent and eternal, God is above the possibility of change.

Creatures change, everything earthly changes, but God does not change. He is and must be eternally the same, for He is infinitely perfect, and infinite perfection prevents and precludes change. There can be no change, which does not imply imperfection.

There can be no addition to the number of His natural attributes, and there can be no increase of their capacity and power. It is absurd to suppose that God can be more Sovereign, more Eternal, more Powerful, more Knowing, more Loving or more Truth.

1. Definition of Immutability: God in His nature, attributes and counsels, (advice, instruction, wisdom, discretion, consultation) is unchanging. This does not imply that God is incapable of making free choices for to God belongs the right to choose ends and means of attaining them. Immutability does not imply inactivity or immobility for God is Infinite in power and energy.
2. Biblical fact of Immutability: Mal 3:6 "For I am the Lord, I change not...James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness (no shifting; God's Grace is stable) and not casting of a shadow (eclipse). God's Grace is NEVER eclipsed.
3. God is absolute stability: Isaiah 40:28 "Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?"
4. His Word and His Works are unchanging: Psa 119:89 "Forever, O Lord, thy Word is settled in heaven" Eccl 3:14 "I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever, nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it..." Isa 40:8 "The grass withereth the flower fadeth: but the Word of our God shall stand for ever."
5. From His immutability stems His faithfulness Psa 36:5 "Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens: and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds." Psa 89:33 "My loving kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail" Psa 119:90 "Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth." Lam 3:22,23 "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."
  - a. He is faithful to save ... Rom 10:13; Jn 3:16
  - b. He is faithful to keep the saved, saved..I Cor 1:8-9 I Thess 5:23-24; II Thess 3:3; Jn 10:27-30; I Pet 1:5; Rom 11:6; Gal 6:14-16; II Tim 1:9; Jn 6:37
  - c. He is faithful to keep His promises...Num 23:19; I King 8:56;II Cor 1:20; Titus 1:2; Heb 10:23, 11:11
  - d. He is faithful in times of temptation .. I Cor 10:13
  - e. He is faithful to forgive sin... I John 1:9
  - f. He is faithful in answering prayer .. Psa 143:1; Mark 11:24; Matt 7:7-8; 21:22; John 14:14,15:7, 16:24; James 4:2; I John 3:22; Psa 37:4
  - g. He is faithful to stabilize the believer.. II Thess 3:3
  - h. He is faithful in chastening His children.. Psa 119:75; Heb 12:6-11
  - i. He is faithful to provide eternity I Thess 5:24
  - j. He is faithful in providing a partnership with Jesus ..I Cor 1:9

Heb 13:8 "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever"

Rev 19:11 "And I saw heaven open, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called FAITHFUL AND TRUE, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war"