

THEOLOGY PROPER



GLORY OF GOD

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- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Essential Nature of God**
- 3. Trinity**
- 4. Distinctions in Trinity**
- 5. Christology**
- 6. Pneumatology**
- 7. Plan of God**
- 8. Works & Names of God**
- 9. Perfections of God**

PERFECTIONS

- **All His qualities are perfect**
- **Not a part of God but what God is**
- **He is more than sum of perfections**
- **Known only thru revelation**
- **Describe Father, Son, & HS**

PERFECTIONS



A. Introduction

B. Incommunicable Perfections

1. Self-Existent

2. Omnipresence

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GOD'S

OMNIPRESENCE

MISCONCEPTIONS

1. Pantheism

PANTHEISM

- ✓ “God is everything and everything is God.”
- ✓ Universe identified with God
- ✓ Heart of new age movement
- ✓ But Scripture -> Omnipresence
Distinct from creation

**Universe without God =
0**

**God without Universe =
God**

MISCONCEPTIONS

- 1. Pantheism**
- 2. Is nowhere - atheism**
- 3. In heaven - man upstairs**
- 4. Far away - silent**
- 5. In church building**

**Does God seem
distant?**

**Is He only in
church?**

GOD IS ...

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**Infinitely
everywhere
at once**

OMNIPRESENCE

- 1. Infinitely present everywhere**
- 2. Present with whole being**
- 3. Not absent anywhere**
- 4. Not more in one place**
- 5. Universe does not exhaust Him**

“God, also, as the infinite Spirit, is present at every point of space as a totality.”

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Jer 23:23-24 “Am I a God who is **near,**” declares the Lord, “And not a God **far off?** **24** “Can a man **hide** himself in **hiding places** So I do not see him?” declares the Lord. “Do I not **fill** the heavens and the earth?” declares the Lord.

Am 9:2 “Though they dig into Sheol, **From there** will My hand take them; And though they ascend to heaven, **From there** will I bring them down.

Act 17:27-28 that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we also are His children.’

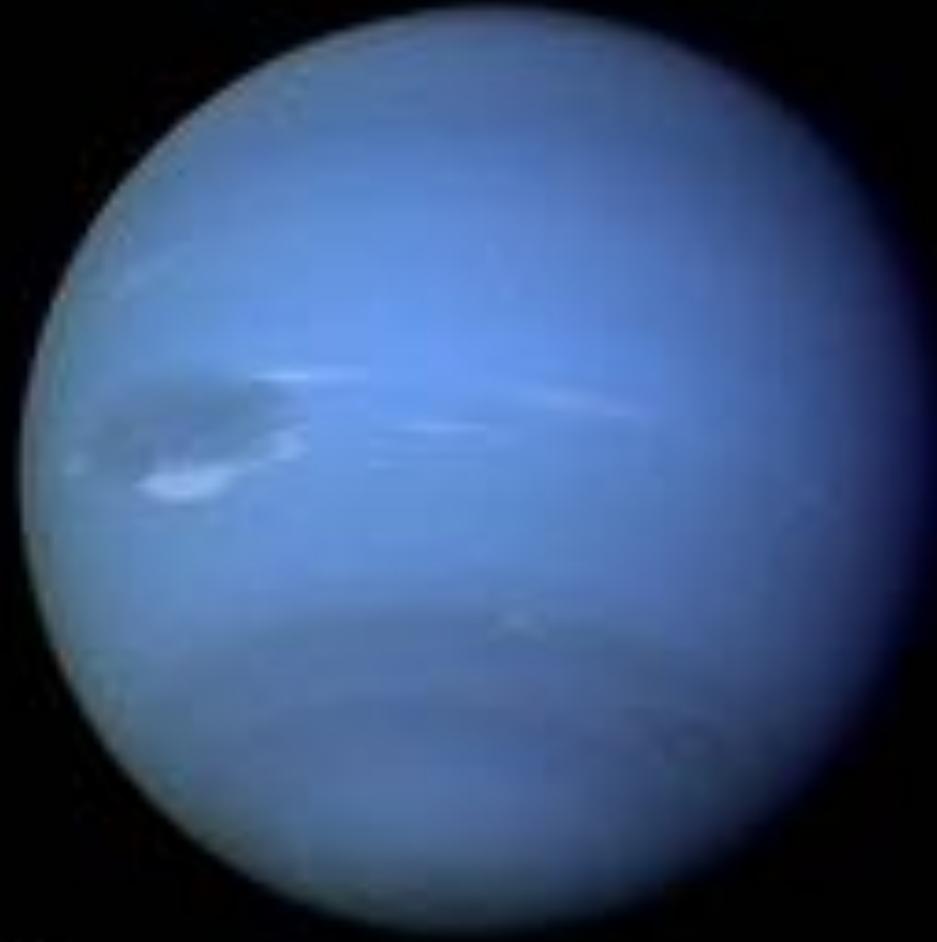
RELATED

- Transcendence
- Immanence
- Immensity



MANIFESTATION

1. Distinctions

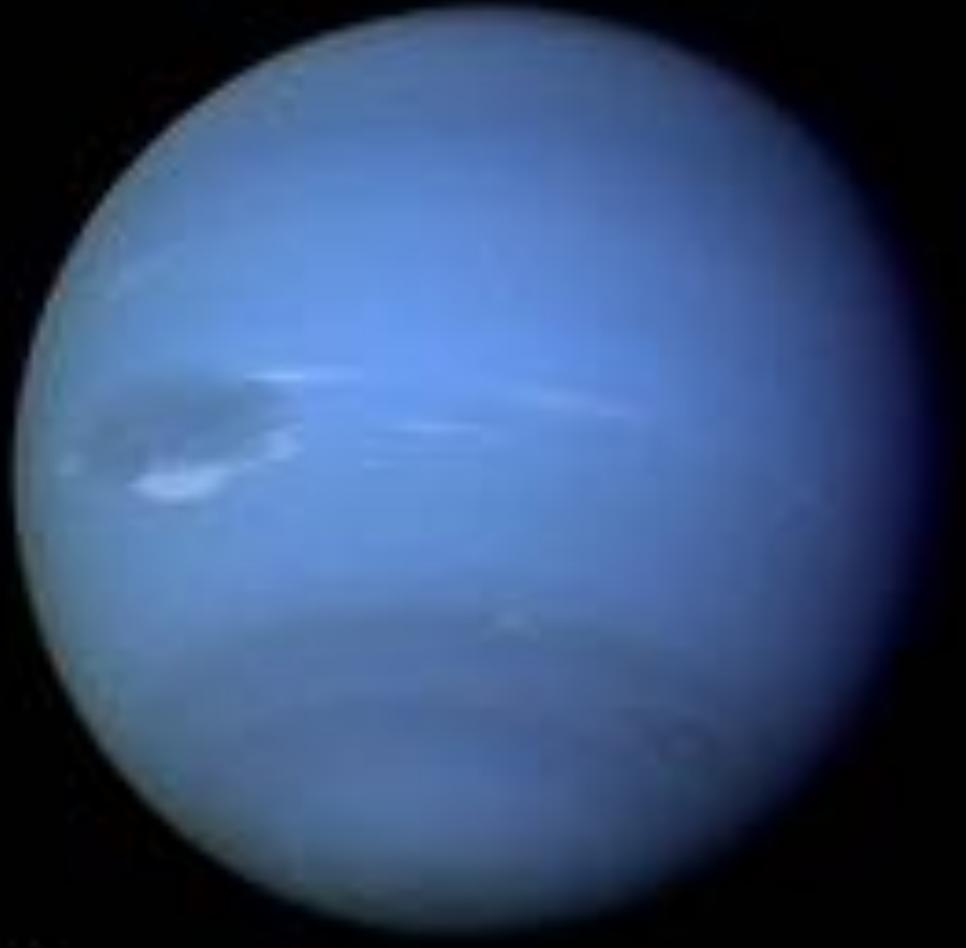


“God is in heaven, in regard of the manifestation of His glory; in hell by the expression of His justice; in earth, by the discoveries of His wisdom, power, patience, and compassion; in His people, by the monuments of His grace; and in all, in regard of His substance.”

Charnock

MANIFESTATION

- 1. Distinctions**
- 2. Descriptions**
 - a. Appearances**
 - b. Far & Near**
 - c. Presence**



**Isa 55:6 Seek the Lord while He
may be found; Call upon Him
while He is near.**

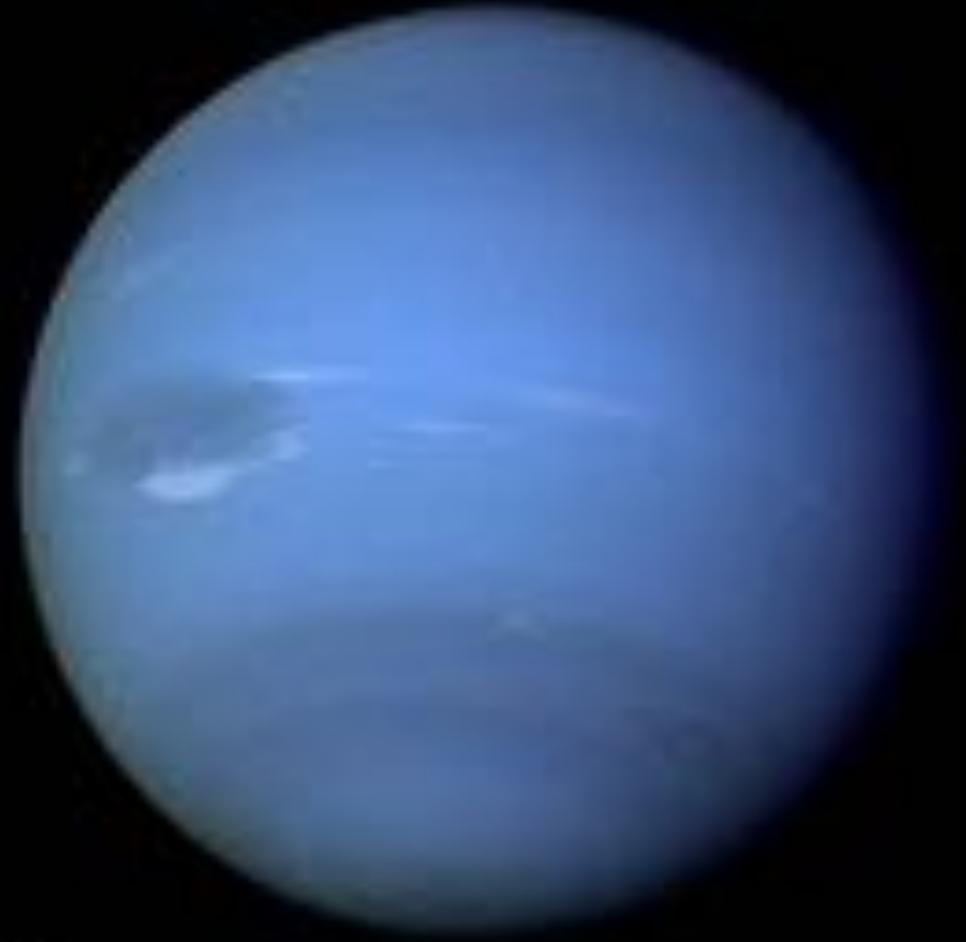
**Deut 31:6 “Be strong & courageous,
do not be afraid or tremble at
them, for the Lord your God is
the one who goes with you. He
will not fail you or forsake you.”**

What separates God from man?

- **Not space - omnipresent**
- **Relationship**

MANIFESTATION

- 1. Distinctions**
- 2. Descriptions**
- 3. Sacred Space**
 - a. Heaven**

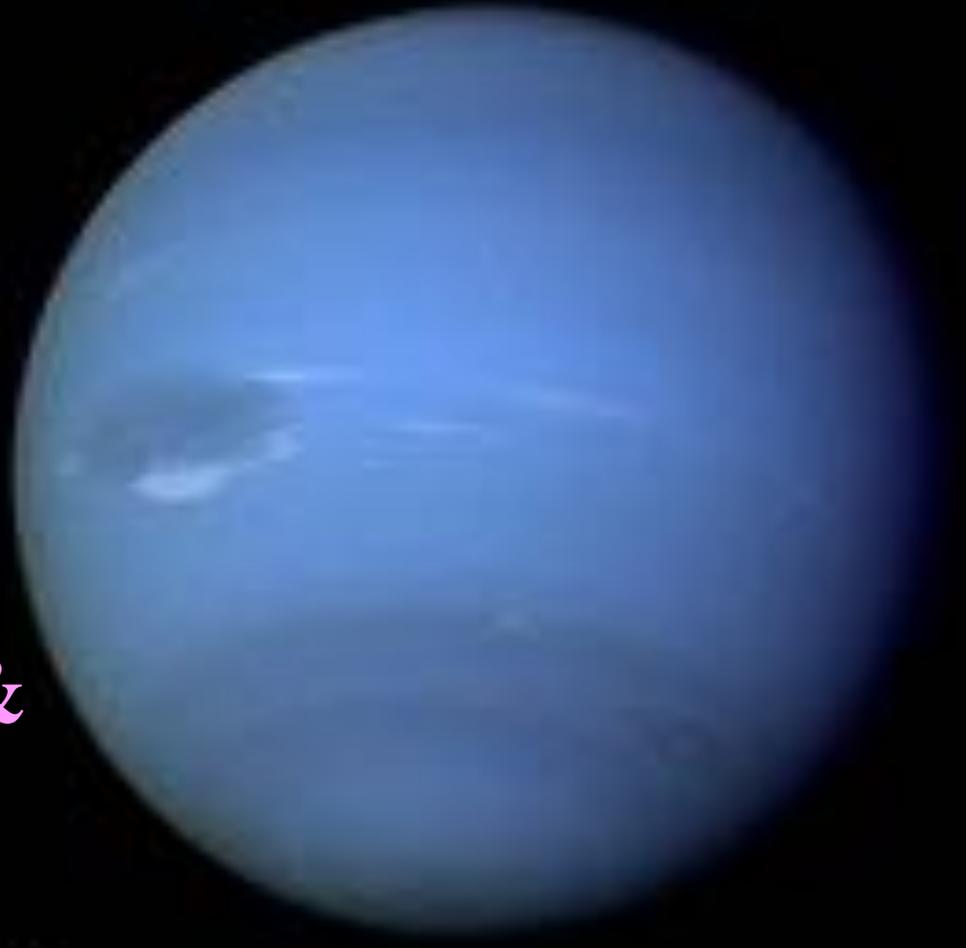


**Ps 123:1 ... To Thee I lift up my
eyes, O Thou who art
enthroned in the heavens!**

**Mt 6:9 “Pray, then, in this way:
‘Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.**

MANIFESTATION

- 1. Distinctions**
- 2. Descriptions**
- 3. Sacred Space**
 - a. Heaven**
 - b. Garden**
 - c. Tabernacle & Temple**



Ex 40:34-35 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the **glory** of the Lord **filled the tabernacle**. 35 Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the **glory** of the Lord **filled the tabernacle**.

2Ch 7:2 The priests could not enter into the house of the Lord because the **glory** of the Lord **filled the Lord's house**.

Ps 26:8 O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house & the place where Your glory dwells.

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 - d. Church & Believers**



**1Cor 6:19 Or do you not know
that your body is a temple of
the Holy Spirit who is in you,
whom you have from God, and
that you are not your own?**

**Eph 2:22 in whom you also are
being built together into a
dwelling of God in the Spirit.**

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 - e. Millennium & Eternity**



Rev 21:22-23 I saw **no temple** in it,
for the Lord God the Almighty
and the Lamb are its **temple**.

23 And the city has no need of
the sun or of the moon to shine
on it, for the **glory of God** has
illuminated it, and its lamp is the
Lamb.

IMPLICATIONS

- 1. No escape for unbelievers**
- 2. No secret sins**
- 3. All protection**
- 4. Access to all resources**
- 5. Worship in all - reverence**

**We have the
Creator of
all things
with us at
all times!!**



PERFECTIONS



A. Introduction

B. Incommunicable Perfections

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3. Immutability

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GOD'S

IMMUTABILITY

MISCONCEPTIONS

1. God changes plan as needed
2. After Fall salvation initiated
3. Immutability = immobility
4. Open Theism

OPEN THEISM

- **Stresses man's & angel's freedom**
- **Decisions contingent on man**
- **God's love takes risk of rejection**
- **Knows only some of future**
- **Responsive to man**
- **Changes as man changes**
- **Prayer changes God's direction**

PROBLEMS

- 1. Diminished God's Perfections**
- 2. Elevates man's actions over God's**
- 3. Makes God dependent on creatures**
- 4. Elevates creatures' will above God's will**
- 5. Diminishes God's decrees & plan**
- 6. Undermines future security**
- 7. Elevates God's love as main**

MISCONCEPTIONS

- 1. God changes plan as needed**
- 2. After Fall salvation initiated**
- 3. Immutability = immobility**
- 4. Open Theism**
- 5. Sovereign plan vs. responsibility**

**Does God revise
His plan?**

**How does prayer
affect God?**

GOD DOES NOT...

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**Change in His
Essence &
Purposes**

IMMUTABILITY

1. Unchanging in His Essence

**“All that God is He has
always been, & all that He has
been and is He will ever be. ...
To say that God is immutable
is to say that He never differs
from Himself”**

Tozer

“As an infinite & absolute Being, self-existent & absolutely independent, God is exalted above all causes of and even above the possibility of change.”

Hodge

ALL OTHERS

➤ Heavens

➤ Earth

➤ Sinners

➤ Angels

➤ Believers

All is unstable

Only God is Stable

Jupiter &
Ganymede



Ps 102:26-27 “Even they will perish,
but Thou dost **endure**; And all of
them will wear out like a garment;
Like clothing Thou wilt change
them, and they will be changed.
“But Thou art the **same**, And Thy
years will not come to an end.

Mal 3:6 “For I, the Lord, **do not**
change; therefore you, O sons of
Jacob, are not consumed.

IMMUTABILITY

- 1. Unchanging in His Essence**
- 2. Unchanging in His Perfections**

Ps 104:31 Let the **glory** of the
LORD endure **forever**; ...

Jas 1:17 ... the Father of lights,
with whom there is **no**
variation, or **shifting**
shadow.

IMMUTABILITY

- 1. Unchanging in His Essence**
- 2. Unchanging in His Perfections**
- 3. Unchanging in His Decrees**

Ps 33:11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart from generation to generation.

Prov 19:21 Many are the plans in a man's heart, But the counsel of the Lord, it will stand.

IMMUTABILITY

- 1. Unchanging in His Essence**
- 2. Unchanging in His Perfections**
- 3. Unchanging in His Decrees**
- 4. Unchanging in His Purposes**

**Ps 110:4 The Lord has sworn and
will not change His mind, ...**

**Heb 6:17... the unchangeableness
of His purpose, ...**

IMMUTABILITY

- 1. Unchanging in His Essence**
- 2. Unchanging in His Perfections**
- 3. Unchanging in His Decrees**
- 4. Unchanging in His Purposes**
- 5. Never inconsistent**
- 6. Never growing**

**Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ is the
same yesterday and today,
yes and forever.**

God Changing???

- Creation
- Repenting



Gen 6:6-7 The Lord was **sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was **grieved** in His heart. 7 The Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, ...; for I am **sorry** that I have made them.”**

1Sam 15:11 “I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following Me and has not carried out My commands.” And Samuel was distressed and cried out to the Lord all night.

RESOLUTION

➤ **Prioritize clear passages**

➤ **Apparent repentance -**

Num 23:19, 1Sam15:29



God Changing???

- Creation
- Repenting
- Changing
directions



**Ex 32:14 So the Lord changed His
mind about the harm which He
said He would do to His people.**

RESOLUTION

- **Prioritize clear passages**
 - **Apparent repentance -**
Num 23:19, 1Sam15:29
 - **Anthropomorphic**
changes
 - **Conditional**
situations - **Jonah 3:4, 10**
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Jer 18:7-10 “At **one moment** I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to uproot, to pull down, or to destroy it; **8 if** that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will **relent** concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it. **9** “Or at another moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to build up or to plant it; **10 if** it does evil in My sight by not obeying My voice, then I **will think better** of the good with which I had promised to bless it.

God Changing???

- Creation
 - Repenting
 - Changing directions
 - Incarnation - Phil 2:6-7
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Phil 2:6-7 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but **emptied Himself,** **taking the form** of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

God Changing???

- Creation
 - Repenting
 - Changing directions
 - Incarnation - Phil 2:6-7
 - Change after conversion
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IMPLICATIONS

- **Decrees will never change**
- **Science is possible**
- **Love never reversed**
- **Believer eternally secure**
- **Obedience part of plan**
- **Perseverance needed**

**We are
eternally
secure in
His plan!!**



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- 4. Eternality**

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GOD'S

ETERNALITY

“The idea of endlessness is to the kingdom of God what carbon is to the kingdom of nature. As carbon is present almost everywhere, as it is an essential element in all living matter & supports all life with energy, so the concept of everlastingness is necessary to give meaning to any Christian doctrine. Indeed I know of no tenet of the Christian creed that could retain its significance if the idea of eternity were extracted from it.”

(AWT)

GOD ...

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**Forever exists
outside time**

ETERNAL

- **Everlastingness assumed**
- **God outside of time**
- **Free from limitation of time**
- **God is Creator of time**

**“The eternity of God is His
essence as related to duration.
It is duration without
beginning, without end &
without succession.”**

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**He does not exist during one
period of duration more than
another ...**

**no distinction between past,
present, and future**

Hodge

**Ps 90:2 Before the mountains were
born, Or Thou didst give birth
to the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to
everlasting, Thou art God.**

**Ps 93:2 Thy throne is established
from of old; Thou art from
everlasting.**

**1Tim 1:17 Now to the King
eternal, immortal, invisible,
the only God, be honor and
glory forever and ever.**

**Rom 16:26 ..., according to the
commandment of the
eternal God, ...**

PERFECTIONS

➤ Name -

Ps 135:13

➤ Glory -

Ps 104:31



Ps 135:13 Thy name, O Lord, is everlasting, Thy remembrance, O Lord, throughout all generations.

Ps 104:31 Let the glory of the Lord endure forever; Let the Lord be glad in His works;

PERFECTIONS

- **Name - Ps 135:13**
- **Glory - Ps 104:31**
- **Sovereignty - Ex 15:18**
- **Righteousness - Ps 111:3**
- **Lovingkindness - Ps 100:5**

HIS WORKS

➤ Word -

Ps 117:2

➤ Purposes -

Eph 3:11

**Ps 117:2 For His lovingkindness is
great toward us, And the truth
of the Lord is everlasting.
Praise the Lord!**

**Eph 3:11 This was in accordance
with the eternal purpose
which He carried out in
Christ Jesus our Lord,**

HIS WORKS

- Word - Ps 117:2
- Purposes - Eph 3:11
- Covenants - Gen 9:16

Gen 17:7 “And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.

HIS WORKS

- Word - Ps 117:2
- Purposes - Eph 3:11
- Covenants - Gen 9:16
- Gospel - Rev 14:6
- Salvation - 2Tim 1:9
- Kingdom - Ps 29:10

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- 4. Eternality**
- 5. Infinity**

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GOD'S

INFINITY

INFINITY

- **Free from all limitations**
- **All Perfections are infinite**
- **Absolute perfect**

1Kg 8:27 “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain Thee, how much less this house which I have built!

Ps 145:3 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable.

Job 11:7-9 “Can you discover the depths of God? Can you discover the **limits** of the Almighty?”

Rom 11:33-34 Oh, the **depth** of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How **unsearchable** are His judgments and **unfathomable** His ways!

RELATED

- **Time**
- **Space**
- **Ability**
- **Knowledge**
- **Authority**
- **Purity**



IMPLICATIONS

- **Great gift to us - life**
- **Perspective - eternal**
- **Potential - eternal work**
- **Humility**
- **Infinite resources**

**What are you
accomplishing
that will last
forever?**



PERFECTIONS

A. Introduction

B. Incommunicable Perfections

C. Communicable Perfections

1. Omniscience

2. Omnipotence

3. Holiness

4. Justice