

FOUNDATION OF FAITH!
CHRISTOLOGY: JESUS CHRIST
PART 2

This morning we are continuing our study of Christology or the study of Jesus Christ. As I said last time, this is a very important study because if you don't know who the Jesus of the Bible is, if He is not your Lord and Savior, you will die in your sins!

I do realize that for most if not all of you, this is not a big deal. You believe that Jesus is God and thus, why go so in-depth in a study like this? Again, it is that important and if you are listening to what the Emerging Church leaders are saying, what they are teaching, they are moving away from the deity of Jesus Christ. And again, if you deny that He is God, you are lost, you are not saved. Listen to what Brian McLaren, an Emerging Church leader wrote in one of his books,

“And during his lifetime, Abraham—like Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad—had an encounter with God that distinguished him from his contemporaries and propelled him into a mission, introducing a new way of life that changed the world... How appropriate that the three Abrahamic religions begin with a journey into the unknown.” – Brian McLaren (Finding Our Way Again, p. 22, 23).

Now please do not miss the point. He is lumping Abraham, Moses Muhammad all with Jesus and that all they had was an encounter with God. Now that may be true of Abraham and Moses, not of Muhammad, but Jesus did not have an encounter with God because He is God! And tragically there are many that are going down this dangerous road of denying that Jesus is God. Yes, I can understand the cults and why they deny this, but when someone who calls themselves a Christian denies the deity of Jesus, something is terribly wrong and thus, we need to know what to say to show them, Scripturally speaking, the truth!

Thus, if this is true, and it is, then the Scriptures should support that truth and we began looking at the Divine attributes that are ascribed to Jesus last week. We looked at the Scriptures that spoke of Him being eternal and then we looked at his omnipotence or that He is all powerful; He has power over death, nature, disease, He can forgive sins, He has power over demons and He has the power to create. This morning we will continue looking at these Divine attributes of Jesus, showing us that He is God and we will begin by looking at His Omniscience or that Jesus is all knowing!

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1. DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST – HIS ATTRIBUTES

OMNISCIENCE – ALL KNOWING

Now here's the thing. If Jesus is God, then He should know all things, right? Absolutely and we will see that He not only knows all things, but even more specifically we will see that He knows the history of individuals and He even knows our secret thoughts.

JESUS KNOWS ALL THINGS

Let's begin looking at John 16:30 and see that Jesus knows all things. As Jesus finishes up speaking of His death and resurrection, we are told, "**Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God.**" This is not an attribute of man, only God can and does know all things.

After the death and resurrection of Jesus, when He had the encounter with Peter and asked him if he loved Him, AGAPE is the Greek word and Peter knew he had forsaken the Lord and he told Jesus that he liked him but unconditional love; he knew he did not have that capacity. And in John 21:17 we are told, **“He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, ‘Do you love Me?’ And he said to Him, ‘Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed My sheep.’”** And here we see Jesus ask Peter if he liked Him and Peter makes that interesting statement, **“Lord, you know all things.”** You see, Jesus is God, He knows all things!

JESUS KNOWS THE HISTORY OF INDIVIDUALS

Again, we are not speaking abstract here, but Jesus knows individuals, He knows their history, He has complete knowledge of man. In John 16:19 we are told, **“Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, ‘Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, “A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me”?’”** Jesus was speaking of His death and resurrection and He knew what they desired to ask Him because Jesus knows all things!

I love the story in John chapter 1 with Jesus and Nathanael. Let's pick up the story in verse 43 of John chapter 1, where we are told, **"The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow Me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote — Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.' And Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, 'Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!' Nathanael said to Him, 'How do You know me?' Jesus answered and said to him, 'Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.' Nathanael answered and said to Him, 'Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered and said to him, 'Because I said to you, "I saw you under the fig tree," do you believe? You will see greater things than these.' And He said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'"** John 1:43-51.

Here we see Jesus say that He saw Nathanael sitting under a fig tree, we are not told specifically what he was doing there but I think that what Jesus said to him shows us what he was doing. You see, that phrase “**under the fig tree**” was a phrase that was used by the Rabbis to describe someone meditating on the Scriptures. So as Nathanael is sitting under the fig tree, meditating on the Word of God, Jesus saw him there, saw what he was doing, and then Philip called Nathanael to come and see the Messiah, to come and see Jesus! And when Nathanael hears what Jesus said, his eyes are opened and he gives testimony of who Jesus is, the Messiah, the king of Israel, the Son of God! Why? Because only God can know the history of individuals like that!

JESUS KNOWS OUR SECRET THOUGHTS

We have seen that Jesus knows all things, that He knows the history of individuals and He also knows our secret thoughts! In Luke chapter 5 is the story of the man who could not walk, he was paralyzed and his friends brought him to Jesus. And Jesus spoke about forgiving this mans sins, which blew the minds of the religious leaders because only God can forgive sins, He alone has the power to do that and in Luke 5:22-23 we are told, “**But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, ‘Why are you reasoning in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise up and walk’?’**” You see, Jesus knew what was in their hearts, He knew what they were thinking because He is God!

Also, in John 2:23-25 we are told; **“Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.”**

Here’s the thing. God knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows what is in our hearts. And it is not that He didn’t love the multitudes, He did. It was just that He was not going to commit Himself to that kind of superficial faith. He wants a person’s heart if you will only open it up to Him! Jesus knows our secret thoughts; you can’t hide anything from Him because He is God! Jesus is omniscient or all knowing, the Scriptures are clear on that!

In regards to the omniscience of Jesus Christ, Thomas Schultz observes that,
 The knowledge of Christ is far beyond any mortal knowledge. He is not just a genius, not just the wisest of all humans. His wisdom far exceeds all human limitations and could only be classified as perfect knowledge. First, He knows the inward thoughts and memories of man, an ability peculiar to God (1Kings 8:39; Jeremiah 17:9-16). He saw the evil in the hearts of the scribes (Matthew 9:4), He knew beforehand those who would reject Him (John 10:64) and those who would follow Him (John 10:14). He could read the hearts of every man and woman (Mark 2:8; John 1:48; 2:24, 25; 4:16-19; Acts 1:24; 1 Corinthians 4:5; Revelation 2:18-23). A mere human can no more than make an intelligent guess as to what is in the hearts and minds of others. Second, Christ has a knowledge of other facts beyond the possible comprehension of any man.

He knew just where the fish were in the water (Luke 5:4-6; John 21:6-11), and He knew just which fish contained the coin (Matthew 17:27). He knew future events (John 11:11; 18:4), details that would be encountered (Matthew 21:2-4), and He knew that Lazarus had died (John 11:14). Third, He possessed an inner knowledge of the Godhead showing the closest possible communion with God as well as perfect knowledge. He knows the Father as the Father knows Him (Matthew 11:27; John 7:29; 8:55; 10:15; 17:25). The fourth and consummating teaching of Scripture along this line is that Christ knows all things (John 16:30; 21:17), and that in Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:3).

- Josh McDowell, Bart Larson, A Biblical Defense of His Deity

Now in saying that, what about what Jesus said in Matthew 24:36, “**But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.**” The Amplified Bible puts this verse like this, “**But of that [exact] day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.**” It seems to be saying that Jesus does not know the time of His Second Coming or this could be speaking of the rapture of the church, I am not going to debate that now, but what we see is that He does not know what time that will be, and thus, He does not know all things! At least that is what this verse seems to be saying to us!

How can that be? Here's the thing and please listen carefully. Although Jesus was and is fully God as well as fully man in the incarnation, He voluntarily restricted His use of some divine attributes. Paul, in Philippians 2:5-11 tells us this regarding the incarnation and what Jesus did, **“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”**

There is a lot in these verses and we have covered them before, but what I want to focus on is this idea of Jesus emptying Himself in the incarnation. Listen to how The Amplified Bible puts Philippians 2:6-7, **“Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained, But stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being.”**

When Paul speaks of Jesus, that He “**made Himself of no reputation**” he is not saying that he was no longer God or He ceased being God when He became flesh and blood. Then what did He empty Himself of, what is this verse saying? I believe the Scriptures teach us that He emptied Himself of every advantage and privilege He had being God, and willingly submitted His life to the Father’s guidance and direction. You see, He is our example and what was at His disposal from the Father is also at our disposal, we can live a life surrendered to God if we are willing!

Some struggle with this saying, “How can He still be God if He emptied Himself of these things?” Just because He laid these things aside doesn’t make Him less than God, He was and is 100% God and in the incarnation He also became 100% man, which is 200% and I might not fully understand how this can be with my finite mind but God teaches it and I believe it by faith! If you look at these verses that is what they are teaching us, that He is fully God (verse 6) and He took on the form of a servant or He was fully a servant, a man (verse 7). He wasn’t God one minute and then a man the next but fully God and fully man in the incarnation!

Then what did Jesus specifically empty Himself of if it wasn’t His deity? There are several things which we will look at but please understand that He was human, like us and yet He was without sin. Paul tells us in Hebrews 4:15, “**For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.**” He understands what we are going through as He took on the body of flesh, the pain, the heartache, the temptations and-so-on, and yet, He was without sin! Now in saying that, let’s look at some of the things Jesus emptied Himself of when He became flesh and blood in the incarnation!

When God became flesh and dwelt among us *He emptied Himself of His Divine Glory*. In John 17:5 we are told, **“And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”** You see, He is asking the Father to restore the glory He had before the incarnation. Heaven was filled with the worship of God and as God became flesh and dwelt among us those He came to save replaced that worship with false accusations, harsh words, threats and-so-on. Now we do get a glimpse of that glory when Jesus was on the Mount of Transfiguration and we are told, **“Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them.”** Mark 9:2-3. It was not that His glory was gone; it was just veiled in His humanity!

Secondly, *Jesus emptied Himself of His Divine Authority* and freely submitted Himself to the Father. We see this in Matthew 26:39, **“He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, ‘O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.’”** We see His humanity here, as the flesh didn’t want to go to the cross but He submitted to His Father’s will and was obedient! Also in John 5:30, **“I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.”** And in John 6:38, **“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”** It is not that He lost His divine authority but He freely laid it aside submitting His will to the Father’s!

The third thing that *Jesus emptied Himself of was His Divine attributes* or privileges. Now please understand that He did not cease being God, He did not stop being all-powerful or omnipotent, He did not stop being all-knowing or omniscient, He did not stop being omnipresent and He did not stop being immutable. He laid those attributes down freely even though at times He did exercise them, but I believe they were exercised as the Father empowered Him. We saw this in Matthew 24:36, “**But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.**” Now that He is in glory, He does know the time!

The fourth thing that *Jesus emptied Himself of was His eternal riches*. Paul tells in II Corinthians 8:9, “**For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.**” He is not talking about earthly riches, although Jesus and His family were not rich, but He gave up all that was His in heaven, laid it aside when He became flesh and blood.

The fifth and last one is that *Jesus emptied Himself of His relationship with the Father* for a period of time, a relationship that He enjoyed for eternity but to pay the penalty for our sin, the Father “. . . **made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**” II Corinthians 5:21. Thus, as the sins of the world were placed upon Jesus, we are told in Matthew 27:45-36, **“Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?’”** The Father turned from the Son, that intimate fellowship was broken for that period of time as He became sin for us!

Now here is the thing, Jesus did not cease to be God when He emptied Himself of what was His and neither do we cease to be His children when we freely lay down things that are rightly ours and yet we do so out of obedience to the Father and love for the brethren – unity! Also, He was fully God and fully man in the incarnation, the Scriptures are clear on that and may we not forget that or lose sight of that fact!

Let me illustrate it like this regarding how Jesus can still be God and yet empty Himself of some of His Godly attributes. There is a television show, I don’t know the name, I only saw the commercial that has these multimillionaires, maybe billionaires that go to these poverty areas, dress like they have no money and live among people that are very poor. From what I gather from the commercials is that they are looking at people who are trying to make a difference in their community and in the end they will give them a million dollars I believe to help their cause.

Now, when these multimillionaires or billionaires empty themselves of their riches, do they cease being multimillionaires or billionaires? Absolutely not, but they freely laid what they had aside for a time. Isn't that what we said of Jesus, what He did? Isn't that what the Scriptures are telling us He did? Absolutely, He freely emptied Himself of some of His Godly attributes but He did not cease being God because He did empty Himself of these things! I hope that is clear for you!

And so Jesus, as I have said, knows now the day of His Second Coming or the Rapture of the Church, which ever way you want to take those verses in Matthew 24, as He was received back in glory! I hope that clears that up for you in regards to Jesus not knowing the day or hour spoken of here in Matthew chapter 24.

Thus, it is very clear that Jesus knows all things, that nothing is hidden from His sight, He is omniscient, He is Almighty God!

OMNIPRESENCE – PRESENT EVERYWHERE

Now here is one that we may not think about regarding Jesus, and that is His omnipresence or that He is present everywhere. And yet, if He is God, then this attribute must be seen in Him and it is. Let me show you what I mean.

HE IS PRESENT WHEREVER HIS DISCIPLES GATHER

In Matthew 18:20 we are told, “**For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.**” Now this verse is often misinterpreted and it is not a big deal, but it doesn’t fit the context of the previous verses when it is misinterpreted. You see, we often quote this verse to show that even when two or three people are present, like at a prayer meeting, Jesus is there. Now I don’t think we realize what we are saying when we quote this verse that way. We are saying that we need two or three people together for Jesus to be present, and that, of course, is not true. Jesus is present with us all the time! So it can’t be speaking of that for Christ is always present with His people.

Then what is this verse saying? The context here is church discipline and that when two or three gather together to confront a sinning brother or sister, that the Lord is with them and they are acting in accordance with the Lord’s will in their actions. That is what this verse is speaking of, even though we know that the Lord is with all of His people, He is present with us all the time and I am thankful for that. This verse may not be as clear as we would like, but let’s look at one that will help us out on this issue of Jesus being omnipresent!

HE IS PRESENT WHEREVER HIS DISCIPLES GO

In Matthew 28:20 we see Jesus tell us that He is present wherever we go, He is with us no matter where we are at as long as we have a relationship with Him, we are His disciple and that can only happen as we ask Him to be Lord and Savior of our lives, to admit we are a sinner and we need to be cleansed by His shed blood. Now listen to what Jesus tells us here in Matthew chapter 28, and let's pick up in verse 18 to get the flow of this verse. We are told, **“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”** Matthew 28:18-20.

Now this is important for us to understand. We often focus on the Great Commission and we leave this part out and the reality is, this is the most important part. You see, Jesus begins this by saying, **“lo”** and Jesus is using this word to call attention to something that is very important, something that is linked to the Great Commission. He then says **“I AM”** or EGO EIMI in the Greek and what He is saying is this, “Pay attention to what I am going to say, this is very important for you to understand. The eternal God, your Divine, resurrected Lord is always with you, even to the end of the age!” Is that important for us to understand? You bet it is!

How often is Jesus with us? He said that He is “**always**” with us, all the days of our life! Not only that, even to the end of the age or the end of the Church age He is with us. Why is that important? Because as the Church age comes to a close, as it gets closer to the Lord’s return, the days are going to grow very dark and the persecution against us will increase. Thus, is it important to know that Jesus is with us always, all the days of our life, even to the end of the Church age? You bet it is! Thus, if Jesus is always with us, every one of His disciples, He must be omnipresent or He is present wherever His disciples go! And what a comfort it is to know that Jesus will always be with those who belong to Him, leading them and empowering them in the work He has called them to do, to fulfill His Great Commission!

IMMUTABILITY – UNCHANGING

The next thing we will look at showing that Jesus is God because He manifests the attributes of God is that He is immutable or that He is unchanging. Now we may not look at that as being an attribute of God, but it is. Think about it for a minute. We may claim that we are unchanging in certain areas, say even as simple as sports. Most of you are Green Bay Packer fans and would die before you stood up for the Chicago Bears and yet, when the Bears played the Minnesota Vikings, you were pulling for the Bears to win!

I know, a crude example but it does drive home the point that we as human beings are constantly changing. Look at even some Christians today and how their morals have changed to go along with what society is saying. Then look at what God has said in His Word and that has never changed! Like it or not, that is a good thing because if God was constantly changing or even if He changed once in a while, what we believed about Him today may change tomorrow and that would not be good. We would never know what to believe or not believe. But here is the great thing, God is unchanging and we can take that to the bank!

J. I. Packer makes these comments on the immutability of God, that He is unchanging and then we will look at what the Scriptures have to say regarding Jesus being immutable or unchanging and thus, He is God. Packer wrote,

Repenting means revising one's judgment and changing one's plan of action. God never does this; he never needs to, for his plans are made on the basis of a complete knowledge and control which extends to all things past, present, and future, so that there can be no sudden emergencies or unlooked-for developments to take him by surprise. "The counsel of the Lord stands for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations" (Ps. 33:11). What he does in time, he planned from eternity. And all that he planned in eternity, he carries out in time. And all that he has in his Word committed himself to do, will infallibly be done. Thus we read of the "unchangeable character of his purpose" to bring believers into full enjoyment of their promised inheritance, and of the immutable oath by which he confirmed his counsel to Abraham, the archetypal believer, both for Abraham's own assurance and also for others (Heb. 6:17-19). So it is with all God's announced intentions. They do not change. No part of his eternal plan changes.

It is true that there is a group of texts (Gen. 6:6-8; 1 Sam. 15:11; 2 Sam. 24:16; Joel 2:13-14; Jon. 3:10) which speak of God as repenting. The reference in each case is to a reversal of God's previous treatment of particular men, consequent upon their reaction to that treatment. But there is no suggestion that this reaction was not foreseen, or that it took God by surprise, and was not provided for in his eternal plan. No change in his eternal purpose is implied when he begins to deal with a person in a new way.

- James Packer, *Your Father Loves You*

Let's look at what the Scriptures have to say regarding Jesus being unchanging or immutable.

JESUS IS UNCHANGING

In Hebrews 13:8 we are told, "**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**" The Amplified Bible puts this verse like this, "**Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is [always] the same, yesterday, today, [yes] and forever (to the ages).**" I think that is very clear, Jesus is unchanging, what He was like in eternity past He is the same in eternity present and He will be the same in eternity future. He is unchanging!

Now, isn't it interesting how the Devil attacks this doctrine! How does He do this? He does this by introducing false doctrine into our lives. You see, look at the cults and how they have new revelations from God, new truths from God and yet, the Bible is very clear on this, there is no new truth because Jesus is unchanging. Even in some so-called Christian churches today we see false doctrine being introduced, new doctrine, we see Christianity emerging as they like to say, but it is not what God has said in His Word.

Thus, we do not need to have special glasses to read the golden tablets to see what God is saying now. We don't need to have a new translation of the Scriptures so we can have some new doctrine introduced. If Jesus is the same, if He is unchanging, then Jesus, being the Word is unchanging and thus, the truth in His Word is the truth and it doesn't have to be changed or updated. Paul warned the Galatian believers of this and was amazed at how quickly they turned from the truth of God, which is unchanging to these lies.

In Galatians 1:6-9 we are told, **“I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.”**

But again, if the Lord did change, then we would not know what to believe, we would constantly have to have new revelations, new writings, new teachings and how would we know what is true and what isn't true? We wouldn't and thus, that is why it is so important for us to understand this truth, that God is unchanging and since Jesus is unchanging, He too must be God and He is!

One more verse here and that is in Hebrews 1:10-12, where we are told, **“And: ‘You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail.’”**

Keep in mind that in this section of the Scriptures we see God the Father speaking of God the Son or to God the Son. And what I also want you to notice in these verses we read here is that the Father not only calls the Son **“God”** but **“LORD”** which is in all capital letters. When you see the word **“LORD”** all in capitals it indicates YAHWEH or the name of God, which in the Old Testament the Jews would not even say. When they came to it they would say “the name” and move on reading. Even today they will write, G-D and not say the name! Also, in this section we see attributes that only God has, not man or angels! He is the creator of all things and thus, if He created *ALL* things He must be eternal, He must have always existed! Also, Jesus not only created all things, but He is unchanging, He is the same!

Again, that brings to me great comfort because there are things out there that are not the same, they have changed and thus, it can be very disappointing. For instance, I went to see a movie in Appleton and I will just be honest with you, I love movie popcorn. I love the popcorn cooked in the oil and then butter applied liberally on it. That is a meal for me when I go to the movies. Well, what I thought was unchanging, changed. The popcorn we bought was so bad that Julie took it back thinking this must have been an old batch and they gave us a new box of popcorn, with what I thought was butter. What I found out is that the popcorn must have been air popped and they did not use real butter, it was something they called “butter flavored” which basically means YUCK! Something I thought was unchanging changed and it was not good.

Now I realize that again was a little crude, but you get the point. If the Lord kept changing or even if He changed a few times, that would be difficult for us. But the great thing here is that He is unchanging and thus, we can trust Him. We might not like what He is saying, but we can trust Him because He is unchanging!

Let me give you this illustration to show you what I mean about immutability. We are told,

When Lloyd C. Douglas, author of *The Robe* and other novels, was a university student, he lived in a boarding house. Downstairs on the first floor was an elderly, retired music teacher, who was infirm and unable to leave the apartment. Douglas said that every morning they had a ritual they would go through together. He would come down the steps, open the old man’s door, and ask, “Well, what’s the good news?”

The old man would pick up his tuning fork; tap it on the side of his wheelchair and say, “That’s middle C! It was middle C yesterday; it will be middle C tomorrow; it will be middle C a thousand years from now. The tenor upstairs sings flat, the piano across the hall is out of tune, but, my friend, THAT is middle C!” The old man had discovered one thing upon which he could depend, one constant reality in his life, one “still point in a turning world.” For Christians, the one “still point in a turning world,” the one absolute of which there is no shadow of turning, is Jesus Christ.

- Source Unknown

Thus, Jesus is our God and we can trust in Him because He is unchanging. We don’t have to worry that what He has said today in His Word He will change tomorrow! And folk’s, that should bring us great comfort for as Paul said, “**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**” Hebrews 13:8. May we believe it! Listen to how Webster’s Dictionary defines immutability. They define it as, “not being capable of or susceptible to change.” God is immutable in his person. Although He acts in time, and establishes and changes relationships in time, His essence, which includes His attributes, never changes (Malachi 3:6; James 1:17; Psalm 33:11; Isaiah 46:9 10). We can rely on Him to love us eternally and keep His promises. That is our God!

Let me close with this. As we look at the attributes of God and compare them to Jesus, what did we find? We found that the same attributes we saw in God the Father are manifested in Jesus and thus, Jesus is God! It is as Jesus said, “**I and My Father are one.**” John 10:30.