

Getting to Know God Again

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Week 1 – Our God Never Changes

Introduction:

To say that God is immutable is to say that He never differs from Himself. The concept of a growing or developing God is not found in the Scriptures. It seems to me impossible to think of God as varying from Himself in any way.

Here is why: For a moral being to change it would be necessary that the change be in one of three directions. He must go from better to worse or from worse to better; or, granted that the moral quality remain stable, he must change within himself, as from immature to mature, or from one order of being to another. It should be clear that God can move in none of these directions. His perfections forever rule out any such possibility. (*The Knowledge of the Holy*, A.W. Tozer, p. 55)

Psalm 102:25-27

Three Anchors of Our Unchangeable God:

1. God's _____ for us never changes

Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:19

2. God's _____ to us never changes

Isaiah 40:8; Romans 10:17

3. God's _____ for us never changes

Application:

In the days ahead, let's consider how those three unchanging things – His love for us, His Word to us and His purpose for us – will keep us FOCUSED instead of frantic, PEACEFUL instead of panicked and ANCHORED instead of anxious.

God is going to use this time to teach us and make us grow!

Questions for Life Groups or Personal Reflection

Personal Life:

1. How do you typically handle change? Do you embrace it? Resist it? What has been the most challenging time or season of change for you and why?
2. In the midst of this current pandemic, how are you finding creative or positive ways to deal with it? Share your ideas with others!

Ponderings:

3. Our God created a world that is constantly changing. We experience environmental change, political change, social change, technological change and more. Why do you think an unchanging God would create an ever-changing cosmos?
4. In the weekend message we were reminded that while God is immutable (unchanging), He is always working in new ways. For example, we live under a vastly different covenant on THIS side of the cross in comparison to those living on the other side of the cross.

What are some of your greatest hopes for the new things God might do as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic? What are some anxieties you wrestle with?

5. What is God teaching you about the importance of community during this time? What is He teaching you about family? About gratitude? About faith?

Promptings:

6. Are you willing to remain flexible and faithful with the time and resources God gives you to steward in the days ahead as various needs in our church and community arise?