

THE IMMUTABILITY OF GOD
(Malachi 3:6)

- I. DEFINITION of God's Immutability
 - A. God is unchanging in His ESSENCE (Ps. 102:25-27)
 1. The HEAVENS and the foundations of the EARTH will WEAR OUT and be CHANGED
 2. God is eternal SPIRIT with no BODY (John 4:24)
 - a. Never AGES
 - b. Never GROWS
 - c. Never DECAYS
 - B. God is unchanging in His ATTRIBUTES
 1. His nature is SIMPLE, not made up of PARTS, so all are interconnected
 2. His nature is PERFECT
 - a. Cannot change for the BETTER
 - b. Cannot change for the WORSE
 - C. God is unchanging in His PURPOSES (Isa. 46:9-10)
 1. His WILL and DECREES are unchanging
 - a. He never LEARNS anything
 - b. He doesn't just FORESEE the end, He DECREES the end
 2. His GIFTS and CALLING are unchanging (Rom. 11:29)
 - a. EVERYONE He calls will be JUSTIFIED
 - b. EVERYONE He calls will be GLORIFIED

- D. God is unchanging in His WORD (Ps. 119:89; Isa. 40:8)
 - 1. Eternally SETTLED in HEAVEN
 - 2. Absolute FULFILLMENT guaranteed
- E. God is unchanging in the OBJECTS of His LOVE (Jer. 31:3; Eph. 1:4-5)
 - 1. DETERMINED before “the foundation of the WORLD”
 - 2. PREDESTINED to be ADOPTED in love
- F. God is unchanging in His JUDGMENTS (Mark 9:48; Rev. 14:10-11; 20:10)
 - 1. No THREAT is EMPTY
 - 2. No DESTINY will CHANGE
 - a. Hell’s DURABILITY is IDENTICAL with heaven’s
 - b. Punishment’s DURATION is IDENTICAL with blessedness

II. PRACTICAL Implications of God’s Immutability

- A. Our MESSAGE never changes (Rom. 1:16)
 - 1. Human NATURE hasn’t changed
 - 2. God’s SOLUTION hasn’t changed
 - a. Unchanging REMEDY in Christ’s DEATH and RESURRECTION
 - b. Unchanging REQUIREMENT of REPENTANCE and BELIEF
- B. Our METHOD never changes (Rom. 10:17)
 - 1. FAITH comes by HEARING
 - 2. HEARING comes by the WORD OF CHRIST