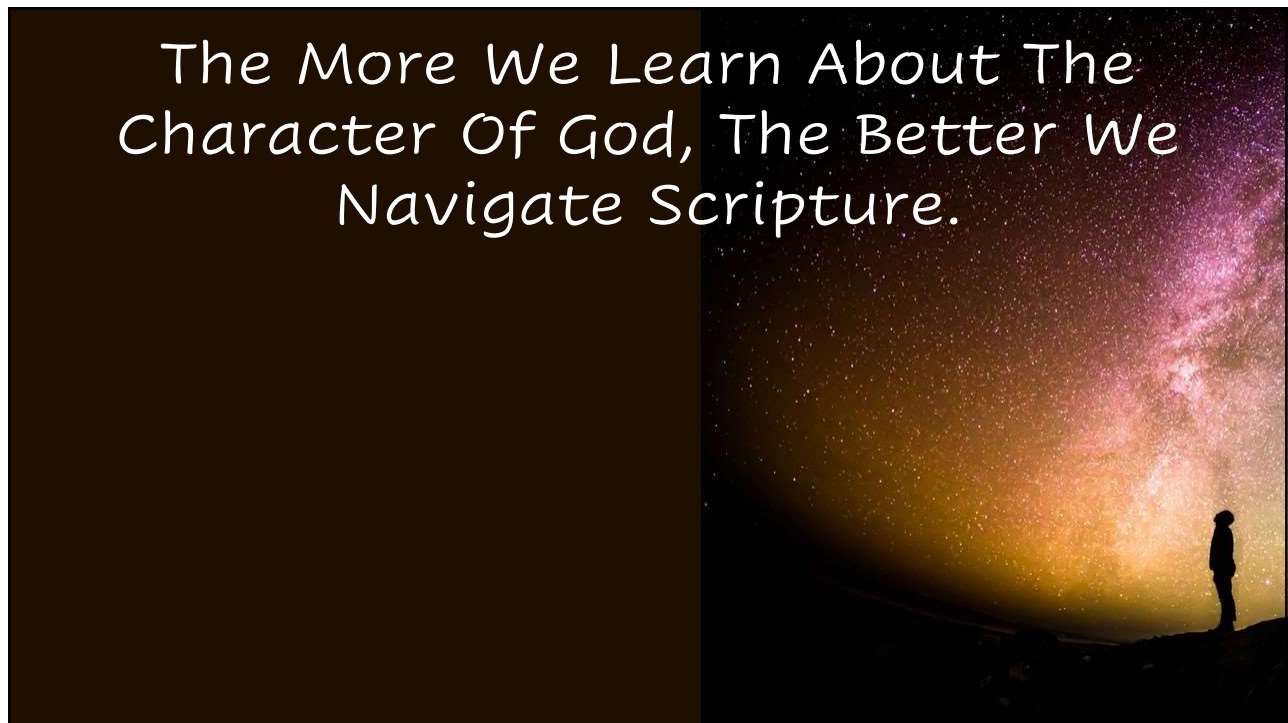


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Terms To Define And Remember:

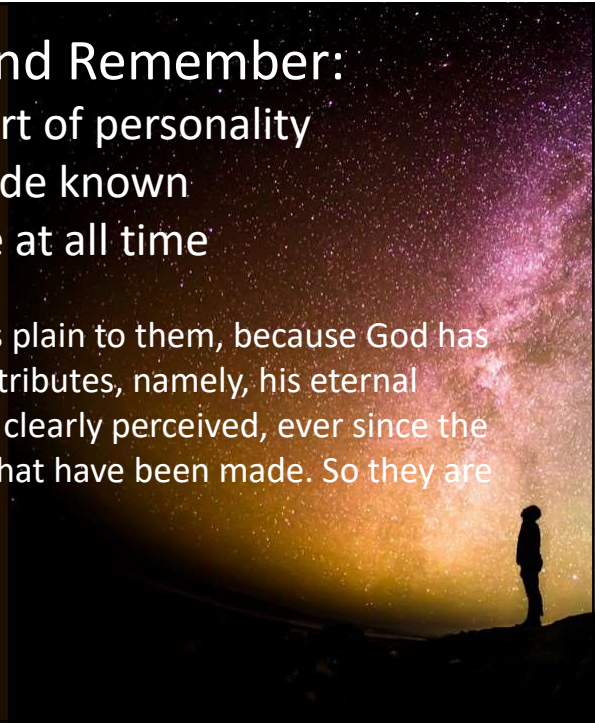
Attribute – character, inherit part of personality

Revelation – how truths are made known

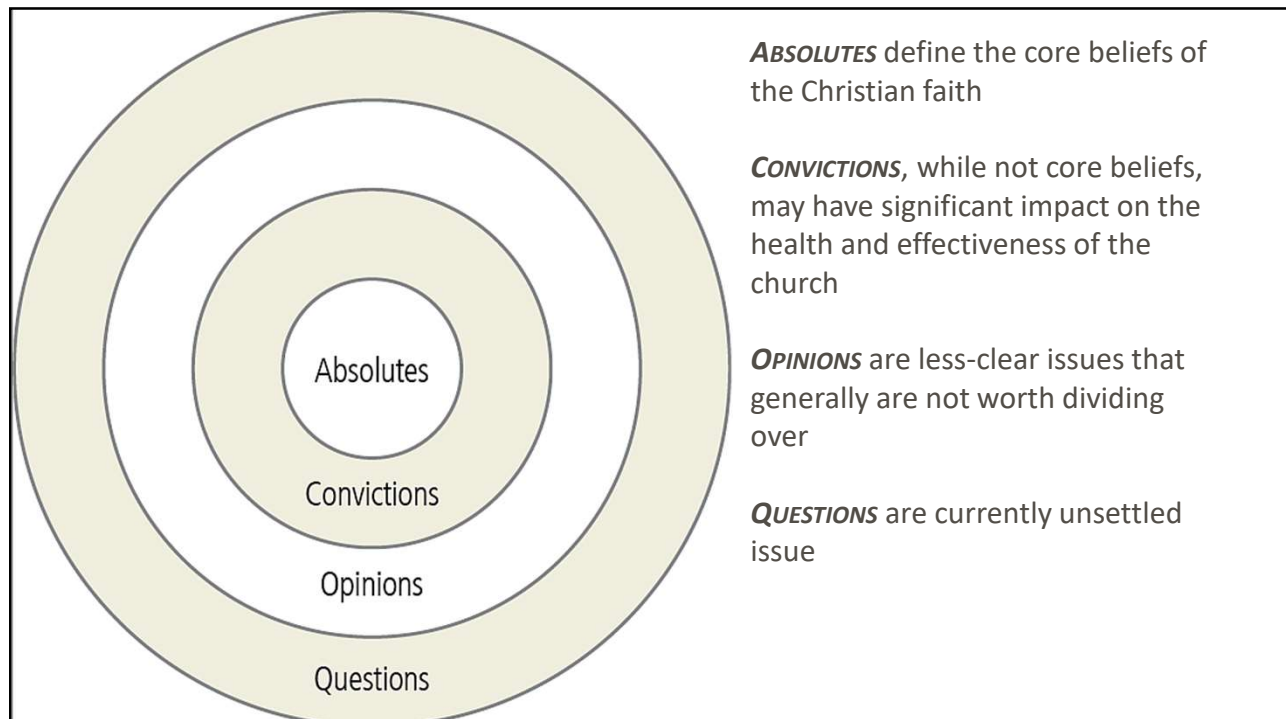
- General – given to all people at all time

Romans 1:19–20

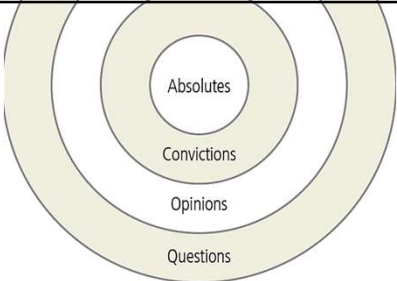
For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.



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ABSOLUTES define the core beliefs of the Christian faith

CONVICTIONS, while not core beliefs, may have significant impact on the health and effectiveness of the church

OPINIONS are less-clear issues that generally are not worth dividing over

QUESTIONS are currently unsettled issue

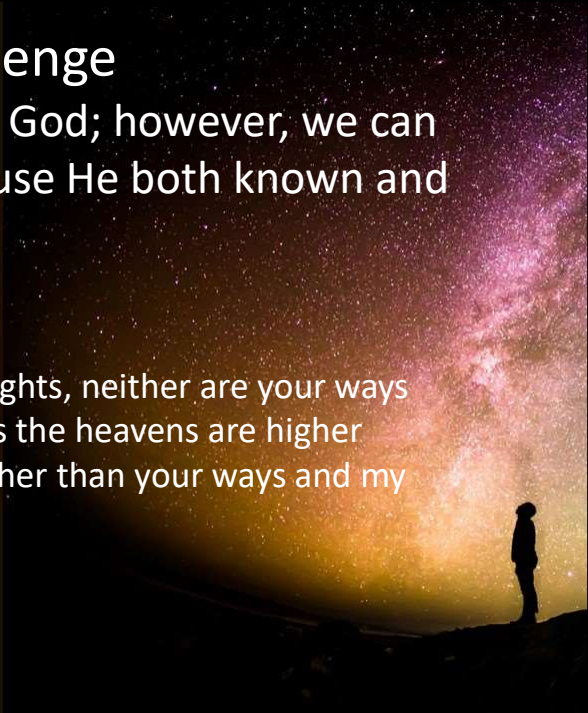
- 1) Biblical Clarity
- 2) Relevance To The Character Of God
- 3) Relevance To The Essence Of The Gospel
- 4) Biblical Frequency And Significance (How Often In Scripture It Is Taught, And What Weight Scripture Places Upon It)
- 5) Effect On Other Doctrines
- 6) Consensus Among Christians (Past And Present)
- 7) Effect On Personal And Church Life.

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The Challenge

We can have true knowledge of God; however, we can never know all about God because He both known and incomprehensible.

Isaiah 55:8–9
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

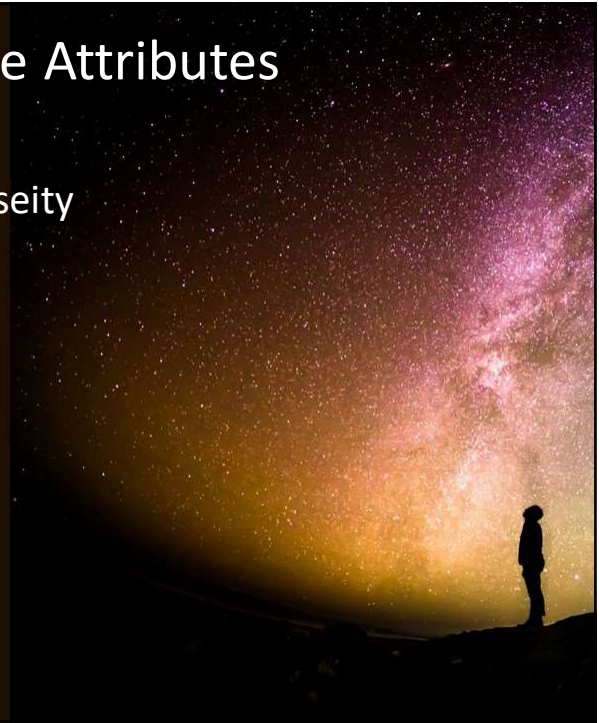


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Incommunicable Attributes

Independence

Self-existence; Self-sufficiency; Aseity



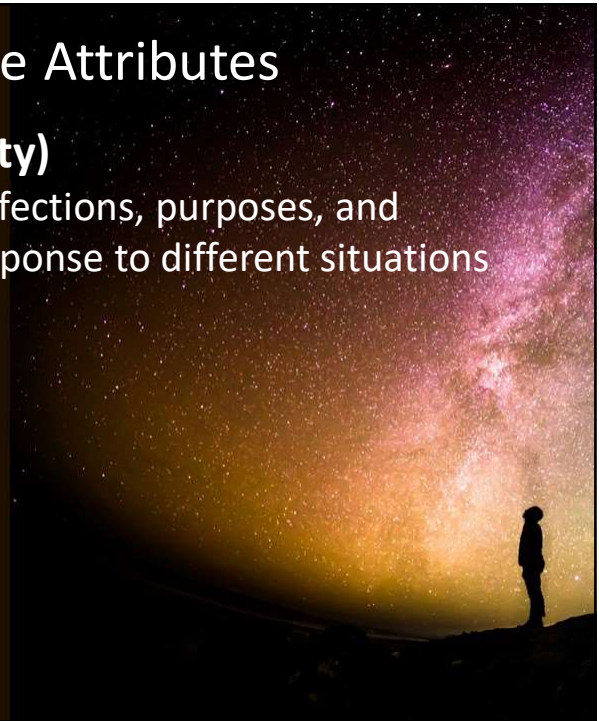
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Incommunicable Attributes

Unchangeableness (Immutability)

God is unchanging in His being, perfections, purposes, and promises, although as He acts in response to different situations He feels emotions.

Why Is This An Incommunicable Attribute?



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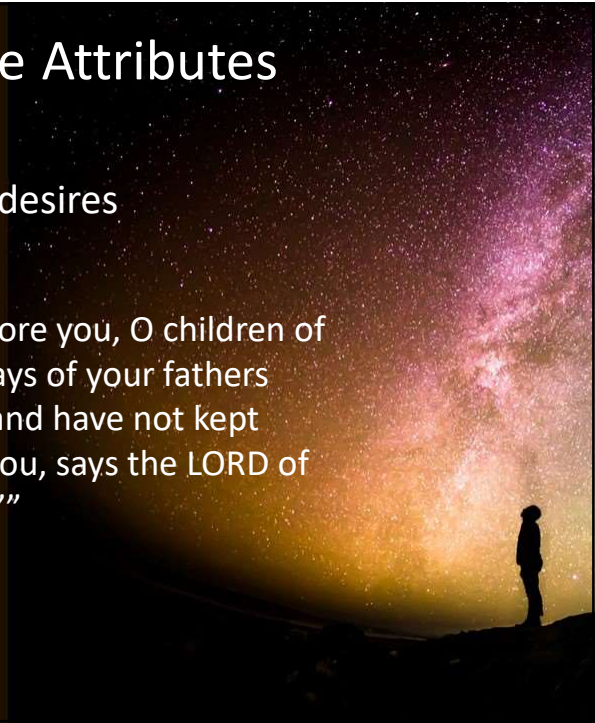
Incommunicable Attributes

Unchangeableness (Immutability)

- God makes known His ways and desires

Malachi 3:6–7

[6] “For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. [7] From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’”



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Incommunicable Attributes

Unchangeableness (Immutability)

- God makes known His ways and desires
- Creation changes, but God does not

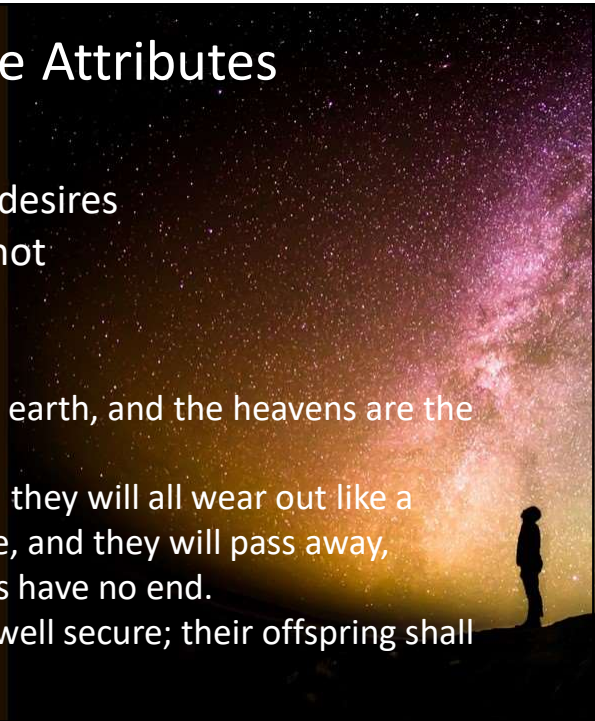
Psalms 102:25–28

[25] Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

[26] They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away,

[27] but you are the same, and your years have no end.

[28] The children of your servants shall dwell secure; their offspring shall be established before you.



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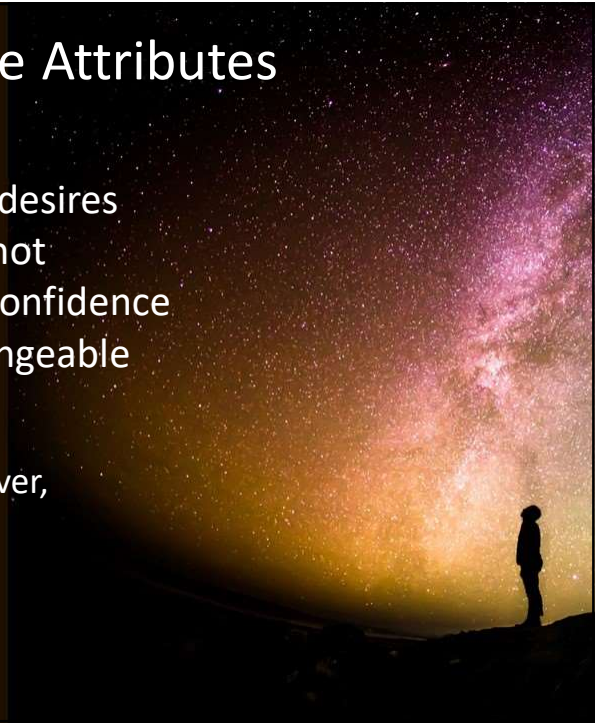
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Unchangeableness (Immutability)

- God makes known His ways and desires
- Creation changes, but God does not
- Knowing God's goodness brings confidence
- God's plan for humanity is unchangeable

Psalm 33:11

[11] The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the plans of his heart to all generations.

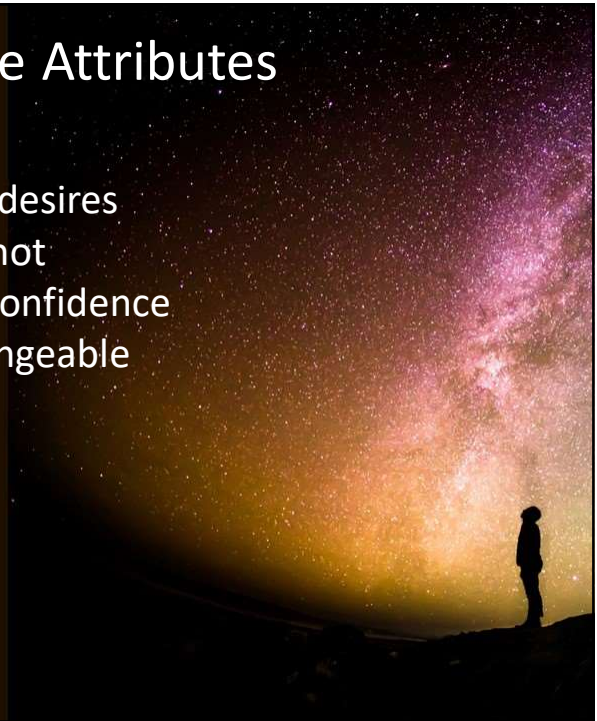


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Isaiah 46:8–11

[8] “Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, [9] remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, [10] declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’ [11] calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.



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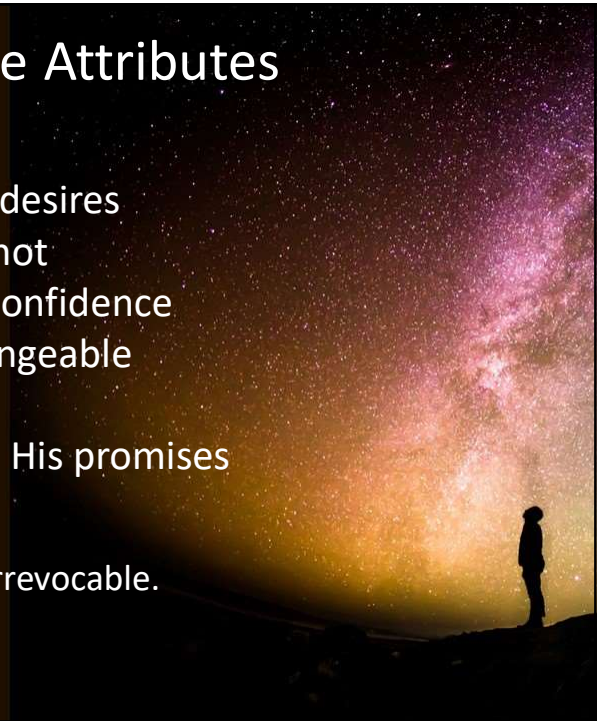
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- God’s unchangeableness anchors His promises

Romans 11:29

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.



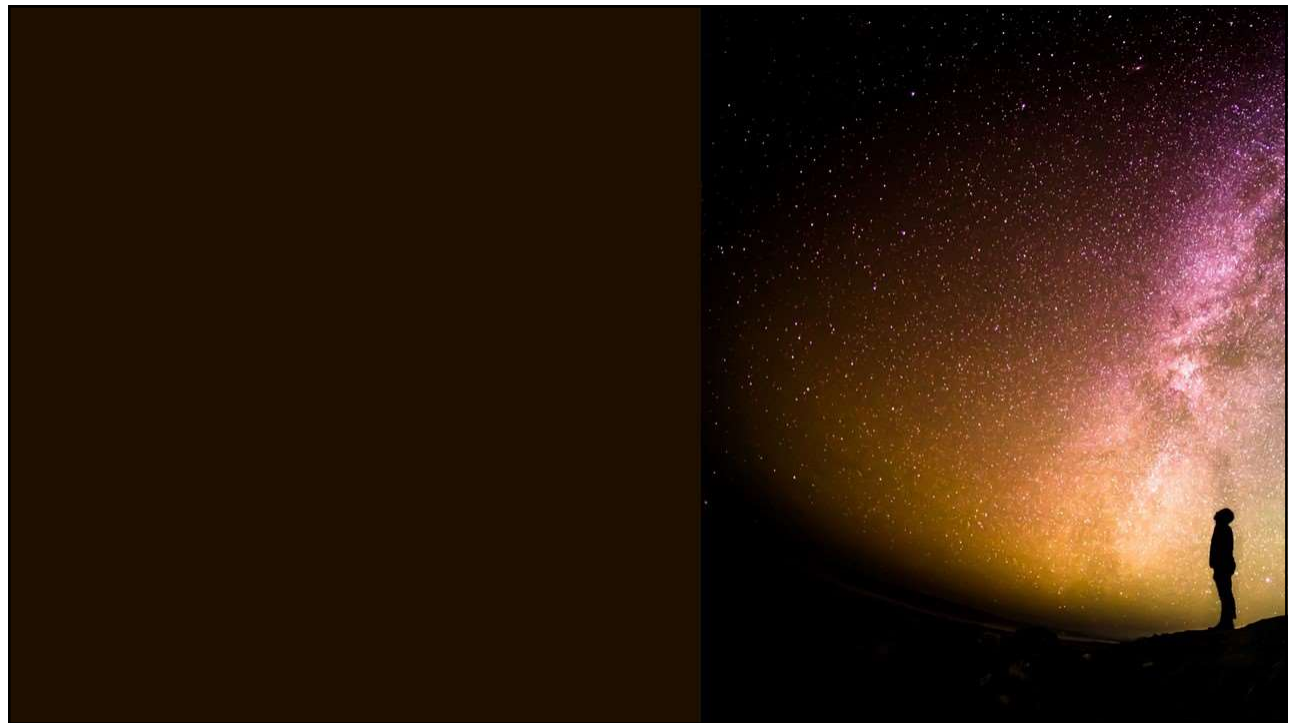
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Application/ Implication

God Is Immutable...

- How does this change you?
- How does this impact the church?
- How does this impact the world?
- Do you rest in the immutability of God?

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