## TOTALLY AWESOME August 21, 2022

We're not content w/ nominal, or normal, socially acceptable Christianity. Small-minded Christianity...we want to know WHO God is.

Genesis 15:5 NKJV Then He brought him (*Abraham*) outside & said, "Look now toward heaven, & count the stars if you're able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And *he believed in the Lord*, & He accounted it to him for righteousness.

It's not **what** Abraham believed, it was **who** he believed. Abraham truly believed God, & his faith rested on the character of God. It's important that we know who God is, and **what God is like!** 

Colossians 3:1 Since you've been raised to new life w/ Christ, set your sights on the <u>realities of heaven</u>, where <u>Christ</u> sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. 2 Think about the <u>things of heaven</u>, not the things of earth 3 For you died to this life, & your real life is hidden <u>w/ Christ in God</u>.

Heaven is about being w/Jesus. Heaven is about the <u>fullness</u> of Christ. Heaven is the complete fullness of God's glory in our hearts. Salvation is not just an insurance against hell, but a gateway into God.

We have our mind set on things; our confidence is in things. We grow things, increase things, we beautify things, put our trust in things and God. We have our job/career & God, our spouse & God, a strong body/mind & God, our education & God, our home/stuff & God, our dreams/ambitions & God...we put God as a plus sign after something else.

It can't be things & God or people & God. Our internal and eternal fulfillment must be God. Nothing else. Then whatever God gives us, we can love it for His sake, but it's not necessary for our eternal happiness.

**Ephesians 3:16 AMP** May He grant you out of the *riches of His glory*, to be strengthened & spiritually energized w/ *power through His Spirit* in your inner self, indwelling your innermost being & personality, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through your faith. May you, having been deeply rooted & securely grounded in love 18 be fully capable of comprehending w/ all the saints (God's people) the width, length, height, & depth of His love [fully experiencing that amazing, endless love]; 19 and that you

may come to know practically, through personal experience, the love of Christ which far surpasses mere knowledge [w/out experience], that you may be filled up, throughout your being to all the <u>fullness of God</u>, so that you may have the <u>richest experience of God's presence</u> in your lives, <u>completely filled & flooded w/ God Himself</u>. 20 Now to <u>Him who is able</u> to carry out His purpose & do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think [<u>infinitely</u> beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams], according to <u>His power</u> that is at work w/in us, 21 to Him be the glory in the church & in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever & ever Amen.

God knows no confinements, no end. All that God is, He is w/out boundaries or limitations. Goodness. Wisdom. Mercy. Holiness. Grace.

**Psalm 147:5 AMP** Great is our majestic & mighty Lord & abundant in strength; His understanding is **inexhaustible**, **infinite**, & **boundless**.

God created light, movement, color, & sound. The devil (world) wants to keep us in the dark, stagnant, bland, & quiet. Not God. It's not His nature. All of creation shouts life, light, speed, color, & sound!

**Hebrews 1:3** The Son radiates God's own glory & expresses the very *character of God*, & He sustains everything by the *mighty power of His command*. When He had cleansed us from our sins, He sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the *majestic God* in heaven.

God must be infinite in all that He is. No bounds, no limits, no stopping place, no point that He can't go beyond.

When we think of Jesus, we must think infinitely about Him.

**2 Chronicles 2:5** This must be a magnificent Temple because our God is greater than all other gods. 6 But who can really build Him a worthy home? Not even the highest heavens can contain Him!

What if God had all the power there is, except just a little bit. We couldn't say, "He's a God of infinite power, Almighty God. Nothing is

impossible w/ You." He'd be close, but not perfect. More power than anyone else, but He'd fall short, & therefore not God, not perfect. <u>We couldn't worship Him.</u> Our God is infinitely perfect in all His ways.

There is nothing boundless but God & nothing infinite but God. God is self-existent & absolute. Everything else is contingent & relative. God doesn't extend into space; God contains space.

Jeremiah 23:23 Am I a God who is only close at hand? says the Lord "No, I am far away at the same time. 24 Can anyone hide from Me in a secret place? Am I not everywhere in all the heavens & earth?" says the Lord.

## **VIDEO – Universe Size Comparison**

Jesus is the almighty, boundless, infinite, perfect, all-knowing, all-wise, all-loving, all joy, all grace, all peace, all good God!

Let's not pray to a god who is less than El Shaddai, Jehovah, Yashua. Jesus is the One, the Perfect One, the Savior, the Almighty God!

Isaiah 40:12 Who else has held the oceans in His hand? Who's measured off the heavens w/ His fingers? Who else knows the weight of the earth or has weighed the mountains & hills on a scale? 13 Who's able to advise the Spirit of the Lord? Who knows enough to give Him advice or teach Him? 14 Has the Lord ever needed anyone's advice? Does He need instruction about what is good? Did someone teach Him what is right or show Him the path of justice? 15 No, for all the nations of the world are but a drop in the bucket. They're nothing more than dust on the scales. He picks up the whole earth as though it were a grain of sand.

God has the attribute of immanence (He's in all things) & immensity (Bigness - He transcends all things). He doesn't travel to get anywhere. You don't go somewhere to find God.

God is above all things, beneath all things, outside all things, & inside all things!

When we pray, "God, come & help us" that's for our own imagination. God doesn't have to come to help us, because there isn't anywhere that God is not.

**Psalm 145:3** Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure His greatness 4 Let each generation tell its children of <u>Your</u> mighty acts; let them proclaim <u>Your</u> power. 5 I will meditate on <u>Your</u> majestic, glorious splendor & <u>Your</u> wonderful miracles. 6 <u>Your</u> awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue; I will proclaim <u>Your</u> greatness 7 Everyone will share the story of <u>Your</u> wonderful goodness, they'll sing w/joy about <u>Your</u> righteousness

## Let's <u>not</u> worship the god of our small imaginations, but the true God.

**Psalm 104:1** Let all that I am praise the Lord. O Lord my God, how great **You** are! **You're** robed w/ <u>honor & majesty</u>. 2 **You're** dressed in a robe of <u>light</u>. **You** stretch out the starry curtain of the heavens; 3 **You** lay out the rafters of **Your** home in the rain clouds. **You** make the clouds **Your** chariot; **You** ride upon the wings of the wind. 4 The winds are **Your** messengers; flames of fire are **Your** servants... (goes on to describe all of creation...)

He rises above it all, & at the same time, this God is a friendly, loving God and He delights Himself in you & me.

If God needed me, I couldn't admire Him. If I couldn't esteem & respect Him, I couldn't worship Him.

If Jesus needs my help, He doesn't deserve my worship.

The everlasting God, whom space cannot contain. The God who lovingly placed Himself inside one of His own creatures (Mary). Then the eternal Word-Jesus made Himself flesh-joyfully for you & me.

Our loving God is Mighty to save, Infinitely strong in power! And He invites us into a relationship w/ Himself; to share in all the intimacies of the Trinity. Jesus is the Way into the...Indescribable...