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Q. 4. What is God?
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Q&A

Q. 4. What is God?

A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his **being**, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.






God is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being

- His nature

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (1 Timothy 1:17 ESV)

- His revelation

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" (Exodus 3:14 ESV)






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God is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his wisdom

- His craftsmanship

*O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.* (Psalm 104:24 ESV)

- His thoughts

*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
"For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"* (Romans 11:33-34 ESV)







God is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his wisdom

- His insight

And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. (Hebrews 4:13 ESV)

- His knowledge

for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. (1 John 3:20 ESV)






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God is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his power

- His works

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, 2 that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." (Genesis 17:1 ESV)

- His possession

*Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God, (Psalm 62:11 ESV)*






God is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his power

- His work of creation

'Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you. (Jeremiah 32:17 ESV)

- His work of redemption

But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26 ESV)






God is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his power

- His being God

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:8 ESV)






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God is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his holiness

- His identity

but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15-16 ESV)

- Christ's active obedience

You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. (1 John 3:5 ESV)





God is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his holiness

- His being God

*Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?*

For you alone are holy.

All nations will come

and worship you,

for your righteous acts have been revealed.” (Revelation 15:4 ESV)






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God is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his justice

- His protecting the righteous

Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" (Genesis 18:25 ESV)






God is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his justice

- His punishing the guilty

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." (Exodus 34:6-7 ESV)






God is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his justice

- His consistency

*"The Rock, his work is perfect,
for all his ways are justice.
A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,
just and upright is he. (Deuteronomy 32:4 ESV)*

- His final judgment

*before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness. (Psalm 96:13 ESV)*






God is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his justice

- His redemptive work

But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.)

It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. (Romans 3:5,26 ESV)






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God is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his goodness

- His love

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!* (Psalm 107:1 ESV)

- His kindness

Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? (Romans 2:4 ESV)






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God is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his truth

- His promises

For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 6:13-20 ESV)

