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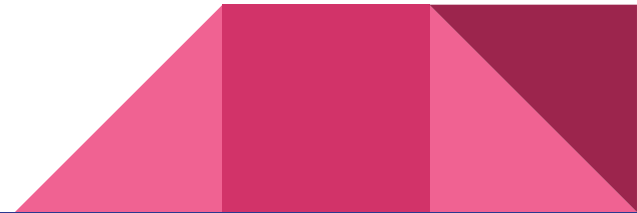
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Q&A

Q. 4. What is God?

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

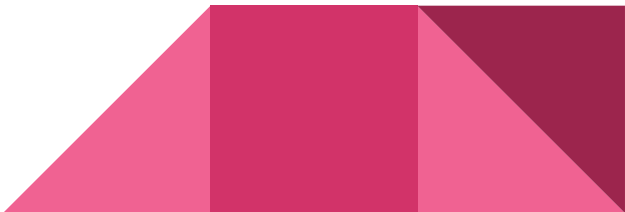




God is a Spirit

- There is nothing in creation like Him

Therefore watch yourselves very carefully. Since you saw no form on the day that the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, beware lest you act corruptly by making a carved image for yourselves, in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any animal that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged bird that flies in the air, the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth. And beware lest you raise your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and bow down to them and serve them, things that the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven. (Deuteronomy 4:15-19 ESV)





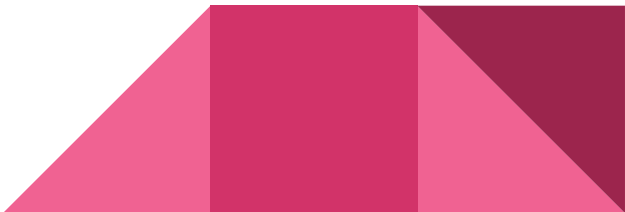
God is a Spirit

- He is not physical

See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” (Luke 24:39 ESV)

*Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; (Nicene Creed)*

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil (Hebrews 2:14 ESV)






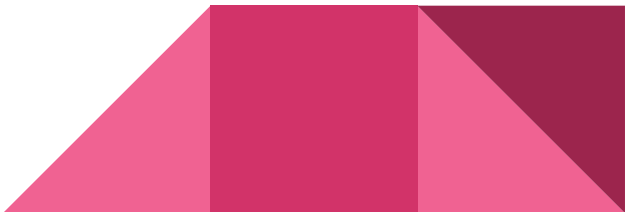
God is a Spirit

- He is revealed in Christ

No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. (John 1:18 ESV)

- We must worship Him in spirit and truth

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (John 4:24 ESV)






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






God is infinite

- He cannot be contained

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! (1 Kings 8:27 ESV)





God is infinite

- He cannot be escaped

Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

If I take the wings of the morning

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me,

and your right hand shall hold me. (Psalm 139:7-10 ESV)







God is infinite

- He cannot be studied, only revealed

*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable. (Psalm 145:3 ESV)*

*O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable
are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the
Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be
recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things:
to whom be glory for ever. Amen. (Romans 11:33-36 ESV)*






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God is eternal

- He is eternal

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

*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,
but you are the same, and your years have no end. (Psalms 102:25-27 ESV)*

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (Revelation 22:13 ESV)






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God is unchangeable

- His truth does not change

*The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the plans of his heart to all generations. (Psalm 33:11 ESV)*

- His faithfulness does not waiver

“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. (Malachi 3:6 ESV)






God is unchangeable

- Jesus Christ is always the same

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8 ESV)

- His fatherhood is constant

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. (James 1:17 ESV)





God in the whirlwind

*Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:
“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
Dress for action like a man;
I will question you, and you make it known to me. (Job 38:1 ESV)*

*Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. (Job 42:3b ESV)*

