

The Doctrine of God
Handout #2
“Our God is Without Limit”

Recap:

Our God is the One of whom none greater can be conceived. (Anselm)

He cannot be managed, cannot be packaged.

There will be unanswered questions - for every question we answer we raise 10!

If you could fully understand, succinctly define and passage him - he would not be worthy of your worship.

Our God is **incomparable** - nothing compares with him

Our God is **incomprehensible** - beyond comprehension; you cannot gain full knowledge of him; you cannot have complete knowledge; he is past finding out.

Our God is knowable: through revelation - general (nature) and specific (Scripture)

Tonight's Study: *Our God is without Limit*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

*34 For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor? (Romans 11:33-34)*

Only God can be infinite in his essence.

This is an essential, foundational truth of the Christian faith that God is the most perfect, supreme being. You cannot deny that and call yourself Christian.

Why this matters

What do the Scriptures say?

Psalm 146:1-5

Ephesians 1:19-20

Acts 19:11-20

I had a theology teacher in seminary that said you are not through until you ask the question, “So what?” What difference does this make? What’s the big deal?

He is the big deal: ***Who can atone for sin against an infinite God?***

Again, when we talk about being saved, we mean saved from God. Saved from his righteous burning wrath.

Question: Who has been sinned against?

Answer: the infinite God. Each offense is an infinite offense.

It is not just scary - it leads to despair!

But - Luke 2:10-14

But we’ve sinned against an infinite God. Yes, but the infinite One stepped out of the heavens to pay for our sin with his own body on the cross. He did what he alone could do.

Philippians 2:7-8

Colossians 1:15-20

Sin against an infinite God cannot be atoned for by a Savior who emptied himself of his divine attributes. No, it is his divine attributes that qualify him to make atonement in the first place. Sin against an infinite God can be met only by a Savior who is, himself divine. All the perfections identical with God, infinite in measure.

That’s the gospel.

That is the glory of God.

Listen again to Anselm: And clearly any good thing that the supreme nature is, it is that thing supremely. It is, therefore, supreme essence, supreme life, supreme reason, supreme health, supreme justice, supreme wisdom, supreme truth, supreme goodness, supreme greatness, supreme beauty, supreme immortality, supreme incorruptibility, supreme immutability, supreme happiness, supreme eternity, supreme power, and supreme unity.

Such a God is worthy of your worship!