

*But what about the Bible passages which say that God changes?*

Genesis 6, Jonah 3, 1 Samuel 15

**DISCUSS:** Malachi 3:6 connects God's unchanging nature directly to the security of his people: "I the LORD do not change; therefore..." Why is God's immutability such good news for Christians who are themselves inconsistent and changeable?

Someone says, "God used to be good to me, but after everything that has happened recently, I'm not sure he is anymore." How would God's immutability help you pastor that person without minimising their suffering?

## The unchanging God in a changing life

**DISCUSS:** How would you respond pastorally to a Christian who says, "God used to feel close and kind to me, but now I'm not sure he is"?

## Conclusion

God is from himself, therefore nothing outside God gives him what he lacks and he can provide all that we lack. God never changes, because there is no deficiency in himself to overcome and no perfection for him still to acquire.

**Psalms 46:1-5 (Sing Psalms)**

**Tune: Stroudwater**

## NOTICES THIS WEEK:

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**Ladies' Fellowship:** Habakkuk 2:1-5, Thursday, 10am, Anderson's home.

**Scottish Women's Bible Convention:** 'Jesus Is Better', 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct, 10.00-15.00, Charlotte Chapel, [brushfire.com/swbc/swbc2026/623009](http://brushfire.com/swbc/swbc2026/623009)

### NEXT SUNDAY:

**Morning Worship, 10am:** 1 Peter 3:1-7 'Wives and husbands'

**YF, 4pm:** Genesis 4:1-26; 6:5-6 'The Spread of Sin'

**Evening Fellowship, 5pm:** The God without limits

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**EVENING FELLOWSHIP 5pm**

**The Lord's Day  
27<sup>th</sup> September**

## WELCOME TO GALASHIELS FREE CHURCH

### WHAT IS EVENING FELLOWSHIP?

Evening fellowship is our more informal time together where the whole church enjoys Sunday School and we get to book-end the Lord's Day with the Lord's people and learn more about him. This is something that the church has historically done throughout her existence. During our time together we also sing and have our prayers for others. If you can play a musical instrument, we'd love to connect with you.

Below are the various 'Sunday schools' that we currently run to help you learn to grow in love and knowledge of God.

### YF: Youth Fellowship

'YF: Youth Fellowship' currently meets before Evening Fellowship for Pizza, Games and Bible study. This is for all in S1-S5 and currently meets at 4pm.

### Kids go Digging Deeper

During evening fellowship we have 'Kids go Digging Deeper' in the vestibule which is our group for Primary School aged children.

### Digging Deeper

For all those that stay in the main hall, we usually take a term to 'dig deeper' into a key doctrine or theme in the Bible. These are usually done as a seminar; however, the pews currently make that tricky!

Throughout our evening, people are welcome to help themselves to tea, coffee or a cold drink and to make the most of our time together. We also love it when people ask questions about what we are learning. So please do feel free to put your hand up during Digging Deeper.

## Welcome & Notices

*Full notices can be found on Morning Service Sheets which you can find on the Welcome Desk.*

## Psalm 77:1-14 (Sing Psalms)

### Tune: Glencairn

*In evening fellowship we currently sing Psalms, the song book of the Bible, as the church has done for 3000 years.*

## Prayers for Others

*In this prayer we remember the Lord's work in Scotland and elsewhere in the nations, especially praying for our partner churches. For praying for the wider Free Church we use PFOA material, [freechurch.org/prayer](http://freechurch.org/prayer). As we pray for the Lord's church amongst the nations, we are currently praying for unreached peoples using material from [Missionary.com](http://Missionary.com)*

## The God who is from himself and never changes.

## God is from himself

Exodus 3, Acts 17, John 5, Is 44, Rev , Ps 33, Prov 19, Is 46, Matt 11, Acts 2, Eph 1

WCF 2.2 God has all life,<sup>a</sup> glory,<sup>b</sup> goodness,<sup>c</sup> blessedness,<sup>d</sup> in, and of himself; and is alone in, and unto himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which he has made,<sup>e</sup> nor deriving any glory from them,<sup>f</sup> but only manifesting his own glory, in, by, unto, and upon them: he is the alone fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things;<sup>g</sup> and, has most sovereign dominion over them, to do by them, for them, or upon them whatsoever himself pleases.<sup>h</sup> In his sight all things are open and manifest,<sup>i</sup> his knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature,<sup>k</sup> so as nothing is to him contingent, or uncertain.<sup>l</sup> He is most holy in all his counsels, in all his works, and in all his commands.<sup>m</sup> To him is due from angels and men, and every other creature, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience he is pleased to require of them.<sup>n</sup>

a John 5:26. b Acts 7:2. c Psa. 119:68. d 1 Tim. 6:15; Rom. 9:5. e Acts 17:24,25. f Job 22:2,3. g Rom. 11:36. h Rev. 4:11; 1 Tim. 6:15; Dan. 4:25,35. i Heb. 4:13. k Rom. 11:33,34; Psa. 147:5. l Acts 15:18; Ezek. 11:5. m Psa. 145:17; Rom. 7:12. n Rev. 5:12-14.

**DISCUSS:** What difference should God's *aseity* make to the way we think about serving in church? How can it guard us both from pride and from feeling dispensable?

## The God who never changes

Malachi 3, James 1, Psalm 102, Eph 1, Dan 4, Ps 33, Job 6. Rev 21.

WSC Q4: What is God?

A4: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.