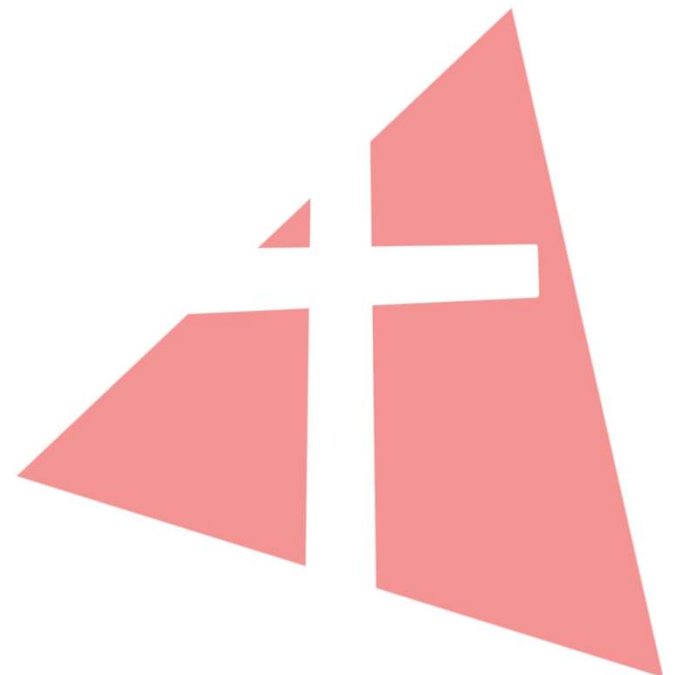


# **WHO IS GOD?**

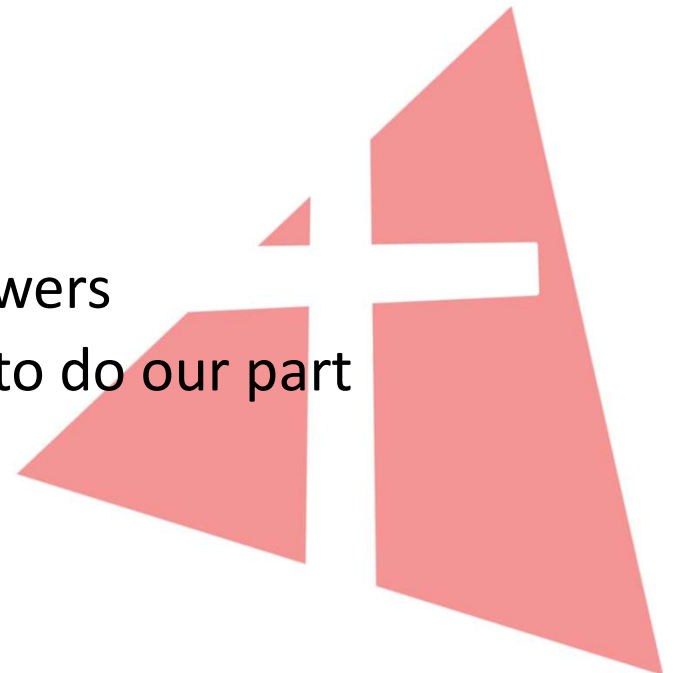
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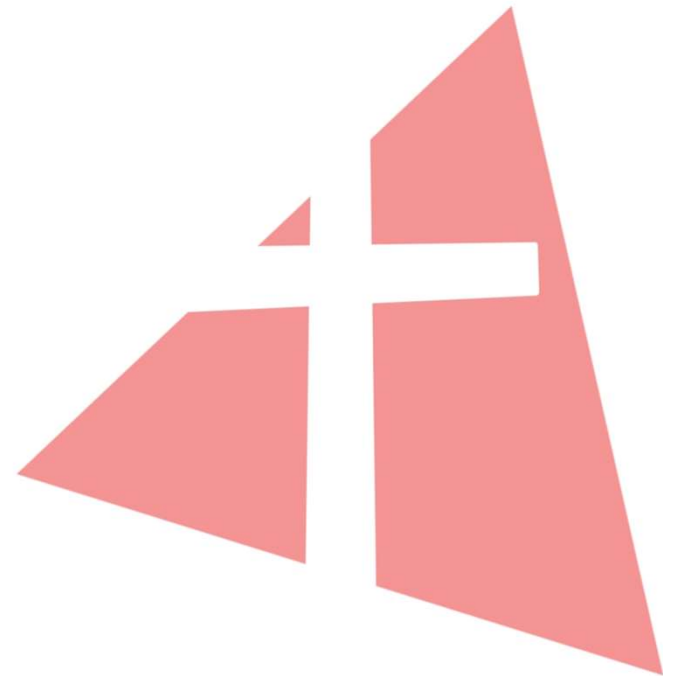
# OUR SERIES

- **We live our lives out of how we answer 2 questions**
  - Who is God?
  - Who am I?
- **Renewing our minds**
  - We need the Holy Spirit to give us the answers
  - For the Holy Spirit to work in us, we need to do our part



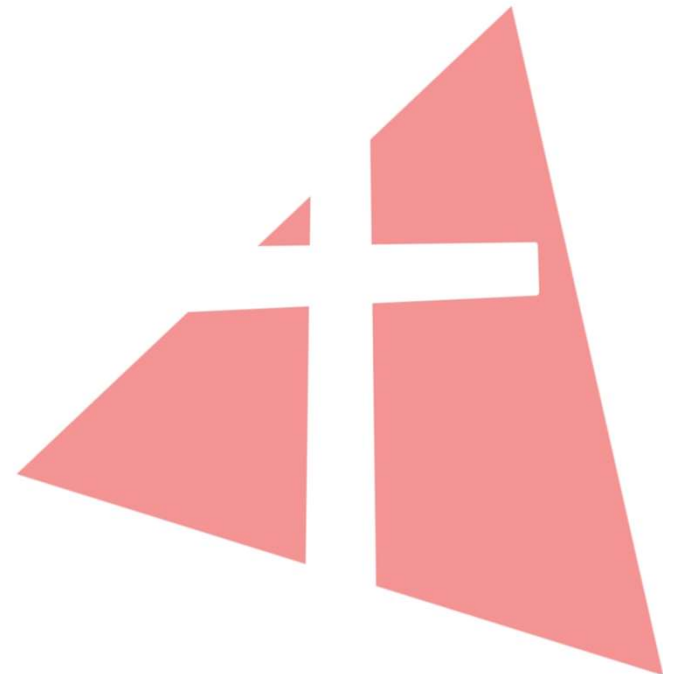
# WHO IS GOD?

- **This question is impossible to fully answer**



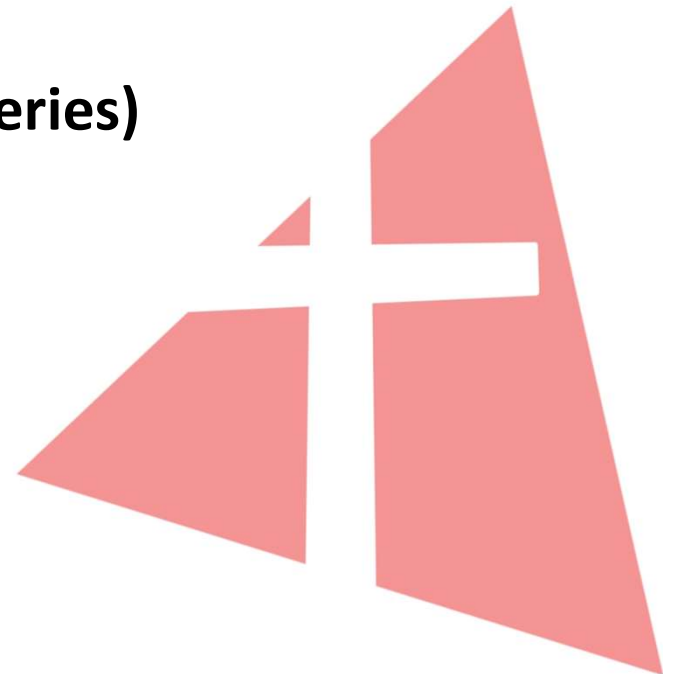
# WHAT WE CAN DO

- **Look at some common misconceptions about God**
- **Look at the attributes of God**
- **Look at the names of God**
- **Look at Jesus**



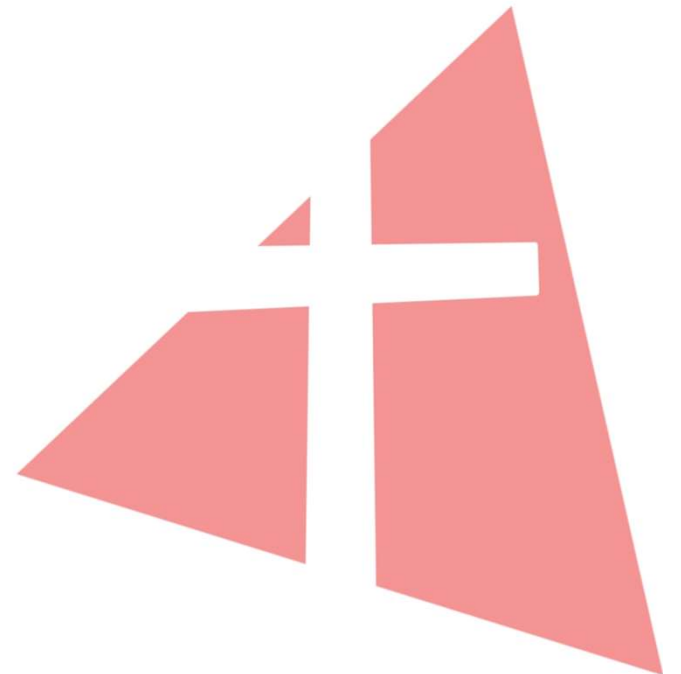
# RECOMMENDED READING

- **The Attributes of God by A.W. Tozer (2 Part series)**



# GOD AND JESUS

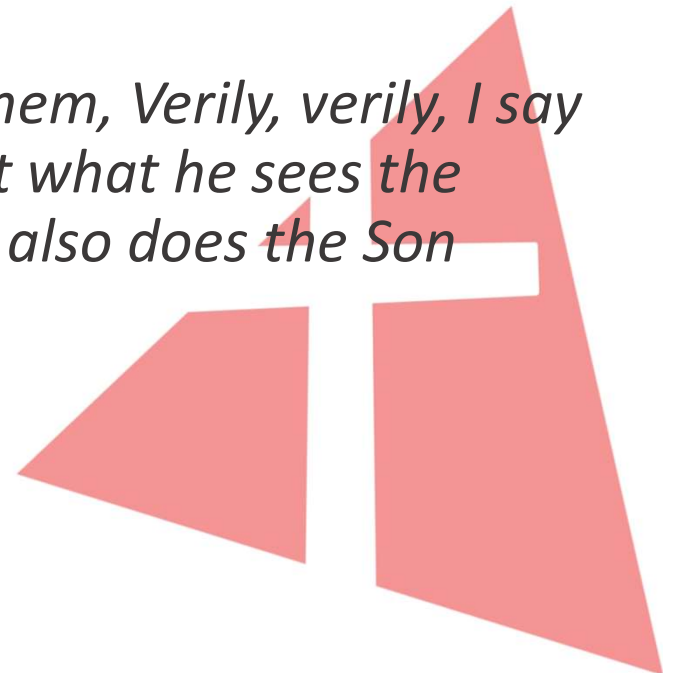
- Many people see God and Jesus separate
- The clearest revelation of God is Jesus Christ



# JESUS IS GOD

*John 10:30 I and my Father are one.*

*John 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do: for whatsoever things he does, these also does the Son likewise.*



# JESUS IS GOD

- To learn how God deals with us, we can try to put ourselves into the people who interacted with Jesus

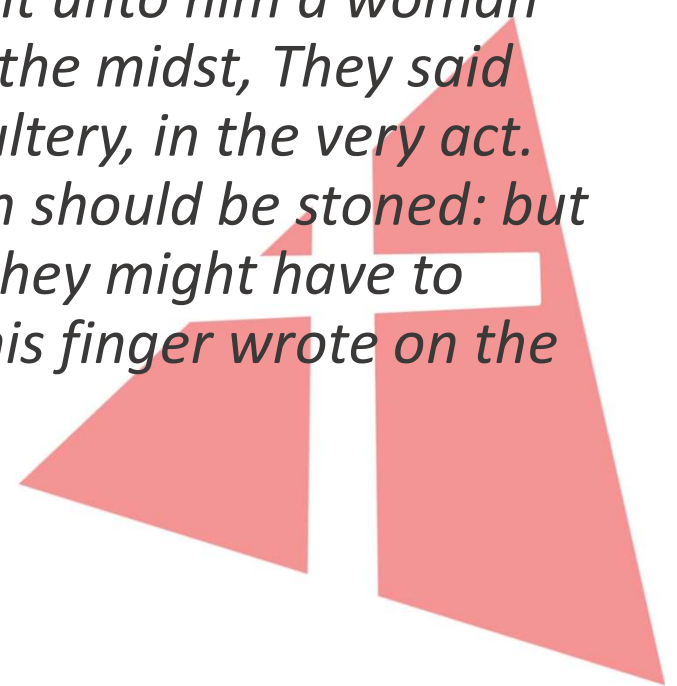




# EXAMPLE

- **The woman caught in adultery**

*John 8:3-6 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They said unto him, Teacher, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what say you? This they said, testing him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.*



# EXAMPLE

- **The woman caught in adultery**

*John 8:7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted himself up, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.*

*John 8:10-11 When Jesus had lifted himself up, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those your accusers? has no man condemned you? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn you: go, and sin no more.*

# COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

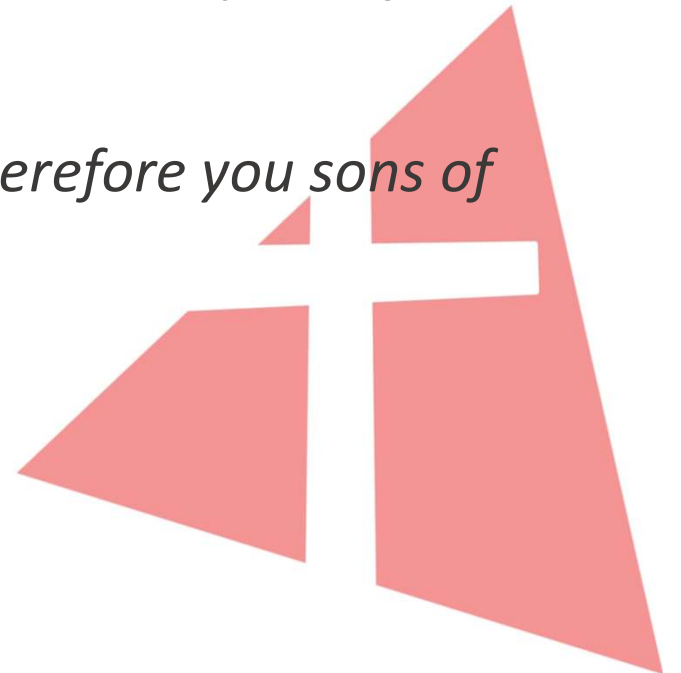
- **The God of the Old Testament is different from the God of the New Testament**



# HAS GOD CHANGED?

*Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.*

*Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore you sons of Jacob are not consumed.*



# HAS GOD CHANGED?

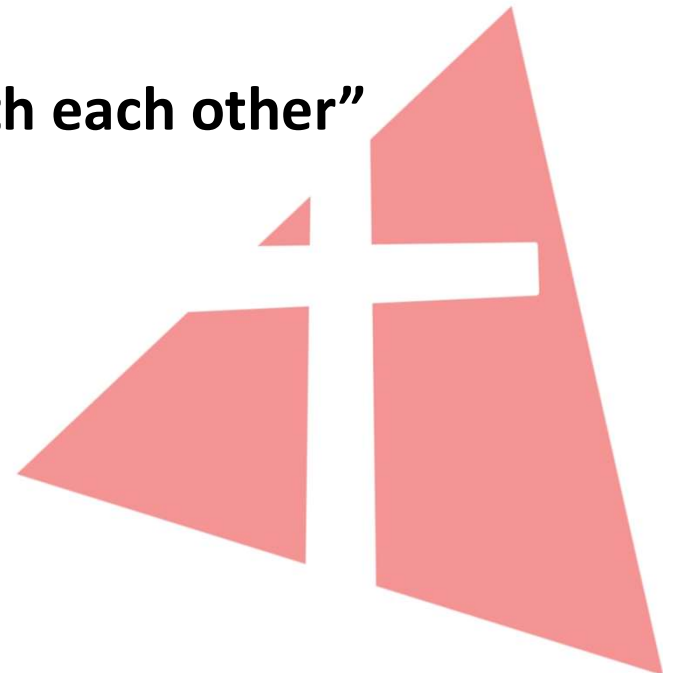
- **God didn't change**
- **God's covenant with the people changed**

*Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*



# COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

- **God has different parts that are “fighting with each other”**



# COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

- God is not “part love and part just”, God is fully and perfectly loving and fully and perfectly just
- God is not sometimes angry at sin and sometimes forgiving, He is perfectly forgiving and perfectly angry at sin all the time
- ...



# SOME OF THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

- **God is Holy**

*Isaiah 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.*

*Isaiah 43:15 I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.*

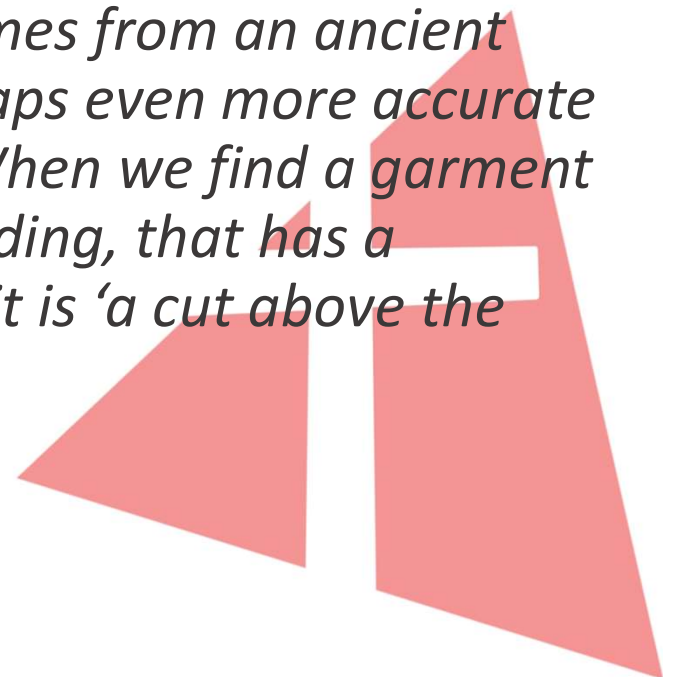




# GOD'S HOLINESS

- **To be holy is to be distinct, separate, in a class by oneself.**

*The primary meaning of holy is 'separate.' It comes from an ancient word that meant, 'to cut,' or 'to separate.' Perhaps even more accurate would be the phrase 'a cut above something.' When we find a garment or another piece of merchandise that is outstanding, that has a superior excellence, we use the expression that it is 'a cut above the rest. (R.C. Sproul)*

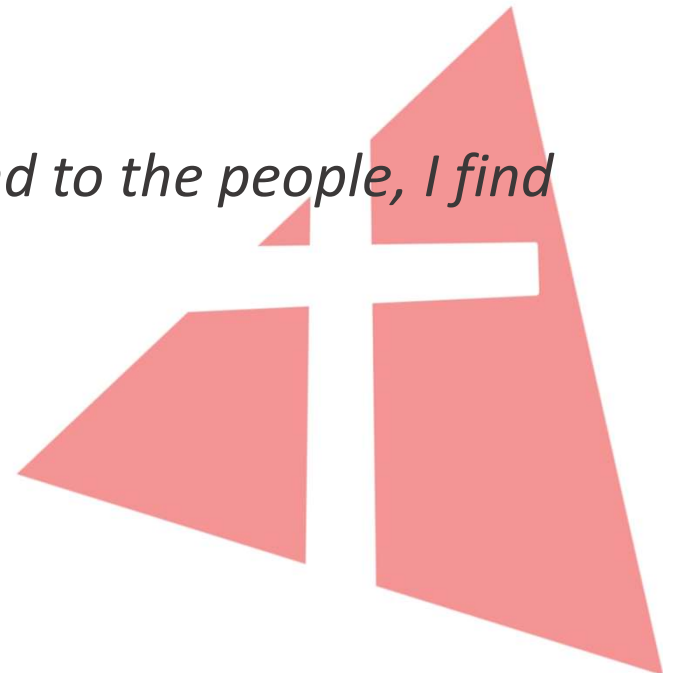


# GOD'S HOLINESS

## ○ To be morally pure

- Objectively speaking, it is impossible to accuse God of any wrong deed or thought

*Luke 23:4 Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.*

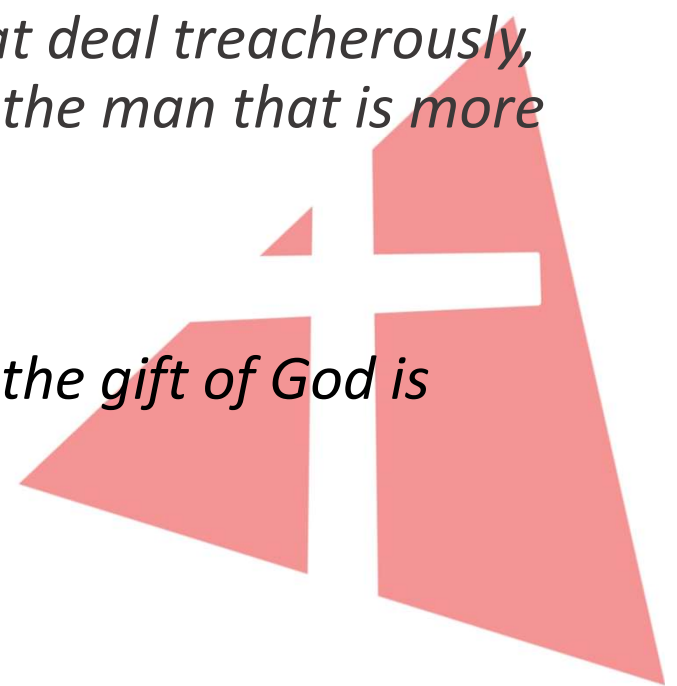


# GOD'S HOLINESS

- Sin separates us from God

*Habakkuk 1:13 You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and can not look on iniquity: why do you look upon them that deal treacherously, and hold your tongue when the wicked devours the man that is more righteous than he?*

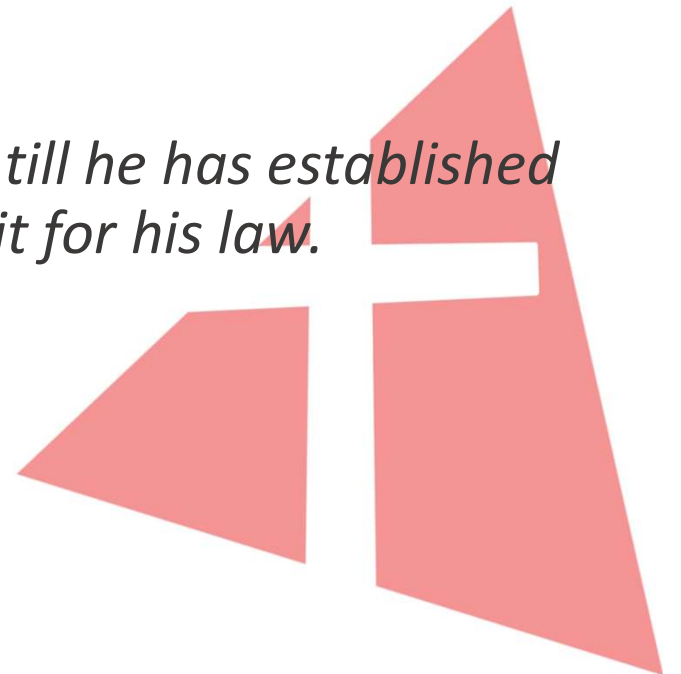
*Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*



# SOME OF THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

- **God is just**

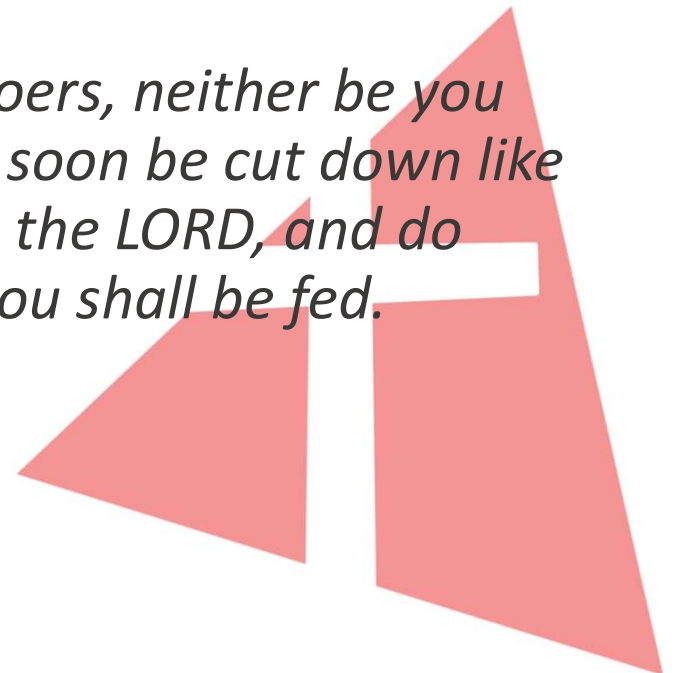
*Isaiah 42:4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he has established justice in the earth: and the coastlands shall wait for his law.*



# GOD IS JUST

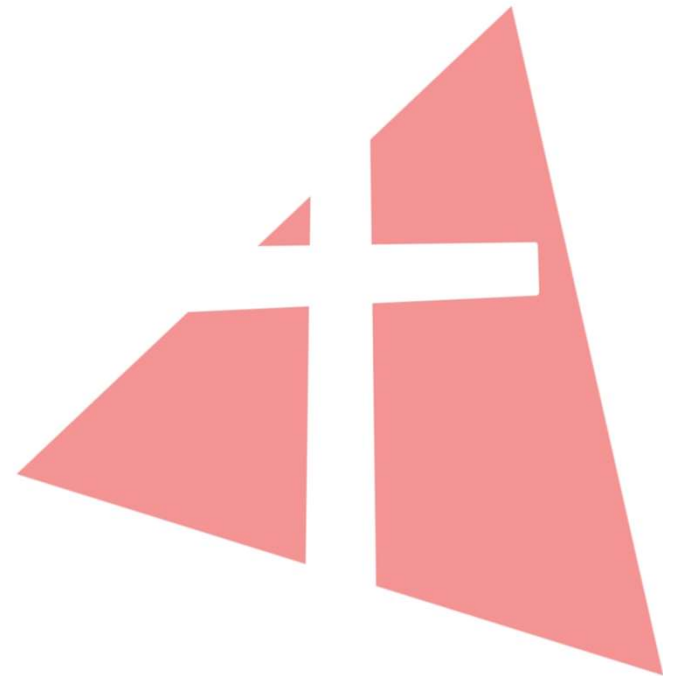
- **The end result**

*Psalms 37:1-3 Fret not yourself because of evildoers, neither be you envious of the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shall you dwell in the land, and verily you shall be fed.*



# SOME OF THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

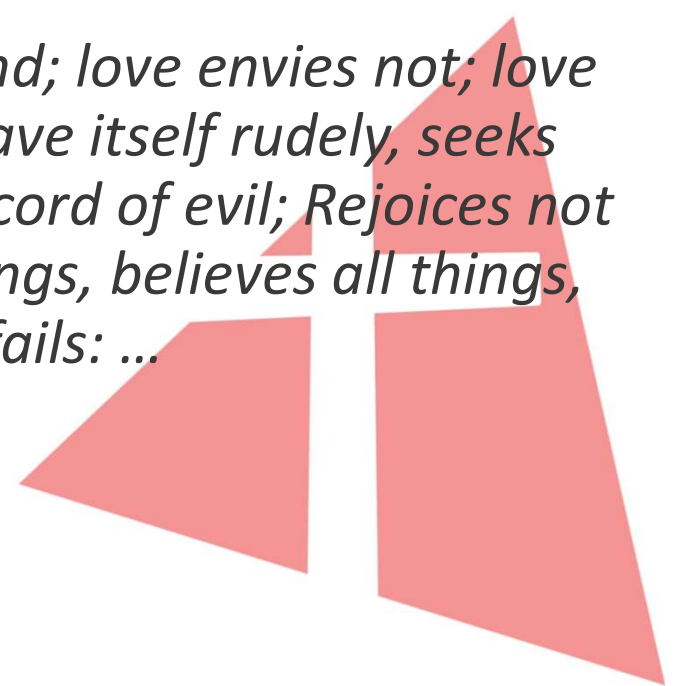
- **God is love**



# GOD IS LOVE

- **We may not put our definition of love on God**

*1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Love suffers long, and is kind; love envies not; love vaunts not itself, is not puffed up, Does not behave itself rudely, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, keeps no record of evil; Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails: ...*



# GOD IS LOVE

- Many times, we interpret pain, struggles, disappointments, failures,... as a sign that God doesn't love us.



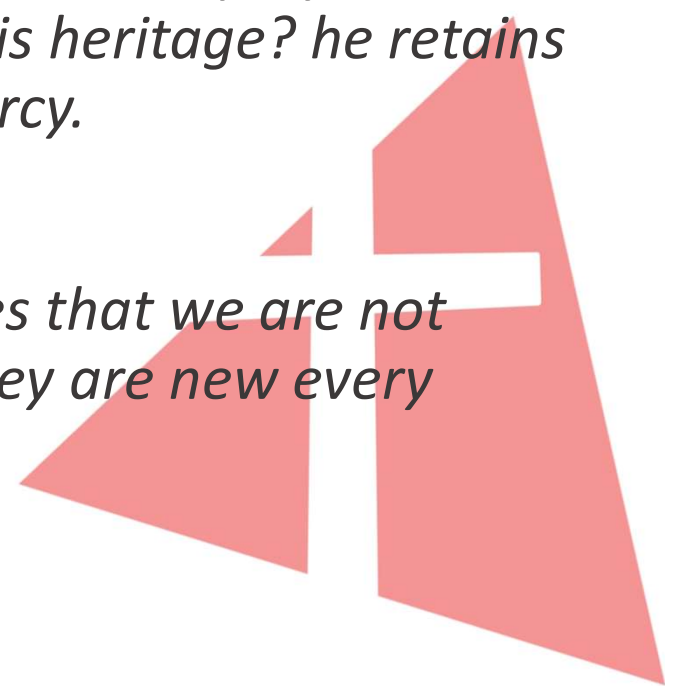


# SOME OF THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

- **God is merciful**

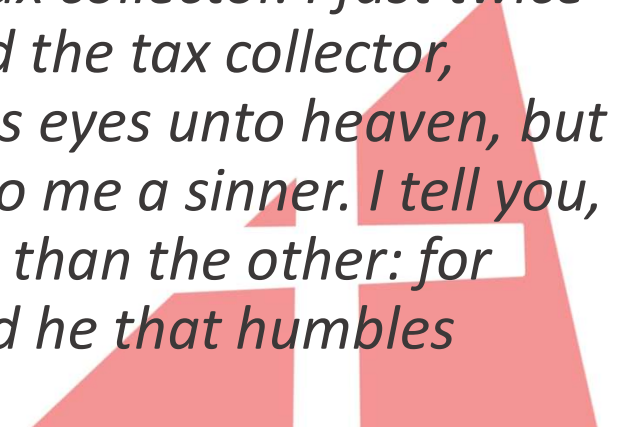
*Micah 7:18 Who is a God like unto you, who pardons iniquity, and passes by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retains not his anger forever, because he delights in mercy.*

*Lamentations 3:22-23 It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is your faithfulness.*



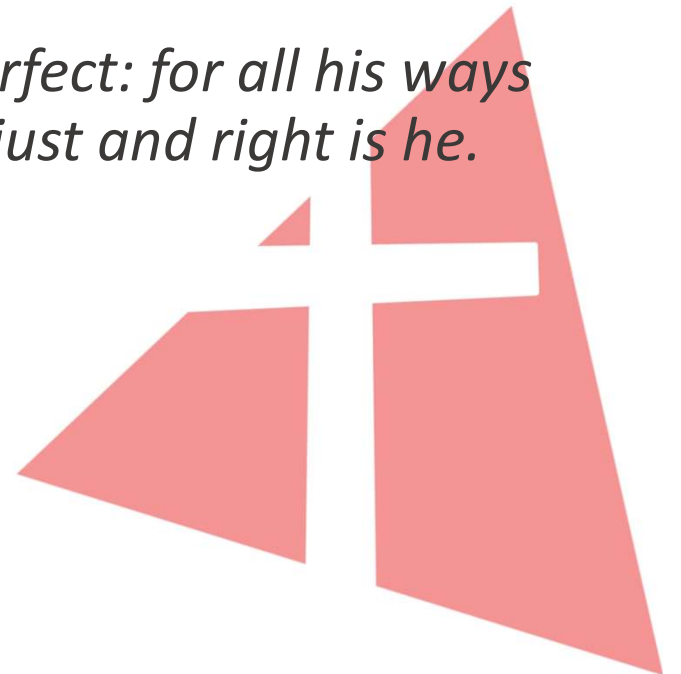
# GOD'S MERCY

*Luke 18:10-14 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank you, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for everyone that exalts himself shall be abased; and he that humbles himself shall be exalted.*



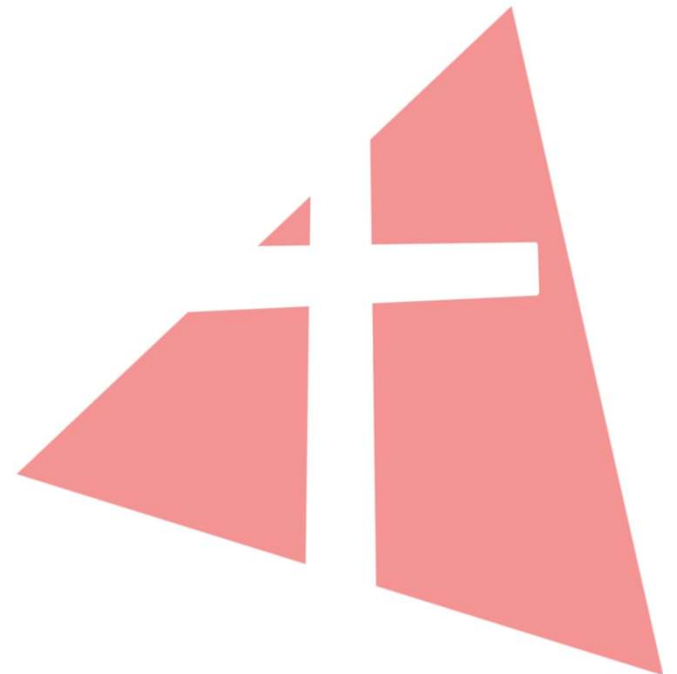
# IN SUMMARY

*Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are justice: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*



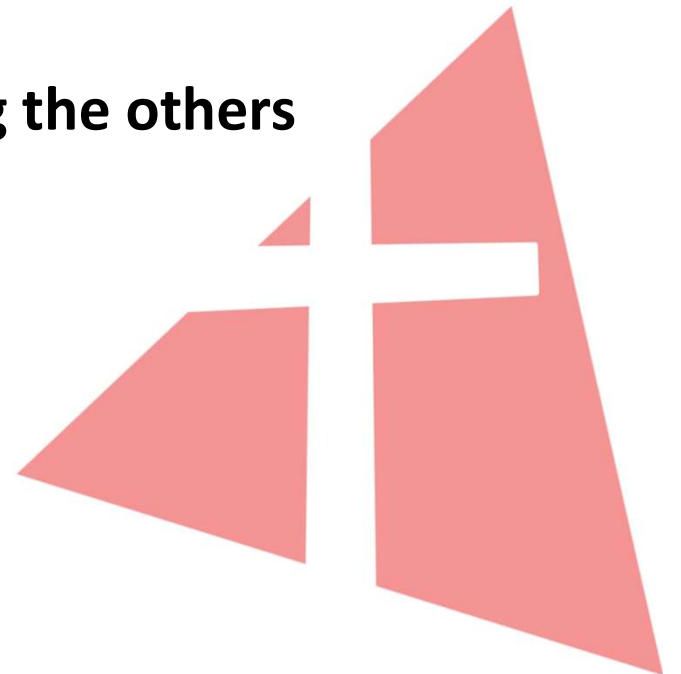
# THE CROSS

- **Holiness, love, justice and mercy are all perfectly displayed on the cross and through the resurrection**
  - Holiness
  - Love
  - Justice
  - Mercy



# THE PROBLEM

- Looking at some of these attributes, ignoring the others



# OUR CHALLENGE

- **Let's focus on one aspect of God that maybe we have difficulty believing/haven't thought about a lot**

