

14. How are you praying for ABC this week?

Quotes to Ponder

The greatest and only consolation of Christians in their adversities, is the knowing that God lies not, but does all things immutably, and that His will cannot be resisted, changed, or hindered.

Martin Luther

However unstable I may be, however fickle my friends may prove, God changes not. If He varied as we do, if He willed one thing today and another tomorrow, if He were controlled by caprice, who could confide in Him? But, all praise to His glorious name, He is ever the same. His purpose is fixed, His will is stable, His Word is sure.

A. W. Pink

*Change is either for the better or for the worse.
Yet both are inconceivable in God.*

John MacArthur

The doctrine of God's immutability is of the highest significance... The contrast between being and becoming marks the difference between the Creator and the creature. Every creature is continually becoming. It is changeable, constantly striving, seeks rest and satisfaction, and finds this rest in God, in Him alone, for only He is pure being an no becoming.

Hence, in Scripture God is often called the Rock.

Herman Bavinck

*God's **mercy** means God's goodness toward those in misery and distress.*

*God's **grace** means God's goodness toward those who deserve only punishment.*

Wayne Grudem

The Gospel is good news of mercy to the undeserving.

The symbol of the religion of Jesus is the cross, not the scales.

John Stott

The most miserable prison in the world is the prison we make for ourselves when we refuse to show mercy.

Warren Wiersbe



Message #82: Immutable & Merciful

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1. Immutable

2. Merciful

3. Immutable Mercy

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?
2. How does this sermon apply to your everyday Christian life?
3. What do these verses say about God's immutability?
Numbers 23:19 — *Malachi 3:6* —

Psalm 33:11 — *Romans 11:29* —

Psalm 102:25-27 — *Hebrews 13:8* —

Isaiah 46:9-11 — *James 1:17* —

4. List two things in our world that seem to be unchanging. In what ways do these things fall short of being perfectly immutable?
5. How would your thoughts about God and relation to God be affected if the possibility existed that some aspect of Him might change?
6. How does the perfection of God rule out the possibility of change?
7. How should reflection on the unchangeableness of God's plan, including His plan for your life, lead you to thanksgiving when things go well and comfort you when they do not?
8. How can we reconcile God's immutability in light of the incarnation of the Son of God? Did the Son change when He became a man?
9. In light of verses such as *Genesis 6:6*, *1 Samuel 15:11*, *2 Samuel 24:16*, *Jonah 3:10*, & *Joel 2:13*, how do you explain God's immutability?
10. How does God's unchangeableness with respect to His Word inspire confidence in your reading and study of Scripture?
11. What do these verses say about God's mercy?
1 Chronicles 21:13 — *1 Timothy 1:12-14* —

Psalm 145:9 — *Titus 3:5* —

Romans 9:16 — *Hebrews 4:16* —

2 Corinthians 1:3 — *James 5:11* —

Ephesians 2:4-5 — *1 Peter 1:3* —

12. What is the difference between *grace* and *mercy*?
13. How serious is our sin problem? How does considering this magnify God's mercy?