



## The Eternality of God

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# The Incommunicable Attributes of God: Eternity

### The Revelation of God's World

Creation teaches us that the created world had a beginning. This means even "time" (the succession of moments) started at some point. There was a time when time was not.

### The Revelation of God's Word

Scripture (Psalm 90; John 8:58) teaches us that God alone stands outside of time. While He can experience time, His essence exists outside of it. And He has created us so that we will exist forever somewhere, in New Heaven-Earth, or Hell.

### The Revelation of God's Son

The Incarnation (God's Son uniting with human flesh in Jesus) reveals to us the wonder of an eternal God merging with time-bound human flesh. This means that Jesus exists within time. He experienced the normal stages of human growth (Luke 2:52). Jesus never sinned, but He probably had pimples, and knew what it was like for his voice to change. God knows what you face, and has made a way in the Gospel of Christ for you to eternally exist with the Father (2 Tim. 1:10).

## Quotations for Meditation

"Time marks the beginning of created existence, and because God never began to exist it can have no application to Him. 'Began' is a time-word, and can have no personal meaning for the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity." (Tozer)

"To God himself, all of his existence is somehow always 'present,' though admittedly that idea is difficult for us to understand, for it is a kind of existence different from that which we experience." (Grudem)

"We are creatures of a particular era, with limited perspective born of limited years. In this we could not be more different than God." (Wilken)

"But if the roving thought of any one should wander through the images of bygone time, and wonder that You, the God Almighty, and All-creating, and All-sustaining, the Architect of heaven and earth, for innumerable ages refrained from so great a work before You would make it, let him awake and consider that he wonders at false things. For whence could innumerable ages pass by which You did not make, since You are the Author and Creator of all ages? Or what times should those be which were not made by You? Or how should they pass by if they had not been? Since, therefore, You are the Creator of all times, if any time was before You made heaven and earth, why is it said that You refrained from working? For that very time You made, nor could times pass by before You made times. But if before heaven and earth there was no time, why is it asked, What were You doing then? For there was no 'then' when time was not." (Augustine)

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