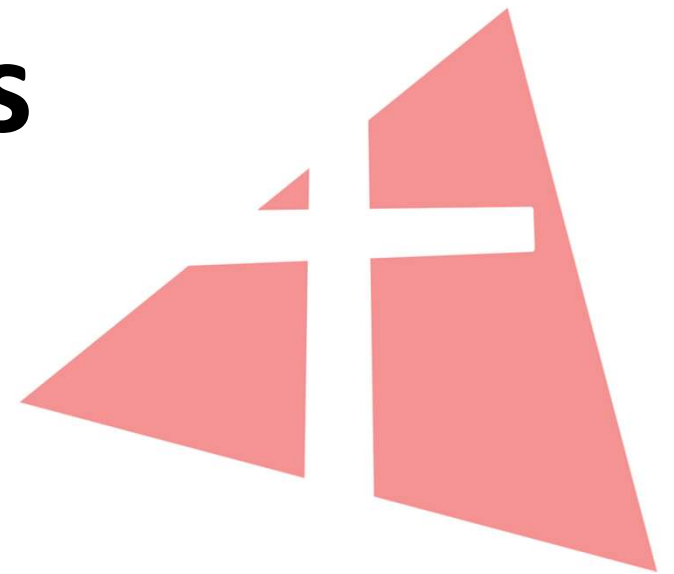


# Who is God? The Basics

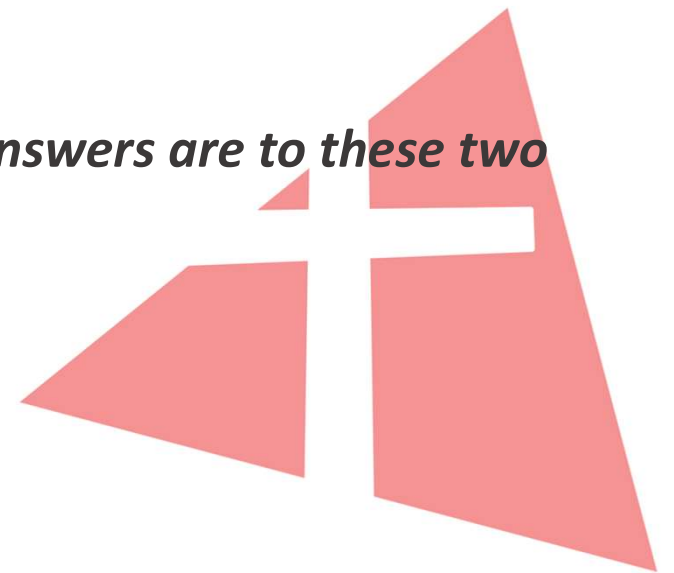
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# Our Series

- **Who is God? Who am I?**

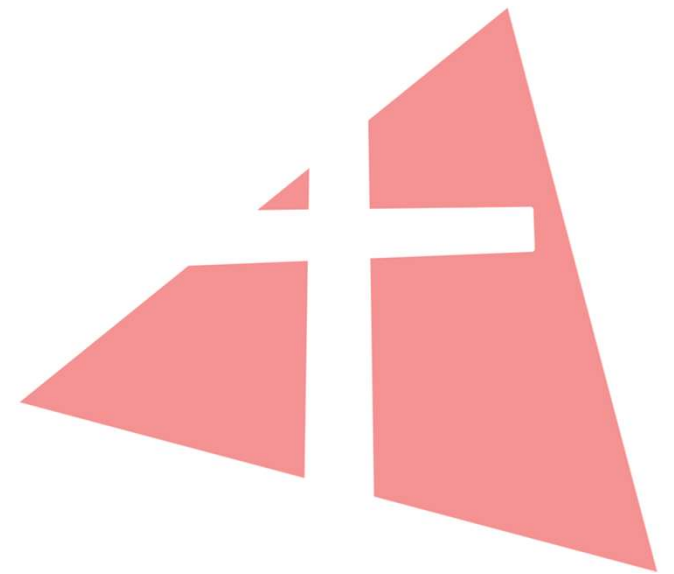
*Everybody lives his/her life in response to what we believe the answers are to these two questions*



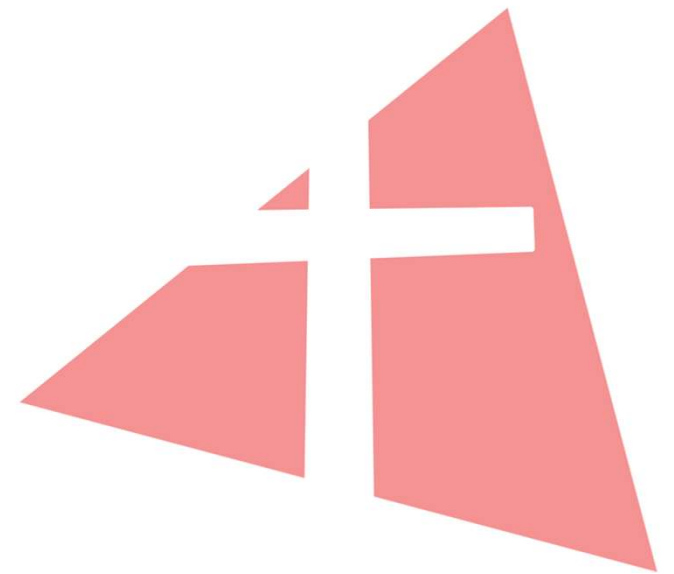
# Today's Focus

## ○ Who is God? The Basics

- Sources of lies
- Main ways for us to know God
- Common misconceptions

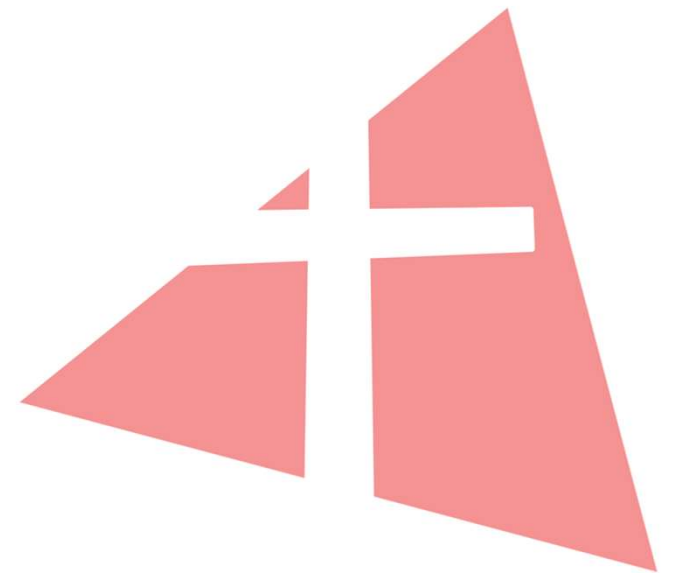


# **Common Sources of Lies about God's Character**



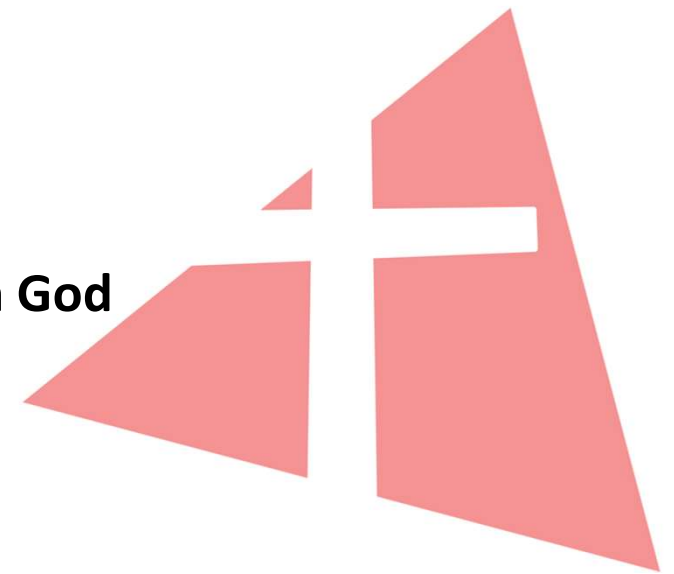
# Spiritual Warfare

- **Satan knows the importance of these two questions**
- **As a result, he tries to lie to and confuse us as much as he can**



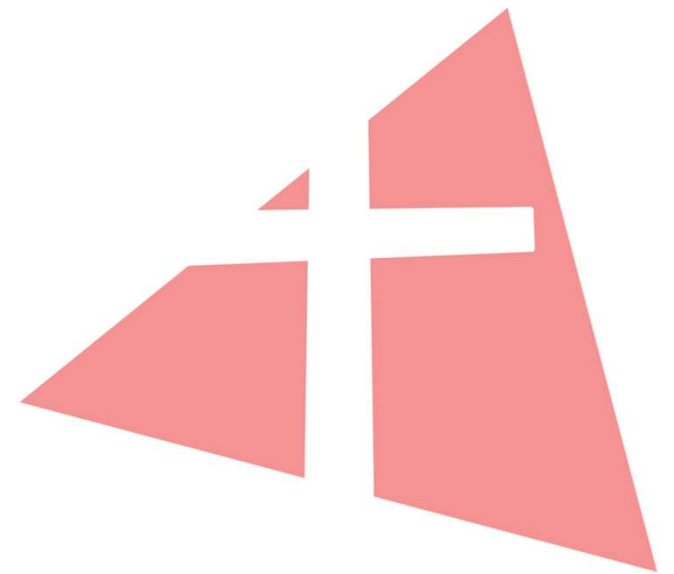
# People in Authority

- **In our formative years, we think that the people who take care of us are god**
  - Fathers
  - Mothers
  - Teachers
  - ...
- **When we grow up, we tend to project these characteristics on God**

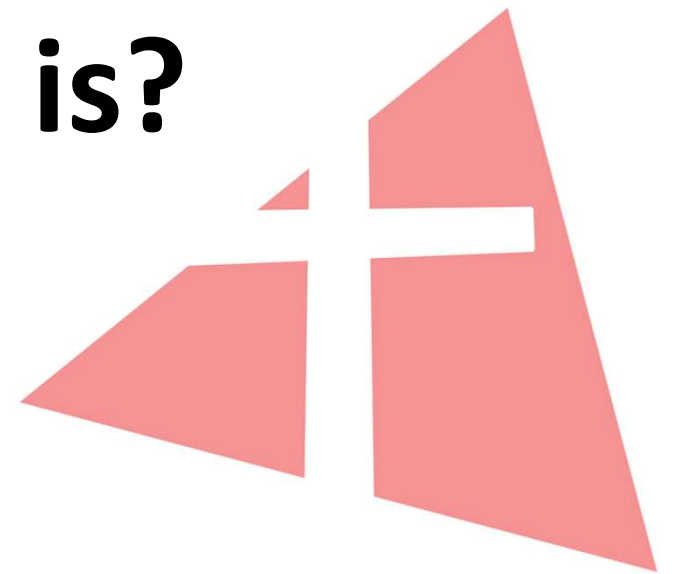


# Other sources of lies

- **Friends & Society**
- **Media**
- ...



**How to know who God is?**





# Reality

- We will never be able to fully understand who God is

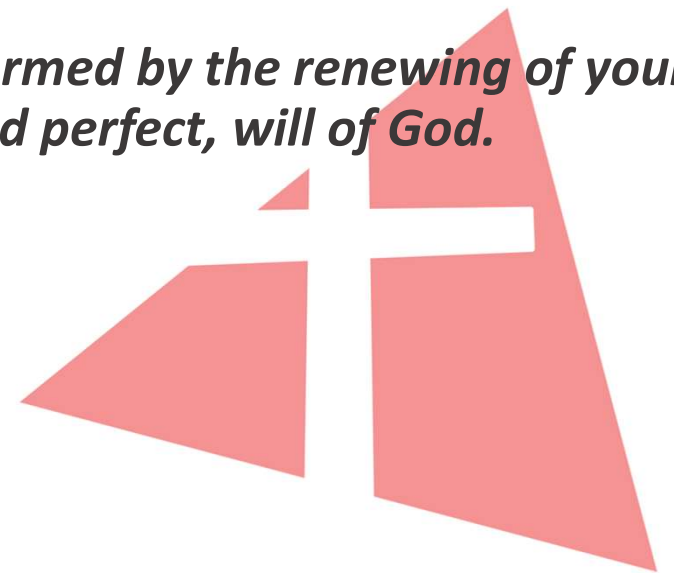
*Psalm 145:3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.*

- But we can learn quite a bit about “Who God is”



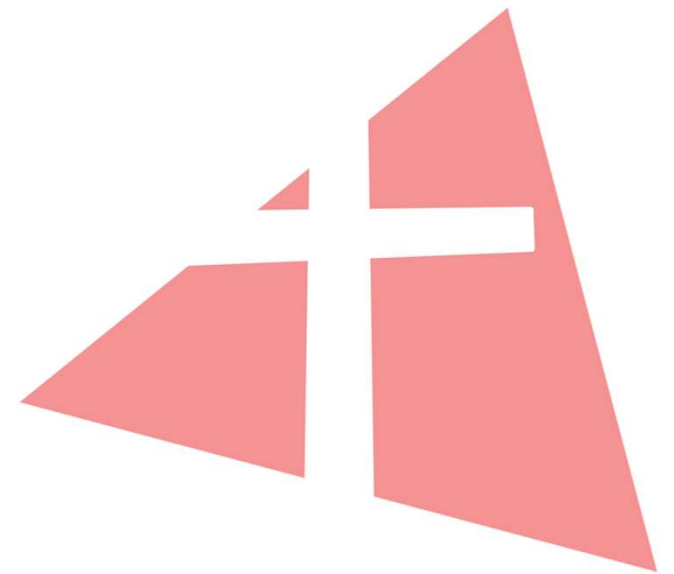
# Renewing of our Minds

*Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*



# The Bible

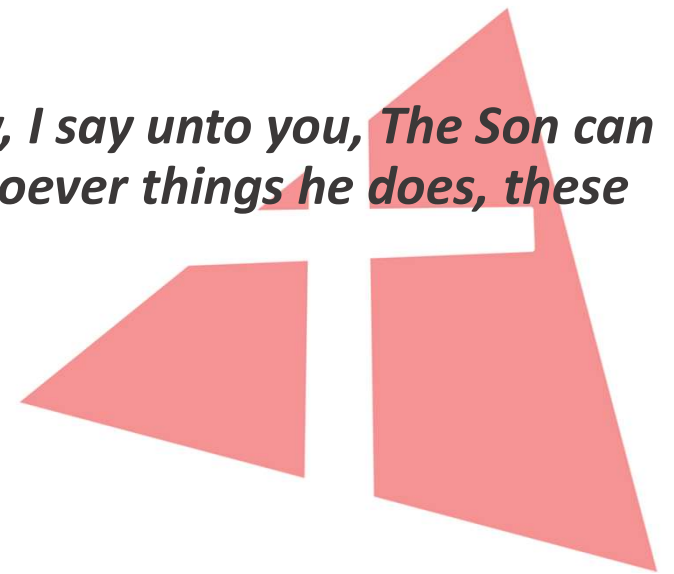
- **The Attributes the Bible ascribes to God**
- **The Names of God**
- **Our Identity as described in the Bible**



# Jesus

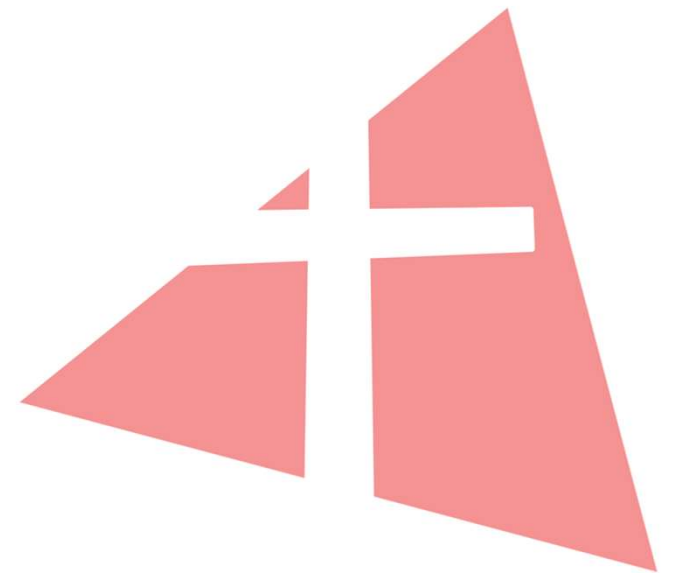
*John 10:30 I and my Father are one.*

*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*

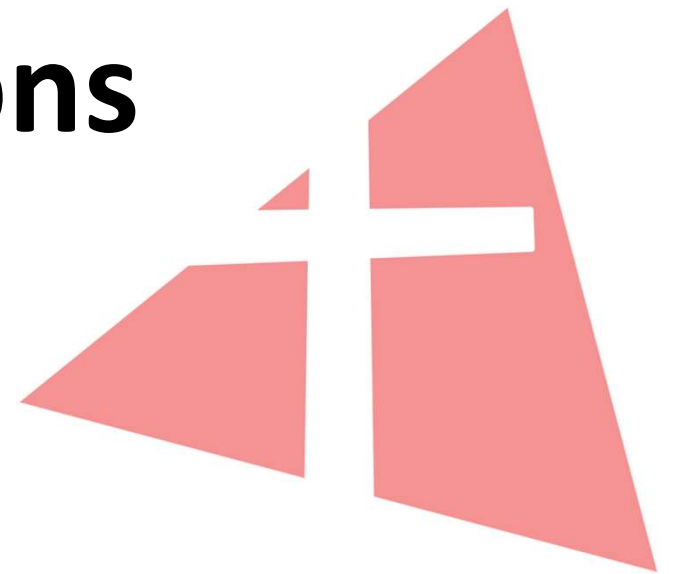


# Prayer & The Holy Spirit

- **It takes God to know God**



# Common Misconceptions

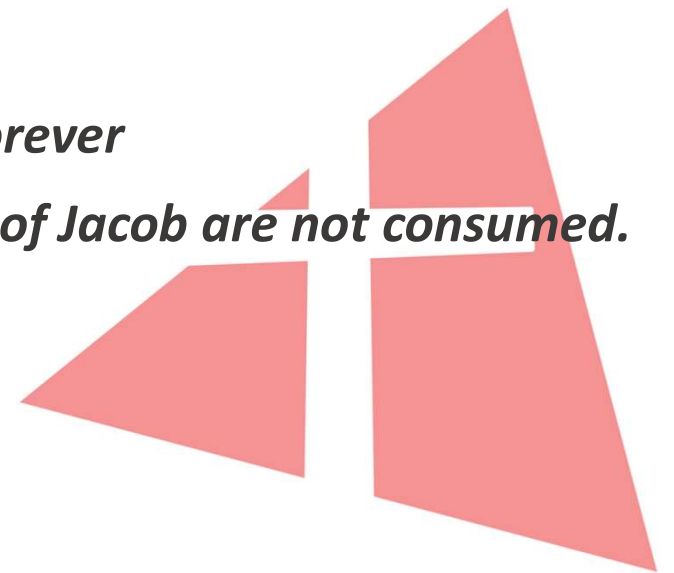


# God changed over time

- God in the OT was different from God in the NT

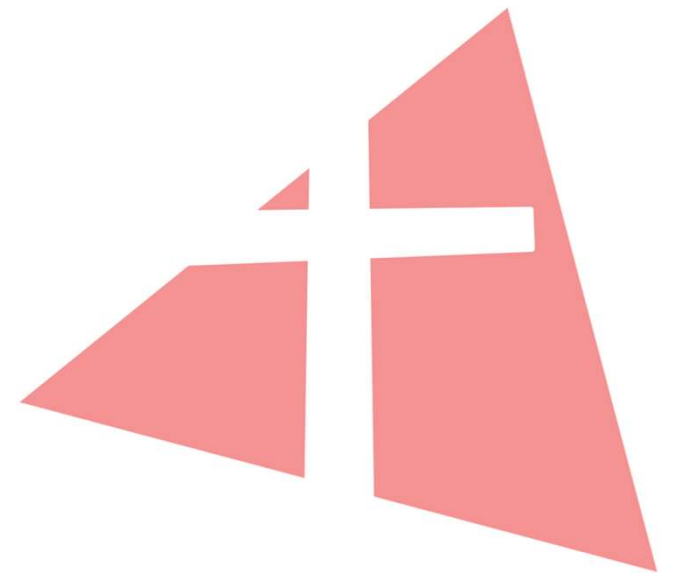
*Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever*

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



# God contradicts Himself

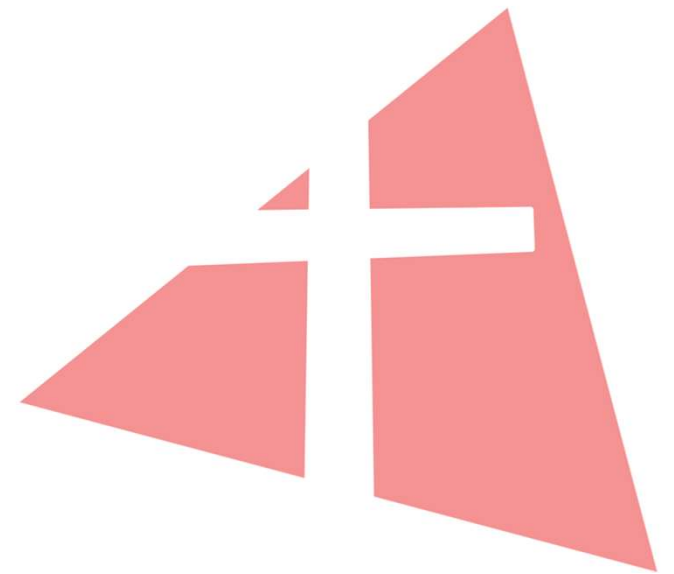
- **God has contradicting characteristics**





# A Problem

- **Looking at some of God's attributes, while ignoring others**



# A Challenge for this week

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



# In Conclusion

- **We constantly face lies**
- **We need to constantly “renew our minds”**
- **We need to be aware of common misconceptions**

