

Infinity and Eternality of God

I. God is an infinite Being

A. Definitions of God's infinity

1. God is not subject to any of the limitations of humanity or of creation in general. W. Grudem
2. God is not limited by any other being or by what he has created. R. Culver
3. God is without any limits, boundaries, or end—being endless, vast, immeasurable and universally omnipresent. AllaboutGod.com

B. Descriptions of infinity

1. None of the attributes of God, being grounded in His infinite person is will by God, for they are aspects of Who and What He is, not of what He does or where He is. Therefore, they are infinite also. God's attributes are limitless, but qualified. R. Culver
2. God's infinity is universally applied to His being and all His perfections, natural and moral, exalted above all limits of time, space, and creaturehood. James Orr
3. Infinity is a perfection and not a quantity which applies to all His attributes. It is not quantity, but potentiality. It is qualitative: absence of all defect or limitation in degree not amount. J. Orr
4. God's infinity in relation to space: God is not limited or circumscribed by space, but is above space and space is dependent upon God. God is both immanent and transcendent: He is everywhere present in essence as well as in knowledge and power as a complete whole at every point. Thiessen
5. God's infinity in relation to time will be covered under God's eternity.

C. Designations: God's names or titles

1. Time: I Am the Alpha and Omega Rev. 1:8; Everlasting God Gen. 21:33
2. Power: I am God Almighty Rev. 4:8; Gen. 17:1

D. Declarations from Scripture

1. Knowledge/Omniscience Ps. 147:5; Isa. 40:28
2. Immensity/Omnipresence I K. 8:27; Jere 23:24; Ps. 139:7
3. Timeless/Eternal Ps. 90:2; Gen. 1:1; Rev. 4:8; Rev. 1:8
4. Power/Omnipotence Gen. 17:1; Jere. 32:17, 18; Rev. 4:8
5. Love I Chron. 16:34

E. Delineation of blessings/benefits from God's infinity

1. He gives wisdom to believers who ask Him. He knows every situation we will ever face.
2. We will never be alone for He is always with us and not forsake us.
3. Because He is eternal, we may have eternal life
4. Because He is omnipotent, He is able to provide for us and protect us.
5. God will never expend His love, mercy, grace, kindness, goodness etc. so that He will run out of these qualities in His relationship with us.

II. God is an eternal Being

A. Definitions of God's eternity

1. God has no beginning, end, or succession of moments in His own Being, and sees all time vividly, yet God sees events in time and acts in time. W. Grudem
2. God is without beginning or end, He is free from all secession of time, and He is the cause of time. Thiessen
3. God exists endlessly backward and forward without any interruption or limitation caused by succession of events. C. Ryrie
4. Eternality is that perfection of God whereby He is elevated above all temporal limits and all succession of moments, and possesses the whole of His existence in one indivisible present. Berkhof

B. Description of God's eternity

1. God transcends time and cannot be measured by time or defined by standards of time. God pervades time and every moment of time with His eternity. He has a relationship with time entering into it with His eternity. Bavinck
2. Time is a mode of existence: past, present, and future. Time characterizes all created and finite beings; it is the duration of creaturely existence. Bavinck
3. Time does not have existence in itself; it depends on God's eternal Being and power to keep it existing. W. Grudem
4. God by His eternal power sustains time in its entirety and in each separate moment of it. Bavinck
5. God has relation with time, yet He cannot be measured by time, since He has no beginning or ending and is Himself the cause of other existent things which have duration. R. Culver
6. God sees all time equally vividly with clarity of memory which never fades for God. All of past history is viewed by God with great clarity and vividness. W. Grudem
7. Past and future are present as truly as the present. God lives in eternity not in a line separating past from future. There is logical succession in God's thoughts, but no chronological Succession. Creation does now exist in succession of events God and God sees them and knows them. R. Culver

C. Designation: names and titles of God proclaiming His eternity

1. I Am Who I Am Ex. 3:14
2. Jesus—I Am John 8:58
3. I am Alpha and Omega Rev. 1:8;
4. Everlasting God Gen. 21:33; Isa. 40:28

D. Declarations of Scripture

1. Ps. 90:2 ...from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. Ps. 93:2 You are from everlasting
2. Job 36:26 ...the number of His (God) years is unsearchable.
3. I Tim. 1:17 Now to the King Eternal (of the ages), immortal
4. Deut. 33:27 The eternal God is a dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms...
5. Rev. 1:4,8; 4:8 Who is and Who was and Who is to come

E. Delineation of blessings/benefits of Eternality of God

1. There is comfort in knowing that God has never or will ever cease to exist. Ryrie
2. God's sustaining, providential control of all things and events is assured. Ryrie
3. Because God is eternal, He can grant us eternal life.
4. We can dwell in His presence forever in the eternal state Rev. 21,22