

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Memorial Day
Weekend



Thanksgiving

A photograph of several American flags waving against a clear blue sky. The flags are the primary focus, with their red and white stripes and blue fields with white stars clearly visible. The perspective is from a low angle, looking up at the flags. A semi-transparent white banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text.

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The background of the entire image is a photograph of several American flags waving in the wind against a clear blue sky. The flags are the primary visual element, with their red, white, and blue colors being prominent. The text is overlaid on this background.

**Greater love has no one than this,
that someone lay down his life for his friends.**

John 15:13

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I Timothy

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What is He like?

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What is He like?

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What difference would knowing what He is like mean for you?

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I think it makes sense to believe in God, but exactly what decision in your life you make differently because of it, I don’t know.”

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A vast field of stars, likely a star cluster or galaxy core, filling the frame. The stars are densely packed and vary in color, including white, yellow, orange, and blue. The word "Infinite" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

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...whose existence originates from and has no source other than Himself.

Infinite

- ***Transcendent*** *(above and beyond creation)*
- ***Holy*** *(without flaw)*
- ***Omniscient*** *(all knowing)*
- ***Omnipresent*** *(all present)*
- ***Omnipotent*** *(all powerful)*
- ***Immutable*** *(never changing)*

A vast field of stars, likely a star cluster or galaxy core, with many bright blue and white stars scattered throughout. The background is a deep, dark blue-black. The word "Personal" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font across the lower-left portion of the image.

Personal

- **Impartial** *(without prejudice)*
- **Patient/Longsuffering** *(bearing injury, insult and trouble)*
- **Faithful** *(maintaining allegiance and loyalty)*
- **Loving** *(a deep and tender affection or devotion)*
- **Wrathful** *(angry with evil)*

Personal

- **Jealous** *(requiring exclusive loyalty)*
- **Purposeful** *(mindful and directional; missional)*

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A dense field of stars in space, with the word "Personal?" overlaid in white text. The stars are of various colors, including white, blue, and yellow, and are scattered across a dark, black background. The text is centered horizontally and vertically, with a bounding box of approximately [77, 525, 575, 680].

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4. Possibility of redemption.

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- **In creation** (*Sanctity of identity*)

Romans 1:18-20

- 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.
- 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.
- 20 For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

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Self-revealing nature of God:

- **In creation** (*Sanctity of identity*)
- **In the logos** (*order; knowledge; the eternal thought or Word of God, made incarnate in Jesus Christ*)

John 1:1-5

- 1 In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 He was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things were made through Him,
and without Him was not anything made that was
made.
- 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
- 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has
not overcome it.

Colossians 1:13-16; 19-20

- 13 He (God the Father) has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
- 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- 15 He (God the Son) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
- 16 For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,.....
- 19 For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
- 20 and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

Hebrews 1:1-3

- 1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
- 2 but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world.
- 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power.

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