

# The First Baptist Church of Columbus

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**T I T L E: THE INCOMPARABLE GOD**

**T E X T: Genesis 1:1; Psalm 113:4-6**

## **I. GOD IS INCOMPARABLY TRANSCENDENT.**

### **A. The Bible asserts that God is above, beyond, other than, and more than the world He created.**

The Bible expresses the transcendence of God in several verses some of which are:

**Genesis 1:1** ---- In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

**Solomon — 1 Kings 8:27** ---- "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!

**Psalmist — Psalm 97:9** ---- For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

**Isaiah — Isaiah 66:1–2** ---- **1** Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest? **2** All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.

**Apostle Paul — Ephesians 4:6** ---- one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

- B. Although God is above, beyond, other than and more than His creation He is not “stand offish” in relationship to His creation, i.e. He involves Himself in the affairs of man.**

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There are important actions churches must implement to help revive the focus on God and His transcendence. There are ten mentioned, but I am only mentioning two. 1. Help people understand the reality of sin and its consequences (ultimately, Hell). 2. Increase understanding of the futility of true progress apart from God.

## **II. GOD IS INCOMPARABLY SOVEREIGN.**

- A. The sovereignty of God is a prerogative of the Lord as well as one of His essential attributes.**

**Psalm 115:3** ---- But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.

**Psalm 135:6** --- Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.

- B. The sovereignty of God means that He is in control, and nothing happens in this world without His permission.**

If there is one molecule in the universe running loose outside of the control of God's sovereignty, then practically that means we have no guarantee that any promise made by God will come to pass. That one maverick molecule may be one grain of sand that trips up God's plan. It may prevent Christ from coming back. It may destroy the kingdom of God. But is this possible? Of course not. God is completely sovereign.

Take a look at the headlines in today's newspaper, and glance over all the other news. Do you see anything going on that could possibly thwart God's plan? Meditate on the fact that God has total control over all these events,

threatening as some of them may appear. Consider how this fact affects you.  
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