

Belgic Confession of Faith (1561)

Leader: Article 1 - There Is Only One God

People: We all believe with the heart and confess with the mouth that there is one only simple and spiritual Being, which we call God; and that He is **eternal**,¹ **incomprehensible**,² **invisible**,³ **immutable**,⁴ **infinite**,⁵ almighty, perfectly wise, just, good, and the overflowing fountain of all good.

Scriptural texts that apply:

¹ *The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them. (Deut. 33:27). Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. (Isaiah 40:28)*

² *O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! (Rom. 11:33).*

³ *Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Tim. 1:17)*

⁴ *For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. (Malachi 3:6) Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. (James 1:17)*

⁵ *But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? (1 Kings 8:27) Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite. (Psalm 147:5)*