

Finding the Abundant Life: **Part 2**

## GOD IS LOVE

## The Demonstration of God's Love

### 1. God is...

- Naturally (Inwardly in Himself):
  - Omniscient – Psalm 139:1-6
  - Omnipotent – Genesis 18:14; Jer 32:17
  - Omnipresent – Prov 15:3; Ps 121:3
  - Eternal – Deut 32:40; Isa 57:17
  - Everlasting – Gen 21:33; Isa 40:28
  - Immutable – Ps 102:25-27; Malachi 3:6
  - Incomprehensible – Job 11:7; Rom 11:33
  - Self-Existent – Ex 3:14; John 5:26
  - Self-Sufficient – Ps 50:12; Acts 17:24-25
  - Infinite – 1 Kings 8:27; Isa 66:1
  - Transcendent (above creation) – Isa 55:8-9; Isa 40:22
  - Sovereign – Ps 135:6; Eph 1:11; Isa 46:9-11

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### 1. God is...

- Morally (Outward to His Creation):
  - Holy – Ex 15:11; Isa 6:3; Lev 19:2
  - Righteous – Deut 32:4; Ps 119:142
  - Just – Num 14:18; Ps 89:14
  - Merciful – Psa 62:12; 89:14
  - Long-Suffering – Num 14:18; 2 Pet 3:9
  - Wise – Isa 40:28; Dan 2:20
  - Good – 2 Chron 5:13; Ps 25:8
  - Truthful – Ps 31:5; Titus 1:2
  - Faithful – Deut 7:9; 2 Tim 2:13
  - Jealous – Ex 20:5; Ex 34:14
  - Wrathful – Ex 34:6; Rom 1:18
  - Loving – Jer 31:3; Rom 5:8; 1 John 4:8

## The Wrath of God

### ▫ What is the wrath of God?

- John 3:36 – “the wrath of God abides on Him”
- The wrath of God is His eternal detestation of all unrighteousness and evil.
- It is the holiness of God stirred into activity against sin.
- Eph 2:3 – “children of wrath”

### ▫ Because God is Just and His wrath it poured out on ungodliness and unrighteousness, how can I, in my wretchedness, experience His love?

## The Love of God

- How was God's wrath appeased?
  - Rom 5:9 – “saved from the wrath of God through Him”
  - BY HIS BLOOD!
- God's amazing love: Romans 5:6-10
  1. v. 6 – “while we were still helpless”
  2. v. 8 – “while we were yet sinners”
  3. v. 10 – “while we were enemies”
- How then do I experience His love?
  - By believe what He said:
    - Romans 5:1,17 – receiving the free gift of righteousness!
    - What is righteousness?
      - Being right; rightness; of use or of value.

## The Love of God

- How do we try to experience His love?
  - By trying to becoming more and more righteous in our own efforts! – Isa 64:6
  - By trying even harder! – John 6:28-29
- What God's justness demanded, His infinite love provided through the perfect sacrifice of His Son on my account.
  - I should NEVER see myself apart from Jesus – Col 3:3
  - I should NEVER count anything done by me to be my grounds for His acceptance!
  - God loves me, not because of what I have done, am doing, or will do, He loves me because HE IS LOVE!
  - He did ALL the work, it is up to me to accept it and believe it.