

*Christ Community Church
Sunday Celebration
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God is Love

Part 2

- God's essential attributes are those qualities that equally, fully, simultaneously, and comprehensively make up the Nature of God.
- Part one of this series looked at four of those attributes — aseity, omnipresence, omnipotence, and omniscience — and how they helped us understand God's love. This morning we will look at three more of God's attribute — Immutability, Sovereignty, and Righteousness — and see how they help us understand God's love.

God is Immutable

- 'God is Immutable' means that God experiences no change within Himself whatsoever and forever.
 - *Malachi 3:6 — I, the Lord, do not change...*
 - *Hebrews 13:8 — Jesus Christ is the SAME yesterday and today and forever...*
- Because God is immutable, His love is always immutable. It remains steady, without variation.

God is Sovereign

- 'God is Sovereign' means that God has absolute intrinsic authority and rule over His creation all the time — that God is in constant, instant and comprehensive control of every aspect of His universe.

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- *Psalm 103:19 — The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, And His Sovereignty rules over all.*
- Because God is Sovereign, His love for us is Sovereign. This means that we have been saved by God's Sovereign love for us in Christ.
- *Ephesians 1:4 — He chose us in [Christ] before the foundation of the world, In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself...*
- *John 1:13 — ...who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of [the Sovereign will of] God.*
- Therefore, because we have been saved by God's Sovereign will, we will be kept to the end by His Sovereign will. And because God's love is both immutable and Sovereign, we read these words in **1 Corinthians 1:8-9.**
[God] will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. For God is faithful, through Whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

God is Righteous

- God is Righteous means that God is always and comprehensively right in Himself. To say that God is Righteous is to affirm that all of God's ways and works are right, in keeping with His personal moral holiness.

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➤ ***Daniel 9:14 — the Lord our God is Righteous with respect to all His deeds which He has done...***

- Therefore, God's love is a righteous love. And this means, that God loves justice, or the activity in humanity of His own righteousness.
- This raises the question: How can a righteous God love Unrighteous people? The answer lies in ***Romans 5:8:***

➤ ***God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us...***
- At the cross, the Son of God paid the full, final and forever penalty of all of our unrighteousness. The result is explained in ***2 Corinthians 5:21***

➤ ***[God] made [Christ] Who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the Righteousness of God in Him>>***
- The result is stated in ***Ephesians 2:4-5:***

➤ ***But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).***
- God can now love us with a Righteous love without denying His own.