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God's Aseity (Pt. 2)

1 John 4:8, 16 ...*God is love...*

- Aseity has to do with God's self-existence as God, that God is Life within Himself.
- God's aseity is also affirmed in the O.T. with the use of the word *everlasting* or *eternal* which emphasizes God's Self existence as having no beginning or ending

Gen. 17:7 *I will establish My covenant as an everlasting covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you...*

Jer 31:3 *I have loved you with an everlasting love...*

- By using the adjective *everlasting* to describe His love for us, the Lord is affirming that His Love is an essential attribute of His Being as God. By anchoring His love to His aseity, the Lord is affirming that His love for us is as enduring as He is, without beginning or ending.

- This means that when we read that God loves us [1 John 3:1], we can be sure of the durability of His love because it is anchored in His essence as the God Who is the I Am.

- The Bible opens and closes with God's aseity.

Rev. 1:4 *John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come... 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty." (Ex. 3:14).*

Rev. 22:13 *I Am [Ex. 3:14] the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning [Gen.1:1] and the end*

- We are now ready to look at some of the Divine attributes of God's aseity.
- As we do so, our purpose is to show how each of the attributes mentioned informs our understanding of God's kind of love.
- This means that our understanding of God's love must always be informed by all of His attributes since they are collectively, equally and simultaneously intrinsic to His Nature as God.
- Any attempt to dislocate God's love from any of His attributes robs His love of its essential meaning as God's love.