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God is Righteous (Pt. 4)

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

- All the works of God are the works of His love that expresses the intra-trinitarian love of the Father and the Son by the Spirit.
- God's love is always a Righteous love because it is His passionate promotion and protection of His Triune identify as imaged in His people.
- All that God does is Just because He always does that which is in keeping with His purity and perfection and opposes all that is not.

Gen. 18:25 Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly?

- Abraham wanted to know if God was going to treat the Righteous and the un-Righteous alike. Because Abraham knew God was just, he also knew that God would not punish the Righteous, but only the un-Righteous.

Ex 23:7 ...I [the Lord] will not acquit [treat as not guilty] the guilty...

- But can a God of love God acquit the ungodly of their sin and remain just?

- God has created us to be the people of His own Righteousness but we have sinned and have become guilty before Him.

Rom 3:9 ...are all under sin...23 all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...
Is. 53:6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own [un-Righteous] way...

Rom 1:18 ...the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and un-Righteousness of men...

- But the problem is that He has created us to be the people of His love [Gen.1:26].

Eph. 1:4-5 ...in love 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons...

- But He cannot adopt us in our un-Righteousness. In order to adopt us, He must 1st acquit us of the guilt of our sin.
- And God is equally passionate about keeping His Word as He is in protecting the integrity of His Name.

Jer 1:12 ...I am watching over My word to perform It

Is. 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

- It was His passion to reveal the glory of His identity that moved God to share Himself with His people:

Ps. 26:8 O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells...

- This was the passionate love of Jesus that drove Him to the cross to fulfill the Father's purpose for His life:

Ps. 69:9/John 2:17 ...zeal for Your house has consumed me...

- How can a holy and just God do both? The answer lies in Paul's use of the phrase *...the Righteousness of God...*