

## God is Love Review (Pt. 3)

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

- This morning we will review some of God's essential attributes that are rooted in God's aseity to better inform our understanding of his *a se* love.

### God is Immutable

- God's immutability has to do with His unchangeable Nature and character.
- God's essence is not subject to any change or variation at any time for any reason.

*Mal 3:6 I, the Lord, do not change...*

*James 1:17 ...the Father of lights, with Whom there is no variation or shifting shadow...*

*Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever*

- God never does anything that is out of character.
- Because God is immutable, His love is also immutable.
- His love toward us is unchanging and unchangeable.

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

## God is Sovereign

- God's sovereignty has to do with His absolute Personal intrinsic authority to rule over His creation.

*Ps 103:19 The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all*

*Rev. 19:16 KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS...*

- Because God is sovereign, all of His Word is True (John 17:17).
- Because God is sovereign, He will accomplish all of His will:

*Is. 46:9-10 I am God [aseity], and there is no other [god], declaring the end from the beginning...saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose...*

- Because God is sovereign, He has decreed that all are under sin (Rom 3:9).
- Because God is sovereign, He has decreed that the soul that sins shall die [Gen. 2:17] (Ez. 18:20).
- Because God is sovereign, He has laid on [His own Son] the iniquity of us all.
- Because God is sovereign, God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting [our] trespasses against [us] (2 Cor 5:19).
- Because God is sovereign, He has made [Christ] the Head over all rule and authority (Matt. 28:18).
- Because God is sovereign, this same Jesus, Who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven.
- Because God is sovereign, those whom He loves He saves (Eph. 1:4).
- Because God is sovereign, those whom He saves He secures to the end (Phil. 1:6).
- Because God is sovereign, He will judge all humanity on the Day of the Lord (Matt. 25).
- Because God is sovereign, we can trust in Rom. 8:28 all the time and in every circumstance.

- Because God is sovereign, His love is a Sovereign love.

***Eph 1:4-5** [God] chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will...*

- Because God is sovereign, He loves us an everlasting love (Jer 31:3).
- Because God is sovereign, Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (Rom 8:35-36).