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God is Love Review (Pt. 4)

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

God is Sovereign

- When the Bible speaks about God's sovereignty, it is talking about his absolute personal intrinsic comprehensive authority to rule over his creation.
- Because God is sovereign, he alone declares what is good and what is evil (2 Cor. 5:10), what is true (John 17:17) and what is false.
- Even Adam's disobedience was according to God's sovereign will so that now all are under the authority sin (Rom. 3:9).
- As a result, God has sovereignly decreed that the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23).
- But God has also sovereignly decreed to save all his people from the curse of eternal death.

Rom. 6:23 The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

- When did God make this decree?

Eph 1:4 He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world

- Why did he sovereignly choose us?

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

Eph 1:4b-5 ... In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself

- How has God accomplished his sovereign will to save us?

2 Cor 5:19 ...God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting [our] trespasses against [us]...

2 Tim 1:9 not because of anything we have done but because of His own [Sovereign] purpose and grace...

- Because God is sovereign, those whom he saves he secures to the end (Phil. 1:6).
- God's love is a sovereign love.

Rom. 8:28 ...we know that God [Sovereignly] works all things for the good for those who love Him and who are the called according to His [Sovereign] purpose...

- God's sovereign rule is righteous.

2 Sam 23:3 ...[the Lord] rules over men righteously

God is Righteous

- To say that God is righteous is to affirm that God is right in himself, so that all his ways and works are righteous—are in moral correspondence with his intrinsic holy, pure, and perfect Nature.
- Because God is righteous, all that he does or does not do is right. His every decision and action is morally and ethically pure and perfect.

Ps. 71:19 For Your Righteousness, O God, reaches to the heavens, You Who have done great things...

Hos 14:9 ...the ways of the Lord are Right and the Righteous will walk in them...

- God's righteousness is manifested in his deeds of righteousness.
- In the Scriptures, the English words that are used for God's deeds are the words *just* (adjective), *justice* (noun), and *justify* (verb).