



Part 2

Become a Blessing

RECAPTULATION OF PART 1

• How do we know God?



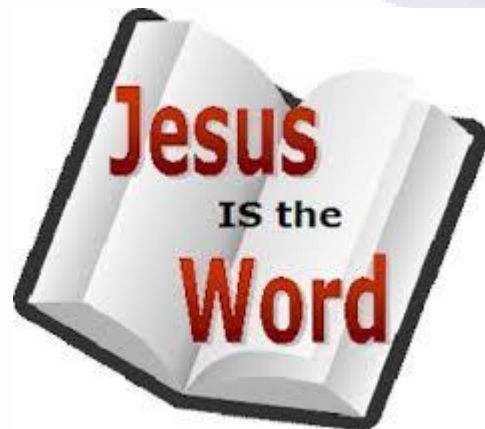
- Partly through creation
- Fully through Self-Revelation
- Self-Revelation is in Jesus Christ

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• How did Jesus reveal God?

- God is love
- Can “Love is God” be true?
- “Franklin is sleepy”
- Dangers:
 - Worship Love, Light
 - Love is before God; greater
 - Love controls God, Sovereign
 - Only God defines Love



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- Not external to God: Did not create love – “let there be love”
- It is not internal, as though it is a feeling that inspires an action.
- God is not just “loving”, as though it is an action that results in a feeling
- It is not just an attribute of God, like omnipotence, omniscient, omnipresence. Then “Hate” can also be an attribute.

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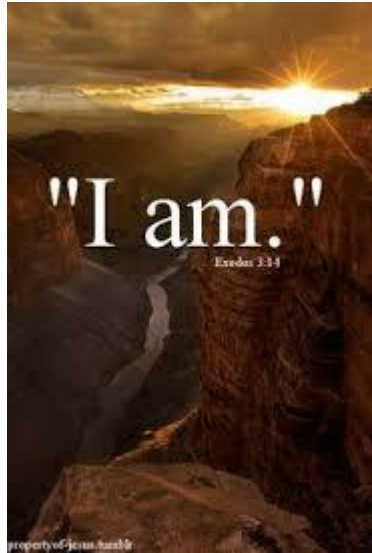
- The very essence of His Being
- The intrinsic nature or indispensable quality
- Does not stop being “love.” Does not decide to be “hate” tomorrow.
- “God is the same yesterday, today and forever” (Heb. 13:8).
- “I am the LORD, and I do not change. That is why you descendants of Jacob are not already destroyed.” (Mal. 3:6)



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BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE

- God's love is constant; does not change like the temperature.
- Cannot make God love us more, or make God love us less
- Cannot be improved upon
- God is good, holy, etc. – because God is Love – they are expressions of His Love.
- Even “hate” or “wrath” is an expression of His Love.
- Never takes His Love back. John 3:16 will not be undone!
- God's love is transformative.



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- **1 John 4: 16** And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.
- **1 John 3: 14** We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death.
- **1 John 4:12** No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

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