

Love vs. Holiness – Is There a Problem Here?

God *is* Love

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I. **God's total holiness requires pure love**

- The necessity of God's mercy (1 Peter 1:3-5)
- Avoiding a distorted view of God's love
- God's love flows from God's holiness [See chart on other side]
- God is light (1 John 1:5).
 - o Abiding in Christ means walking as Christ (1 John 2:6) = righteousness and keeping God's commandments/ word.
 - o Connects to walking in love (v. 7-8)

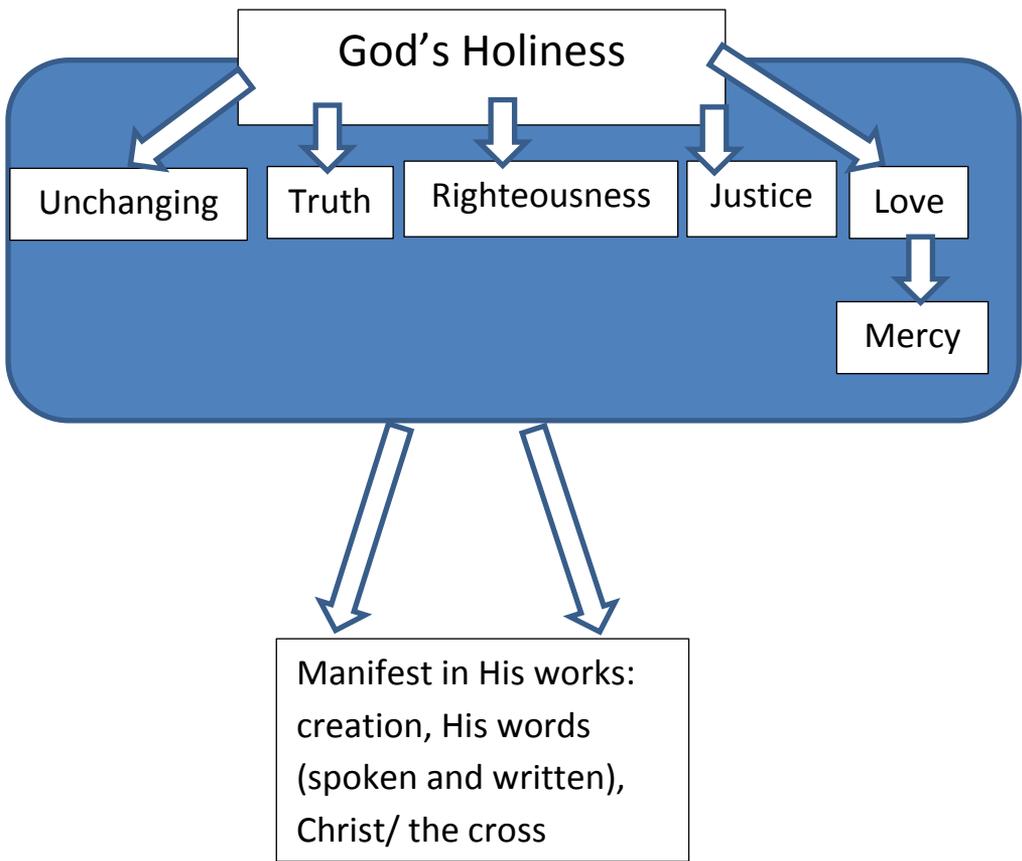
II. **God is love (1 John 4:8) – it is part of His nature.**

- 193 references to His “steadfast love” in the O.T. (Mic. 7:18-20)
- It is an “uninfluenced” love
For Israel (Deut. 7:7-8)

For followers of Christ (Rom. 5:8, 2 Tim. 1:9)

III. **What does God's love look like?**

- Love and suffering? (2 Tim. 1:8-9. Rom. 5:1-7)
- Understanding God as love (1 John 4:7-10)
 - o You must be born again (1 Jn. 4:7, John 3)
 - o You must “know God” (1 Jn. 4:7)
 - o Love that is, at times, “tough” (Heb. 12:6)



Micah 7:18-20

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1 John 4:7-10

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1 John 2

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2 Timothy 1:9

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2 cor. 5:16-21 [ESV] 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

5a) 1 Sam. 15:22-28 [ESV] 22 And Samuel said, "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king." 24 Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. 25 Now therefore, please pardon my sin and return with me that I may worship the LORD." 26 And Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you. For you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel." 27 As Samuel turned to go away, Saul seized the skirt of his robe, and it tore. 28 And Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.

5b) 2 Sam 12:9-14 [ESV] 9 Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. 10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' 11 Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.'" 13 David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. 14 Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die."

Is. 66:1-7 [ESV] 1 Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of

my rest? 2 All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word. 3 "He who slaughters an ox is like one who kills a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, like one who breaks a dog's neck; he who presents a grain offering, like one who offers pig's blood; he who makes a memorial offering of frankincense, like one who blesses an idol. These have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations; 4 I also will choose harsh treatment for them and bring their fears upon them, because when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, they did not listen; but they did what was evil in my eyes and chose that in which I did not delight." 5 Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at his word: "Your brothers who hate you and cast you out for my name's sake have said, 'Let the LORD be glorified, that we may see your joy'; but it is they who shall be put to shame. 6 "The sound of an uproar from the city! A sound from the temple! The sound of the LORD, rendering recompense to his enemies!

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