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The Glory of God-11

Opening: 3 John 1:1-4; John 17:9-19; Psa. 73:24-25.

1. Through the Epistles: Romans 1:20-32.

2. Life with God by proper knowledge & proper love: Mat 22:37-40; Luke 7:47; John 3:16; 13:1, 23-24; 14:21; 16:27; Acts 13:22.

- a. There are two mutually interdependent dimensions in all true love.
 - 1) Desire¹: for the good of the beloved (unconditional).
 - 2) Desire²: for appropriate union w/beloved (mutable, conditional).
- b. When God loves someone, He is causing, not taking account of, good in that person. God is the source of all goodness.

3. Natural law (7).

- a. Faulty foundations for moral law: volition, power, pragmatism, consensus.
- b. True foundation for objective moral law: natures (“justice and equality for all men”).
- c. Definition of law “Law is an ordering of reason promulgated by the person in charge of the community for the common good.”
 - 1) Reason: it must be rational.
 - 2) Promulgation: it must be known.
 - 3) In charge: it must have authority.
 - 4) Common good: it must be for all equally (justice for all).

4. The glory of God (11).

The Glory of God

1. John 1:1-2, 14, 18
2. God did not change in His divine essence when He “became” man. He remained impassible and immutable. God cannot change (Ex. 3:14; 1 Sam 15:29; Psa 102:25-27; Mal 3:6; 1 Jn 4:16; Heb 6:18; James 1:17; Rom 11:29). If God has passions/emotions, then He cannot be immutable or transcendent. He would be limited.
3. Divine act #1: Creator/Creature relationship, Acts 17:28
4. Divine act #2: Yahweh/Israel relationship, Ex. 3:14.
5. Divine act #3: God/man relationship, Jn 1:14, 3:14-16.

6. John more than any other gospel, reveals the glory of God. Consider three strands of the glory of God that he “beheld” in the incarnation.
7. 1st strand of glory in John.
 - a. #1: John 2:11. *The omnipotent, omniscient, perfectly good, eternal, immutable impassible, infinite, transcendent Word “became” weak, finite, mutable flesh, and He turned water into wine in celebration of marriage, and we beheld His glory, glory as one who takes the ordinary and transformed it into the extraordinary.*
 - b. #2: John 4:46-54. *The omnipotent, omniscient, perfectly good, eternal, immutable impassible, infinite, transcendent Word “became” weak, finite, mutable flesh, and healed the sick, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the sovereign giver of life.*
 - c. #3: John 5:2-11. *The omnipotent, omniscient, perfectly good, eternal, immutable impassible, infinite, transcendent Word “became” weak, finite, mutable flesh, and healed a paralytic, and we beheld His glory, glory as the healer of the lame.*

- d. #4: John 6:11-14. *The omnipotent, omniscient, perfectly good, eternal, immutable impassible, infinite, transcendent Word “became” weak, finite, mutable flesh, and miraculously fed 5,000 people, and we beheld His glory as the sustainer of life.*

- e. #5: John 9:1-11. *The omnipotent, omniscient, perfectly good, eternal, immutable impassible, infinite, transcendent Word “became” weak, finite, mutable flesh, and gave sight to the blind, and we beheld His glory as the giver of sight.*

- f. #6: John 11:43-48. *The omnipotent, omniscient, perfectly good, eternal, immutable impassible, infinite, transcendent Word “became” weak, finite, mutable flesh, and restored life to the dead, and we beheld His glory as the giver of life.*

8. 2nd strand (and 7th sign) of divine glory, the apex of revelation of divine glory: *The omnipotent, omniscient, perfectly good, eternal, immutable, impassible, infinite, transcendent Word “became” weak, finite, mutable flesh, and was crucified and cursed, as God in Christ cast with His lot with the cursed and blaspheming and we beheld His glory, glory as the God of sacrificial love, Jn 3:14-16; 12:23-32; Rom 5:6-8; 1 Pet. 3:18; 1 Jn 4:10, 16; Rom. 8:38-39; 1 Jn 3:16).*

9. 3rd strand of divine glory revealed: Immanuel. The glory of Christ’s Body/Tabernacle, John 1:14; 2:13-22. *The omnipotent, omniscient, perfectly good, eternal, immutable, impassible, infinite, transcendent Word “became” weak, finite, mutable flesh, and tabernacled among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of God’s intimate and permanent solidarity with us.*