

# The One True God

## LESSON #10 "GOD IS LOVE"

### LOVE: A DIVINE ATTRIBUTE

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**2 Corinthians 13:11** Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

**1 John 4:8** He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

**1 John 4:16** And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

### THE MANY DEMONSTRATIONS OF GOD'S LOVE

#### GOD'S BENEVOLENCE TOWARD ALL CREATURES

**Psalms 145:9** The LORD is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works.

**Psalms 145:15-16** The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season. **16** You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**Matthew 5:44-45** "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, **45** "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

**Acts 14:16-17** "who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. **17** Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

**Psalm 147:7-9** Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises on the harp to our God,  
**8** Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain for the earth, Who makes grass  
to grow on the mountains. **9** He gives to the beast its food, And to the young ravens that  
cry.

**Psalm 150:6** Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!

**Romans 1:21-23** because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor  
were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.  
**22** Professing to be wise, they became fools, **23** and changed the glory of the  
incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed  
animals and creeping things.

## **GOD'S MERCY, GRACE, AND PATIENCE TOWARDS SINFUL HUMANITY**

**Exodus 34:6** And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD  
God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

### **GOD'S MERCY**

**Psalm 145:8** The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in  
mercy.

**2 Corinthians 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of  
mercies and God of all comfort,

**Ephesians 2:4** But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He  
loved us,

**James 5:11** Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the  
perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord--that the Lord is very  
compassionate and merciful.

**Psalm 57:10** For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds.

**Luke 6:35-36** "But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return;  
and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to  
the unthankful and evil. **36** "Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

**Psalm 86:5** For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all  
those who call upon You.

**Psalm 103:10-14** He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. **11** For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; **12** As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. **13** As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him. **14** For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

**Lamentations 3:22-23** Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. **23** They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

**Hebrews 4:16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Jude 1:21-22** keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. **22** And on some have compassion, making a distinction;

**Luke 6:35-36** But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. **36** "Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

## **GOD'S GRACE**

**Psalm 145:8** The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.

**1 Peter 5:10** But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

**Isaiah 30:18** Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**John 1:16-17** And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. **17** For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, **9** not of works, lest anyone should boast.

**2 Timothy 1:9** who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

**Ephesians 1:6** to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

**Ephesians 2:7** that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

**Acts 20:24** "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

**Romans 6:1-2** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?  
**2** Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

**Philippians 4:13** I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

**2 Timothy 2:1** You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

**Titus 2:11-13** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, **12** teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, **13** looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

**Hebrews 4:16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**1 Peter 5:5** Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

**2 Peter 3:18** but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen

## GOD'S PATIENCE

**Exodus 34:6** And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth,

**1 Peter 3:20** who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

**Psalm 78:36-40** Nevertheless they flattered Him with their mouth, And they lied to Him with their tongue; **37** For their heart was not steadfast with Him, Nor were they faithful in His covenant. **38** But He, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, And did not destroy them. Yes, many a time He turned His anger away, And did not stir up all His wrath; **39** For He remembered that they were but flesh, A breath that passes away and does not come again. **40** How often they provoked Him in the wilderness, And grieved Him in the desert!

**Ezekiel 18:23** "Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" says the Lord GOD, "and not that he should turn from his ways and live?"

**Ezekiel 18:32** "For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!"

**1 Timothy 2:4** who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

**2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

**Numbers 14:18** The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He by no means clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation.'

**Nahum 1:3** The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit the wicked. The LORD has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds are the dust of His feet.

**Romans 2:4** Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

## **GOD'S GIVING OF HIS SON FOR THE SALVATION OF HIS PEOPLE**

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**John 3:16-17** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **17** "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

**Romans 5:6-8** For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. **8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Romans 5:8-10** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. **10** For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**Romans 8:32** He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?