

THE WAYS OF GOD

God Is Love

I. God is love

A. 1Jn4:8, 4:16-God is love

1. Love-Agape, Affection; Benevolence-The disposition (nature, character, temperament) to do good, good will, kindness, love accompanied with the desire to promote happiness; Charity-Disposition of heart which inclines one to think favorably of another and do them good, liberality, relieve people of distress
2. Love is not something God has it's who He is – It's the very core of His being
 - a. Is this who God is? Is God love? Does he have this disposition to do good? Is it His nature, character, temperament to do good? Does He love people and desire to promote their happiness/prosperity?

B. God is love and that means it's His disposition and nature go do good

1. *Psalm 119:68-TLB-You are good and do only good; NIV-You are good and what you do is good; MSG-You are good and the source of good; Ps78:1-YL-Only good to Israel is God; AC-Truly God is only good to Israel*

C. God is love and that means He loves you and desires to promote your happiness and prosperity

1. Ps35:27-God gets no pleasure in you not doing well in any area of your life – THAT'S NOT HIS WAY
 - a. Pleasure-Delights in, desires, willing, wishes, like, will; Prosperity-Happy, health, peace, welfare (doing well)
 - b. Does God delight in in you not doing well? Is that what He wills, desires and likes? You not doing well?
 - c. Why do you need to say this continually? B/c the enemy, since the beginning of mankind, has tried to get man to believe that God doesn't take pleasure in him doing well, but sometimes takes pleasure in him not doing well
 - d. *CEV-God is glad when all goes well for His servant; GNV-Loves the prosperity of his servant; ICB-He loves to see His servants do well*
2. *3Jh2-KJ-I wish (pray, will) above all things that you prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers; CEV-That all goes well for you; EHV-That you are doing well in every way*

D. God is love and that means it's the disposition of his heart to think favorably of you and do you good with great liberality and relive you from all distress

1. Psalm 81:13-You can hear God's heart – He wanted greatly to do them good, relieve them of all distress and do them good with great liberality
2. Isaiah 30:18-And therefore the Lord earnestly waits [expecting, looking, and longing] to be gracious to you

E. God is love and love doesn't withhold love gives-John 3:16

1. God so loved that He gave – It's love's inclination to give

F. Our story about our finances – Started off with this: Lord we know this is not you

1. The moment you start to wonder or question whether or not God is for you, whether are not God is doing everything He can, whether or not God wants you to be free your faith is gone