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Theology – *God as a Balanced Being*

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In this study, we will study God as a balanced being. You must remember that although God is loving, merciful and faithful, at the same time the Bible reveals Him as just, holy and righteous. In this generation today God is portrayed as a great big lovey-dovey god in the sky who is just waiting to get a chance to give everyone a big kiss and squeeze and hug as a child would a puppy dog. It’s “God is love this” and “God is love that.” But where the problem comes in is that people have stopped believing and understanding God as He really is, A Balanced Being. It is true that God is love, and that His love is so in depth that it cannot be fully understood by human kind, but God has another side of the scale called justice and holiness and righteousness, just to name a few and He will not tolerate sin, never has tolerated sin, and never will tolerate sin. It is said that war is God’s judgment on sin here, and hell is God’s judgment on sin hereafter. God never has changed His attitude concerning sin, nor will He ever.

\* Many Christians today have a lopsided view of God. Some overemphasize His love and forget that He is just and holy at the same time. Praise the Lord, it is true that it is the love of God that allows Him to forgive sin and to show mercy to a repentant sinner, but it is the holiness and justice of God that demands that sin must be punished to the fullest extent of the law. Hell! The Lake of Fire!



“For the w \_ \_ \_ \_ of s \_ \_ i \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_; but the gift of God is eternal life

through Jesus Christ our Lord.” ***Romans 6:23***

“For if the word spoken by angels was s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and e \_ \_ \_ \_t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a j \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of reward; H \_ \_ shall we

e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;” ***Hebrews 2:2,3***

We must get a balanced view of God before it is too late.

\* The liberals and atheists think “God wouldn’t hold a grudge against anybody, God can’t hate anybody.” And, “Well, if man can forgive an enemy, then certainly God can forgive a man anything.” These are perverted views of the majesty of God. God has to have a balance nature to be a balanced God. He has to be a perfect being. His jealousy, love, holiness, justice and righteousness have to be perfect.

\* God will not acquit sin at all, or overlook the sins of the sinner. They have to be paid for in some way. Gods willingness to pay for man’s crimes which He does not forgive apart from a substitutionary atonement are and were manifested at Calvary.

**Acquit:** Pronounce not guilty of criminal charges; assoil; clear; discharge; exculpate; exonerate.



“If I sin, then thou m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ me, and thou w \_ \_ \_

n \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ from mine iniquity.” ***Job 10:14***

“The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will n \_ \_ a \_ a \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_

w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.” ***Nahum 1:3***

\* The trouble of course is trying to liken man to God. God is not like man in the sense of a fallen state. The God of the Bible created man in His image and man fell. Therefore, man’s emotions, feelings, jealousy, wrath, righteousness, justice, laughter, tears, holiness, goodness, kindness, and mercy are fallen counterparts. They are minimized remnants of the once great and holy character of man’s Creator – God.

\* Although God became man in the flesh, God in essence is a Spirit, and therefore, He is a balanced being, and all His attributes are perfect. God is not a mere human being. If God were a mere human being, you could deal with Him like any other man. God is not a man.

“God is n \_ \_ a m \_ \_, that he should lie; n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the s \_ \_ of m \_ \_, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?” ***Numbers 23:19***

\* God is not a man, so His wrath and His love work together in perfect harmony, for one becomes a balance for the other. To argue that hell is impossible is ridiculous in view of the fact that Jesus Christ stated it was a fact. Jesus Christ in the Sermon on the Mount was the first to coin the expression “hell fire.” People are quick to talk about the sermon on the mount, but never talk about or want to hear about “hell fire.” To argue that hell is impossible proves that a sinner has an unbalanced view of God. To understand the horrors of hell and the blackout at Calvary, we have to think about the holiness of God and the severity of God: God’s wrath on sin.

“Behold therefore the g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.” ***Romans 11:22***

\* How can anybody talk about the love of God and the love of Christ when we read what God the Father did to God the Son.

“For h \_ (God the Father) hath m \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ (God the Son) to b \_ s \_ \_ for u \_, (You and me) who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” ***2 Corinthians 5:21***

******\* What do you suppose was involved in GOD MAKING Jesus Christ the personification of sin for us? Love? No, it was wrath! So, when someone rejects the doctrine of hell and the severity of God, they are unbalanced-not the Lord. Look at these scriptures!

“For Christ also hath once s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_, the j \_ \_ \_

for the u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that he might bring us to God, being p \_ \_ t \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_

in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:”***1 Peter 3:18***

“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being m \_ \_ \_ a c \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ u \_: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:” ***Galatians 3:13***

\* You call that love? If God turned you into a curse, would that be a manifestation of His love? To understand the horrors of hell and eternal punishment you have to remember that the God that reveals Himself in the word of God is a **Holy God**. He is nothing like all of the passive, relativistic gods of the people and education taught today in the world and does not desire to be.

\* The God of the Bible reveals Himself as holy and He manifests a severe attitude against sin. The holiness of God demands that we be holy. Gods law pronounces eternal damnation on the guilty sinner in accordance with the justice of God.

\* One of the great marvels of all ages is that God found a way of salvation that satisfies both **His holiness** and **His love**! How could God be just and at the same time justify the sinner? He took the sinner’s place! The solution satisfies the law and leaves man a creature with a free will who can choose either salvation or damnation: heaven or hell. Halleluiah! Praise the Lord!

“But n \_ \_the righteousness of God w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ l \_ \_ is m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_,being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is b \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_unto a \_ \_ and u \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ them t \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely b \_ h \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ through the redemption that is i \_C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_: Whom God hath s \_ \_

f \_ \_ \_ \_ to be a propitiation t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ h \_ \_b \_ \_ \_ \_, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time h \_ \_r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: that h \_ might be j \_ \_ \_, and t \_ \_

j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of him which b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the l \_ \_ of f \_ \_ \_ \_. Therefore w \_

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that a man is justified b \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the d \_ \_ \_ \_ of the law.” ***Romans 3:21-28***

Any person that would not accept a deal such as this is a **FOOL**!

“The fool hath said in his heart, There is n \_ G \_ \_. They are corrupt,

they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.” ***Psalms 14:1***



~**GOD IS HOLY~**

\* First of all, God is holy. Who in their right mind would want a god that was not holy? Who in their right mind would trust a god with their soul, that was not perfectly **HOLY**? To be holy means to be free from defilement-to be pure. The God of the Bible is absolutely pure!

“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that G \_ \_ i \_

l \_ \_ \_ \_, and in him is n \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ a \_ \_.” ***1 John 1:5***

“T \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ o \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ than to behold evil, and c \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ on

 iniquity:” ***Habakkuk 1:13***

“Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee,

G \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, fearful in praises, doing wonders?” ***Exodus 15:11***

“There is none h \_ \_ \_ a \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_: for there is none beside thee:

neither is there any rock like our God.” ***1 Samuel 2:2***

\* Just look at what the seraphim’s are saying in ***Isaiah 6:3***:

“And one cried unto another, and said, H \_ \_ \_, h \_ \_ \_, h \_ \_ \_, i \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.”

“But as he which hath called you I \_ h \_ \_ \_, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I a \_ h \_ \_ \_.” ***1 Peter 1:16***

\* Did you notice that the same God of the Old Testament that says He is holy, is the same God of the New Testament that says He is holy? God never compromises His holiness, for anybody!

\* Today we have these God hating Christ rejecting highly educated nuts that recognize the Holy Scriptures from Genesis 10 onward because it is dealing with history and is indeed documented history that can be proven. They cannot deny it without looking like idiots. There is evidence of the worldwide flood, of Ur, Lachish, and Akkad, the Babylonian cities, Abrahams dwelling place in Ur of the Chaldees and of the ziggurats in Babylonian history. But from Genesis 10 backwards we are dealing with mythology and legend according to these people. Strange way of thinking wouldn’t you say? Why? Because the first three chapters of your Bible teach Darwin and his theories are bunch of “monkified tomfoolery.” A pack of lies. The first three chapters of Genesis teach that man was created in the image of God and fell, and since then has been going down, not up! Man is now and continues to descend into the level of beasts. You ever heard someonesay, “He’s acts like an animal?” Truth!!! Remember what Jesus answered the Pharisees when they tried to get Him to rebuke His disciples for praising Him? He said:

“And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ would immediately c \_ \_ o \_ \_.” ***Luke 19:40***

 \* In the Bible the holiness of God separates Him from fallen man, and man is a fallen creature.

The only way that man can approach a holy God is through shedding of blood.

“And almost all things are by the law p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_; and without s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

o \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ is no remission.” ***Hebrews 9:22***

 “For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an

a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_: for it is t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ that maketh an atonement for the soul.” ***Leviticus 17:11***

\* The God of the Bible hates sin. His holy wrath will punish sin. This is why we read:

“But he was w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for our transgressions, he was b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was u \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_; and with his s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ we are healed.”

***Isaiah 53:5***

“Yet it p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ to b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.” ***Isaiah 53:10***

\* You really think a holy God that caused Himself to be pleased to wound, bruise, chastise, stripe, and make His Holy Sons soul an offering for man’s sins is going to go easy on sin?

\* The God of the Bible does not call evil “good” and good “evil”. The God of the Bible never speaks about “values clarification” and “relative situation ethics”. That’s all of the Devil and the worlds language.**God is Holy!**

\* You ask, how can I become holy like God? Answer? You can’t! You cannot apart from a sinless Saviour who died in your place.

“B \_ \_ n \_ \_ in C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ ye who sometimes w \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ o \_ \_ are made

nigh b \_ t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Ephesians 2:13***

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ***Romans 10:13***

God is Holy!

**~GOD IS LOVE~**

\* Secondly, God is love.

“He that loveth not knoweth not God; for G \_ \_ i \_ l \_ \_ \_.” ***1 John 4:8***

\* The verse above says that God loves, but is also a noun that tells us“…God i \_ love.”

\* If a person says they have been converted (Saved) and God the Holy Ghost lives and abides in them as our Bibles say He does, then they must love God, for he is indwelt by love Himself.

 “Beloved, let u \_ love one another: for l \_ \_ \_ is o \_ G \_ \_; and e \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_

that l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is born of God, and k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ God.” ***1 John 4:7***

\* So, what kind of love are we talking about here? Well, it really depends upon who is answering it, right? For example, the world and the unsaved describe love as fornication, premarital sex, perversion, bestiality, and adultery-or adult consent in adultery. All your newsstands speak of love and use the word regularly and mean fornication and adultery when they do. We live in a generation now that is the most deceitful, hypocritical, varnished, veneered, shellacked generation that ever lived. People talk about “falling in love”: that is covetousness of emotional upset. (Prenuptial agreements for instance). People talk about “making love” meaning fornication and adultery.

\*Of course, all of this trash is not at all what the Scriptures teach “Christ’s love” to be. His love, (the Love of God) is a desire for, and a delight in, the welfare of the one on whom the love is bestowed. Christ’s love is **Giving**! Christ’s love is **Sacrifice**! The Lord Jesus Christ even taught that His love was a love that could love an enemy. What about that?

“But I say unto you, L \_ \_ \_ your e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, b \_ \_ \_ \_ them that c \_ \_ \_ \_ you, d \_ g \_ \_ \_ to them that h \_ \_ \_ you, and p \_ \_ \_ for them which despitefully u \_ \_ you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye l \_ \_ \_ them which l \_ \_ \_ you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what d \_ y \_ m \_ \_ \_ than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, even as yourFather which is in heaven is p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.”

***Matthew 5:44-48***

\* So, we see that this Love Christ is talking about, the worlds so called love doesn’t even compare. The Love that Christ is talking about takes Christs power to exercise. If all you can love is the ones that love you and are in agreement with you, your love “ain’t worth shooting.” The worlds kind of love is fleshly. Christs Love is spiritual. Do you Love God? If you love someone you like to spend time with them, you want to give them things, you want to talk with them. If you love someone you take sides with them against their enemies. If you love someone, you hesitate to think evil of them and think the best of them.

\* The Love of God is manifested toward His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and believers in particular. However, look at what the Bible says about God’s love for an unbeliever.

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and h \_ t \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ the Son shall n \_ \_ s \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_; but the w \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_abideth on him.” ***John 3:36***

\* The Scripture said the “wrath of God” not the “Love of God.” Did you see that? The Scriptures say that anyone who is counting on anything or anybody other than the shed blood of Jesus Christ to save them, are doomed and going to hell. God’s love is distributed and obtained through His Son, nowhere or nobody else!

“And you hath he quickened, who were d \_ \_ \_ in t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and s \_ \_ \_;Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ : Among whom also we all h \_ \_ our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were b \_ n \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his g \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ wherewith he l \_ \_ \_ \_

u \_, Even when we were d \_ \_ \_ i \_ s \_ \_ \_, hath quickened us together w \_ \_ \_C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, (by grace ye are saved;)” ***Ephesians 2:1-5***

\* God Loves men because they believe on and love His Son, whom He gave to work out a plan of Salvation to give men an opportunity to escape wrath and damnation.

“For the Father himself l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ you, b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ye have l \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_, and

have b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that I c \_ \_ \_ out f \_ \_ \_ God.” ***John 16:27***

“For God so l \_ \_ \_ \_ the world, that h \_ g \_ \_ \_ his o \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_, that whosoever b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ h \_ \_ should not perish, but have everlasting life.” ***John 3:16***

\* One thing very important to notice about the verses above is that they are “passed tense.” The Lord has already shown His love for man in the death, burial, and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. It will never happen again, nor does it need to happen again. The Lord has shown what His Love is and that He is Love. Now it is your turn. What will you do about the Love God has shown you already? Have you believed on His Son and been Born Again? If you have missed or denied the love of the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, you have missed the greatest love on the face of the earth. Christ loved you enough to die for your sins. You have no

other friends who would love you like that! God is Love!

**~GOD IS FAITHFUL~**

\* The third is that God is Faithful.

“G \_ \_ i \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.” ***1 Corinthians 1:9***

“K \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that the LORD thy God, he is God, the f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;” ***Deuteronomy 7:9***

\* The word “faithful” means somebody who can be safely trusted, who is reliable and dependable; Steadfast in allegiance; loyal.

\* God is faithful, for He is honest and never changes. He is trustworthy and true to His word.

“Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and t \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto the c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Psalms 36:5***

“For the word of the LORD is right; and a \_ \_ h \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ are d \_ \_ \_ i \_t \_ \_ \_ \_.”

***Psalms 33:4***



\* God’s faithfulness is manifested in His keeping of His promises and in His fulfilling every word that He has spoken. God is unchangeable.

“God is n \_ \_ a m \_ \_, that he should l \_ \_; neither the son of man, that he should r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: hath he said, and s\_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ n \_ \_ d \_ i \_? or hath he spoken, and shall he not m \_ \_ \_ i \_ g \_ \_ \_?” ***Numbers 23:19***

 \* A saintly old widow was once asked by a young novice preacher “What would you do if you died and found out that God had lied, and you went to Hell?” She replied, “God is faithful!” The young man pressing more said, “No really, what would you do if you found out God lied, and you went to hell?” Looking up the old woman said, “Well He would lose more than me! All I would lose is my soul, but He would lose His good name!”

\* A God that would write down promises such as are in the Bible directly related to the troubles and suffering of mankind and then not have the power to keep them or just once lie about one of them would be a liar, a fake and not a God at all. God has gone out of His way to express to us in His word that He will never let anyone of us down that trusts in Him. God does not hold out a carrot on a stick, so He can make fools out of men. God says He is faithful because He wants to be faithful and intends on being faithful. He is God! He cannot be any other way!

\* Anybody that knows anything about trusting God or having trusted God would have to confess that God has never ever let them down. Some of the promises in the word of God directed to the believer, are so great that they are indeed called just that.

“Whereby are g \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ u \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ and p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”***2 Peter 1:4***

\* A believer in Jesus Christ who has been born again has access to riches to which no unsaved man has access no matter who he or she is or who they might think they are. There is no one on the face of the earth or in heaven above or in hell beneath that can say “God lied to me” and be able to prove it! Anybody that knows the Lord, and knows of His faithfulness would not want to say, “God lied to me.” “Sola Scriptura” the scriptures alone!

“But my God s \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ all your need according to his riches in

glory by Christ Jesus.” ***Philippians 4:19***

“I can do all things through Christ which s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ me.” ***Philippians 4:13***

“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you w \_ \_ \_

p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ until the day of Jesus Christ:” ***Philippians 1:6***

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will n \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ thee, n \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord i \_ m \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.” ***Hebrews 13:5,6***

“And God is able to m \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:” ***2 Corinthians 9:8***

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_

a \_ \_ \_ t \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

***Romans 8:38,39***

“And we know that all things w \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_

l \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” ***Romans 8:28***

“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but G \_ \_ i \_

f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, who will not suffer you t \_ b \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ above that y \_ a \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_; but will with the temptation also m \_ \_ \_ a w \_ \_ t \_e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that ye may be able to bear it.”

***1 Corinthians 10:13***

\* The Scriptures say that even if you are not faithful, God will remain faithful. God remains God whether you love Him or not. That should humble anyone.

“It is a f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: he cannot deny himself.” ***2 Timothy 2:11-13***

Praise the Lord! God is Faithful!

**~GOD IS MERCIFUL~**

\* In this unthankful age that we live in most people (to include Christians) do not even think about needing Gods mercy much less appreciating it or thanking Him for it. Most people today are too proud to admit that they need Gods mercy. They figure that admitting the need of Gods mercy is admitting guilt, and it is easier to carry the guilt than it is to confess the need of His mercy. People deceive themselves into thinking that they are able to make it on their own and that they have accomplished life so far without Gods mercy until a real tragedy turns up that they cannot handle or find a way out of, and are cornered into needing Gods mercy. The truth of the matter is that Gods mercy has been there all of the time, and has been thought of as something that has been owed or earned. Something like, “OK God, I guess I’ll go ahead and

takeyour mercy on this one” or “OK God I’ll let you help me this time” kind of stuff. Yeah, that’s the way people are. If a person told the truth, how many times has the Lord gotten you out of a fix and you knew that you had no way out and were in hot water and all of a sudden, it went away, and you knew it was God and didn’t even thank Him? How many close call wrecks have you been in and didn’t acknowledge it was the Lord who helped you? How many times has the money been short and somehow it came through by a so called “miracle”, but never did just offer the Lord a thank you? Man, when you just do the smallest of a favor for someone and not get a thank you, watch what happens! And the Lord is not merciful? Huh?

\* The truth is that God has been merciful to everyone. And yet in all His sparing and all His mercy people will not repent. Have you ever said or ever heard someone say, “I just don’t know how much more of this I can take?”

“He, that being often reproved h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ n \_ \_ \_, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.”***Proverbs 29:1***

\* People mistake what God’s mercy is. God’s mercy is the constant warningthat although God will put up with some things temporarily and be merciful to you, He won’t put up with it forever. “His mercy endures forever” in the sense that God keeps His word and God will spare the saved sinner, but His mercy ceases in hell, unless you can call the Lake of Fire a mercy for people who have rejected Jesus Christ.

“That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the e \_ \_ \_ and on t \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_, and sendeth rain on the j \_ \_ \_ and on t \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.”

***Matthew 5:45***

\* One time an atheist sent a letter to a preacher, and he said, “Preacher, its October, and I plant on Sunday, plow on Sunday, and harvest on Sunday. Here it is October, and I’ve got the biggest bank account of any farmer in this county. How do you account for that?” And the preacher wrote him back and said, “God doesn’t settle accounts in October. That’s how you account for that.”

\* People may deceive themselves into thinking that “God forgives everything” and God has forgotten the things that are in their past that have not been dealt with or accounted for yet, but even though you might get away with something a hundred times, you will not get away with it at the judgment.

“Because s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ against an evil work is not e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, therefore the heart of the sons of men is f \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ in them to d \_ e \_ \_ \_.” ***Ecclesiastes 8:11***

\* The verse above plainly and clearly tells a man that he better remember, just because he has not been dealt with for his sins doesn’t mean he isn’t going to be.

“For God shall bring e \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ into judgment, with every s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” ***Ecclesiastes 12:14***

\* God is Sovereign and can choose to whom He desires to show His mercy. He doesn’t owe anybody anything.

“For he saith to Moses, I will h \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ on whom I w \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_M \_ \_ \_ \_, and I will have compassion on whom I w \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Romans 9:15***

“And shewing mercy u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of them that l \_ \_ \_ m \_, and k \_ \_ \_ m \_

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Exodus 20:6***

\* A true realization of God’s mercy will cause a person to fear Him. God’s mercy may be generally extended to an unsaved man but His mercy in eternity only comes to a man who does what God told Him to do. And what God has told everyone to do is to quit trusting your own righteousness and trust His righteousness. God has chosen to show His mercy to people who come to Jesus Christ and trust Him as their salvation.

“While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is m \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_, in whom I am w \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_;

h \_ \_ \_ y \_ h \_ \_.” ***Matthew 17:5***

\* How great is God’s mercy?

“For as the heaven is high above the earth, s \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ is h \_ \_

m \_ \_ \_ \_ toward t \_ \_ \_that f \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_.” ***Psalms 103:11***

“But the mercy of the LORD is from e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to

e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ upon t \_ \_ \_ that f \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_, and his

righteousness unto children’s children;” ***Psalms103:17***

\* It is a wonderful thing to read Gods promises about His mercy and that He will never be a God that does not have mercy. But it is also very important to note that He mentions His mercy is conditional. Did you notice that?

“The f \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ is the b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” ***Proverbs 9:10***

\* According to the Scriptures, a proud, self-righteous, self-sustaining, selfish, egotistical, religious, puffed-up, stuffed-shirted person that walks around talking about the “mercy of God” is like Charles Manson talking about being a Bible-Believing preacher. They don’t go together! They’re not fooling anyone. The Scriptures plainly say that to “fear God” is the beginning of any ones right to speak about the mercy of God.

\* Remember that God is a Balance Being. You cannot speak of Gods “Mercy” and deny His “Majesty.” That would be a perverted god. That’s the kind of god that a lot of folks today claim is the God of the Bible, butthey are wrong. You ask anybody in hell and they will be able to

perfectly describe God’s “Mercy” and “Fear” as being inseparable. If your god only has one side to him-love and mercy-you haven’t got the God of the Bible. Your god is not a “Holy.

\* For a god to only be a “love and mercy” god, he would have to love fornication, adultery, perversion, deviation, bestiality, blackmail, embezzlement, lying, killing, swearing, cheating, and extortion. He would have to love them with the same degree that He loves honesty, purity, decency, courage and righteousness. This kind of god would be a great big, synthesized, integrated, passive, “there’s no good and there’s no bad”, relative god. A “freak god.” This is the god of the century of today and the Laodicean age we are in.

\* This god described above is not the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He also is not the God Who reveals Himself in the word of God. This is another god and another gospel. This kind of god is a god that man has made for himself, so the God of the Bible will not interfere with his devilment.

“Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the L \_ \_ \_, m \_ \_ \_ \_ shall

 c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Psalms 32:10***

\* An unsaved, hell-bound sinner experiences Gods mercy in this life. God goes out of His way to show His mercy to an unsaved person by giving him every chance to receive His Son as Saviour, and not die and face Gods eternal judgment.

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is

l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to us-ward, n \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that a \_ \_ should perish, but that a \_ \_ should c \_ \_ \_ t \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***2 Peter 3:9***

“And as it is a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_once to die, but a \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ the judgment:” ***Hebrews 9:27***

\* When an unsaved man comes to God for salvation, he doesn’t come for justice, he comes for “**mercy**!” A proud, unrepentant, egotistical person that thinks there is nothing wrong with them should read what the Lord Jesus Christ says.

“But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I w \_ \_ \_ have m \_ \_ \_ \_, and not s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

***Matthew 9:12,13***

“But God commendeth h \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_, in that, while we werey \_ \_ sinners, Christ

 d \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ u \_.” ***Romans 5:8***

“For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died fort \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Romans 5:6***

\* For two thousand plus years the Lord Jesus Christ has been standing at the crossroads of eternity inviting men to come to Him.

“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and h \_ \_ that c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ m \_ I will in no wise c \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_.” ***John 6:37***

“C \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ m \_, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I w \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_y \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find

 r \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

***Matthew 11:28-30***

“And ye will not come t \_ m \_, that ye might h \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_.” ***John 5:40***

“And the Spirit and the bride say, C \_ \_ \_. And let him that heareth say, C \_ \_ \_. And let him that is athirst c \_ \_ \_. And w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_, let him take the water of life f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Revelation 22:17***

\* Don’t be a fool! Accept the “mercy” the Lord has offered you. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ right now and ask Him to forgive you and save you. He will! Accept His mercy before it is too late.

“For w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ shall c \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ the n \_ \_ \_ of the L \_ \_ \_ shall b \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_.”

***Romans 10:13***

“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_and f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ them s \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Proverbs 28:13***

God is Merciful

**~GOD IS JUST~**

\* **Just** – Indicating exactness or preciseness; Used especially of what is legally or ethically right or proper or fitting; Fair to all parties as dictated by reason and conscience; Free from favoritism or self-interest or bias or deception; conforming with established standards or rules; Of moral excellence; Conformity with some esthetic standard of correctness or propriety; fair.

“He is the Rock, his work i \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, j \_ \_ \_ and r \_ \_ \_ \_ is he.” ***Deuteronomy 32:4***

“The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the LORD are t \_ \_ \_ and r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ altogether.” ***Psalms 19:9***

\* The God of the Bible, the Creator of the universe, is just and righteous and will mete out just judgement to each individual. Good or bad, it will be weighed and exacted perfectly with God.

 “That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the J \_ \_ \_ \_ of a \_ \_ the earth d \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_?” ***Genesis 18:25***

\* All of this foolishness in society today, people screaming about ‘Justice” saying “I want justice” “I want my rights!” And little do they know, that is precisely where they are headed and precisely what they are going to get. Justice! Every man is going to get exactly what he has coming to him, exactly what is rightfully his!

“For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his

angels; and then h \_ shall r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ according to h \_ \_ works.” ***Matthew 16:27***

“Therefore thou art i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, O man, whosoever thou art thatjudgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; for thou that judgest d \_ \_ \_ \_ the

s \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.But we are sure that the judgment of God is a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_against them which commit such things.And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do suchthings, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment ofGod?Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance andlongsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth theeto repentance?But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up untothyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of therighteous judgment of God;Who will r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ according to h \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_:To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for gloryand honor and immortality,

e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, butobey unrighteousness, i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and w \_ \_ \_ \_,T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, upon e \_ \_ \_ \_ soul of man that doeth evil, ofthe Jew first, and also of the Gentile;”***Romans 2:1-9***

\* God, being just, righteous, upright and holy will also act just, righteous, upright and holy. If your sins deserve hell, God knows it. If you or any man is standing up and shaking your fist in the face of God and challenging Him saying “I don’t need your righteousness, I’ll chance it on my on” you are a fool! If that is what you want is to stand before Him and make Him judge you in your own righteousness rather than Jesus Christs, He will, and you will receive a just recompense of reward which the word of God declares to be the Lake of Fire.

“T \_ \_ \_ n \_ m \_ \_ \_ so exceeding proudly; l \_ \_ n \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ come out ofyour mouth: for the LORD is a G \_ \_ of k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and by him a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.”

***1 Samuel 2:3***

\* Gods nature of character leads Him to do that which is right at all times, and God, as the Just One, will be the final judge of all things. There was a man in his drug infested rage that lifted his fist up toward the heavens and said “Come on down here God and I’ll gouge your eyes out.” He since then received Gods goodness that allowed him to repent and stands frightened of his words. Don’t ever challenge God! Receive His kindness while it is possible. Today is the day.

“Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and j \_ \_ \_ \_ thy servants, c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, to bring his way upon his head; andj \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, to give him according to his righteousness.” ***1 Kings 8:32***

“And I saw the dead, small and great, s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ God; and thebooks were opened: and another book was opened, which is thebook of life: and the dead w \_ \_ \_j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ out of those things whichwere written in the books, according to their works.And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and helldelivered up the dead which were in them: and theywere j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_m \_ \_ according to their works.And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever w \_ \_ n \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the book of life was castinto the lake of fire.” ***Revelation 20:12-15***

\* So, we learn from the lesson on God as a Balanced Being that God is holy, God is love, God is faithful, God is merciful, God is just, and that “…our God is a consuming fire” (***Deuteronomy 4:24; Hebrews 12:29).*** How can God be loving and still demand holiness at the same time? How can God be merciful and at the same time take care of the guilty sinner? The answer can only be found at “Calvary!”

\* God loves sinners and wants to save them. We also learn that God desires to justify sinners, knowing that they cannot justify themselves. We learn that God wants to demonstrate toward sinners His absolute, perfect righteousness so that they can see what He requires. We learn that God Himself is willing to take mans suffering, pain, temptation, sorrow and sickness in Himself and bear the punishment of the guilty, although He God Himself, is not guilty.

“For the life of the flesh is in the b \_ \_ \_ \_: and I have given it to youupon the altar to make an

a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for your s \_ \_ \_ \_: for it i \_ t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ that maketh an atonement for the soul.” ***Leviticus 17:11***

“Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christunto all and upon all them that believe: f \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_i \_ n \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” ***Romans 3:22,23***

“For there is no r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with God.” ***Romans 2:11***

“Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_t \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ is preached unto you the f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ s \_ \_ \_: And b \_ h \_ \_ all that believe are justified from all things, from whichye could not be justified by the law of Moses.” ***Acts 13:38,39***

“For Christ also hath o \_ \_ \_ suffered for sins, the j \_ \_ \_ for the u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that he might

b \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:” ***1 Peter 3:18***

**God is a Balanced Being!**