

The Gospel According to John

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1. Earlier I began a study of Joh 5:18-24 by way of the *Doctrine of The Essence of God*.
2. I want to review some of that learned last week and then we will begin new material at point four on page three.
3. Now let's return to the study of Joh 5:18-24.

Jesus' Equality with God

Joh 5:18 For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

Joh 5:19 Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

Joh 5:20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these.

Joh 5:21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.

Joh 5:22 Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,

Joh 5:23 that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

Joh 5:24 "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

Doctrine of the Essence of God

1. God is One in Essence, i.e., the divine essences are resident in each Member of the Godhead.
2. There are three Personalities but One in Essence, such Essences are shared equally. Since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. Isa 48:16; Mat 3:16-17; Col 2:9

2.1 The One Godhead as can be seen from the above cited Scriptures is made up of three personalities or manifestations: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

2.1.1 The personalities of the Trinity are related, just as there is one egg, there is also the yoke, the white and the shell. Yet one egg. Joh 10:30; 17:11 and Joh 7:37-39

2.2 So you can see from these verses the intertwining of the several and collective personalities of the Trinity are uniquely Three in One, Separate but One.

3. The essences of God are prevalent in each Member of the Trinity:
(1) Sovereignty (2) Righteousness (3) Justice (4) Love (5) Eternal Life
(6) Omniscience (7) Omnipresence (8) Omnipotence (9) Immutability
(10) Veracity.

1. **Sovereignty** - He has supreme volition and always has possessed the powerful rulership of all things.

1.1 There is no higher power or higher volition.

1.2 All things are subject unto Him.

1.3 Everything falls under the permissive Will of God.

1.4 God desires the best for us but because of our volition and imperfect choices, He provides less than the best but perfect.

1.5 God is sovereign and there will come a time at the Second Advent when the Father will say to the Son: "now is Your time, implement operation footstool." Until then however the Lord laughs from heaven at how serious man considers him and herself. Psa 2:1-4; 100:3; 104:17-35; Isa 4:23; Phi 2:10-11; Rom 14:11 and Rev 5:13

2. **Righteousness** - God is absolute Righteousness.

2.1 His Righteousness is independent and incomparable.

2.2 The Righteousness of God cannot have fellowship with the righteousness of man and since man's righteousness is like "filthy rags," a problem exists, but thankfully, God solved that problem.

2.3 God recognized this problem in eternity past and made provision for the problem through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Isa 64:6 Psa 116:5; 145:17; Rom 3:22 and 2Co 5:21

3. **Justice** - God is fair; it is impossible for Him to be unfair.

3.1 The holiness of God is made up of His Righteousness plus His Justice.

3.2 What the Righteousness of God demands the Justice of God must execute.

3.3 Because of the efficacious sacrifice of Christ on the cross, God is free to deal with us as family.

3.3.1 This because His Righteousness was satisfied and therefore His Justice must execute what His Righteousness demands.

3.4 God is absolutely Just because there is no iniquity in Him.

3.5 There are two laws of God which come from his Righteousness as relates to the believer's discipline.

3.5.1 **The Law of Volitional Responsibility** - God permits natural results of sin. Pro 5:1-15; Hos 8:7; Rom 13:1-7; Gal 6:7

3.5.2 **The law of Divine Corrective Action** - God corrects to improve. Rom 5:3-4; 1Co 11:31; Heb 5:8 and 12:11

3.6 The Justice of God works with the unbeliever in order to provide maximum environment, pressure and/or reward to facilitate "faith in Christ." The Scriptures make clear mankind is without excuse. Never can it be said that God is not just and righteous. Psa 89:14; Joh 1:9; Acts 3:14; Rom 1:28; 2:1; Tit 2:11; 2Pe 3:9-10 and Rev 15:3

4. **Love** - The Scriptures tell us "God is Love" and yet the Scriptures indicate there are two kinds of love.

4.1 To understand divine or human love, we must know Bible Doctrine.

4.1.1 There is love which is an **Agape** kind of love. This love depends on the subject to produce the action of love; for example:

Joh 3:16 "For God so **loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, **love** your wives, just as Christ **loved** the church and gave himself for her.

4.1.2 This is love from the ultimate; in the case of God from His Essence. In the case of mankind this type of love can only come from pregnant Doctrine metabolized in the soul.

4.1.3 Now we can better understand why **Agape** love must be produced by the believer, i.e., only God or metabolized doctrine in the soul of a believer can produce **Agape** love.

4.2 There is a **Phileo** love which comes as an emotional response because the object of the verb produces the action. One may love ice cream because of the nature of the ice cream. One may love chocolate because of the nature of the chocolate. One may love a friend or sweetheart because of the pleasant and appealing nature of the object of the verb.

4.3 Our study relates to an Essence of God which is the **Agape** type.

4.3.1 God always has the right mental attitude toward us; it has nothing to do with the object (us). Once the Righteousness of God is satisfied then God is free to love us not only with **Agape** love but even with a **Philos** kind of love.

4.3.2 For example: God has both **Agape** and **Philos** love for Jesus and for the believer when we are obedient.

5. **Eternal Life** - There never was a time when God was not; He always has been.

5.1 We have as believers (and in a sense so does the unbeliever) have "everlasting life" whereas God has "Eternal Life."

5.1.1 Everlasting life has a beginning but no ending.

5.1.2 Eternal life has no beginning and no ending.

Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Rev 1:11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Rev 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Eph 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Isa 48:16 Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

Isa 48:17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

6. **Omniscience** - God knows all things; He is all knowing and is not limited by time or choices.

6.1 God knows the end and the beginning as we have seen, nothing has been hidden from Him.

Psa 147:4 He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

Psa 147:5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

Isa 46:10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.

Isa 41:26 Who told of this from the beginning, so we could know, or beforehand, so we could say, 'He was right'? No one told of this, no one foretold it, no one heard any words from you.

Job 37:16 Do you know how the clouds hang poised, those wonders of him who is perfect in knowledge?

6.2 Certainly the Scriptures teach Gods' love and knowledge; all being part of His Omniscience.

7. **Omnipresence** – God is ever present, a difficult concept beyond both empiricism and rationalism.

7.1 God is not limited by time or space.

7.1.1 God is both a product of effect outside the mind; inherent with all and beyond the limits of experience.

7.1.2 God is therefore in the heaven and the earth simultaneously.

7.1.3 Jesus's agreeing to become human involved the imposition of many self-imposed restrictions; not the least was His omnipresence;

7.2 Two sobering thoughts:

7.2.1 You cannot escape the presence of God.

7.2.2 He therefore does not ever leave you, even in times of great distress.

Jer 16:17 My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from me, nor is their sin concealed from my eyes

Jer 23:24 Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD.

1Ki 8:27 "But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built!

Isa 66:1 This is what the LORD says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be?

Deu 4:39 Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other.

Pro 15:3 The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.

Heb 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake.

8. **Omnipotent** - God is all-powerful and limitless in ability.

8.1 For example:

8.1.1 God is mighty to save those who believe.

8.1.2 to believers He makes known ... "what is the exceeding greatness of His power."

8.1.3 He is mighty to keep the believer and nothing and no one can remove us from the earth until it is the Lord's time.

8.1.4 There is nothing too hard for God.

8.1.5 There is nothing impossible with God.

Psa 147:5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

Psa 93:1 The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and is armed with strength. The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved

Isa 55:11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Gen 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless.

Heb 7:25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Eph 1:19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength,

1Pe 1:5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Jer 32:27 "I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"

Job 42:2 "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.

Luk 1:37 For nothing is impossible with God.

Isa 40:8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."

Ecc 3:14 I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him.

1Co 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it

1Th 5:24 The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

9. **Immutability** – God is absolutely stable

9.1. God has never been in a slump and He never changes.

9.2 You can count on God to never change.

9.3 His Word is unchangeable.

9.4 His works are unchanging.

9.5 The person of Christ and His thinking are immutable.

9.6. You and I are totally unstable and desperately need the stability of His mind.

9.7 God is faithful to always deliver us from pressure and testing.

9.8 God is faithful in the administration of His plan for us and in His provision for us.

1Th 5:24 The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

1Pe 1:25 but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

Isa 40:8 The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever."

Heb 6:18 God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged.

10. **Veracity** – God is the ultimate example of truth.

10.1 God is absolute truth, an expression of His righteousness.

10.2 God's veracity is manifested in His ways.

10.3 God is said to be full of grace and truth.

10.4 Man is a liar but God is truth.

10.5. Wisdom has always existed even before the name of God. Wisdom and truth are synonymous.

Deu 32:4 He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

Psa 25:10 All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.

Psa 85:10 Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

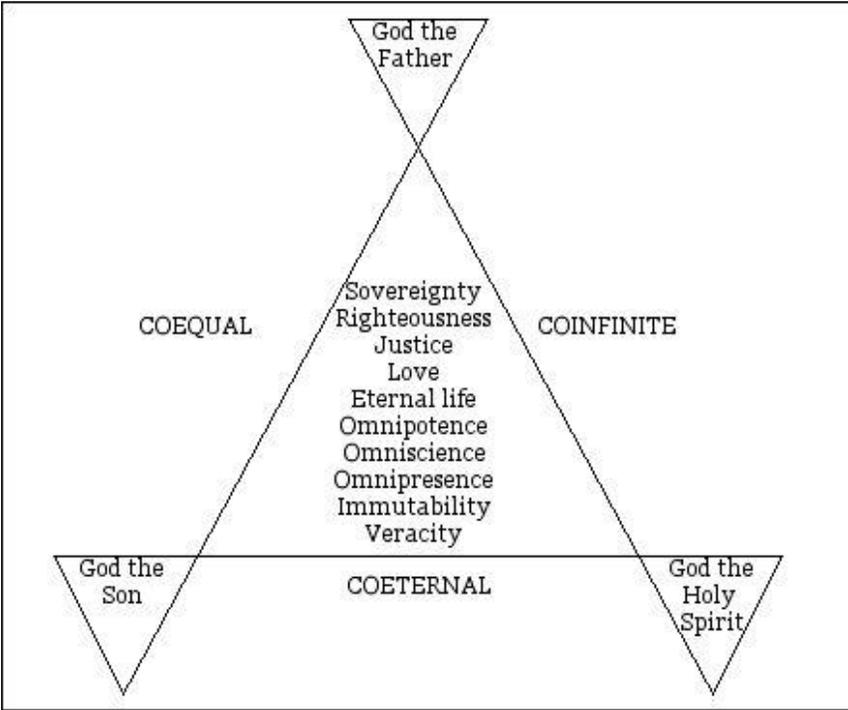
Psa 10:11 Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

Rev 16:3 The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea died.

Rom 3:4 Not at all! Let God be true, and every man a liar. As it is written: "So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge."

Joh 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.

11. Conclusion—Chart Form



12. Now let's see what we can learn from Joh 5:25-32.

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Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Joh 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

Joh 5:27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

Joh 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

Joh 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Joh 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Joh 5:31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.

Joh 5:32 There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.

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Joh 5:25 I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.

Joh 5:26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.

Joh 5:27 And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

Joh 5:28 "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice

Joh 5:29 and come out -- those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

Joh 5:30 By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

Joh 5:31 "If I testify about myself, my testimony is not valid.

Joh 5:32 There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is valid.

1. I think the best way to study these verses is to review (at least in part) the *Doctrine of The Post Resurrection Appearances of Christ*.

The Post-Resurrection Appearances of Christ

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Mat 28:1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James the less went to look at the tomb.

Mat 28:2 There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it

Mat 28:3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

Mat 28:4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

Mat 28:5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

Mat 28:6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Mat 28:7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

Mat 28:8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Mat 28:9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.

Mat 28:10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."...

Mat 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

Mat 28:17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

Mat 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Mat 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
Mat 28:20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

1. Matthew's account of the resurrection includes fewer details than the accounts of Luke and John.
2. The substantial agreement of the four narratives, coupled with a wide variety of details and viewpoints, demonstrates their truthfulness and yet their independence of one another.

Discovery of the Empty Tomb

KJV

Mat 28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

Mat 28:2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

Mat 28:3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

Mat 28:4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

Mat 28:5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

Mat 28:6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Mat 28:7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

Mat 28:8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciple's word.

1. In the phrase, the end of the sabbath, the use of (Οψε anglicized Opse) is an improper preposition better translated "after." This is now clearly recognized; therefore, the better translation should be "after the sabbath."

Mar 16:1-3; Luk 24:1-2 and Joh 20:1

Mar 16:1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

Mar 16:2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb

Mar 16:3 and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

Luk 24:1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.

Luk 24:2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

Joh 20:1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

2. Mary Magdalene, the other Mary and certain other women came at the break of dawn on Sunday to do the anointing of Jesus's body.

(Mat 27:56-61)

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Mat 27:56 Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and Salome the mother of Zebedee's children ...

Mat 27:61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and Joses, sitting over against the sepulcher.

3. As they approached, an earthquake occurred, and an angel rolled back the great stone from the entrance.

3.1 This was not the moment of resurrection, but was rather intended to reveal the empty tomb to the witnesses.

3.2 The resurrected Christ was not confined by natural barriers (Joh 20:19,26), and must have arisen about sundown on Saturday night.

4. It seems that Mary Magdalene immediately left to notify Peter and John (Joh 20:1,2), and did not hear the announcement, He is risen, which the angel made to the other women.

4.1.1 He goeth before you into Galilee.