

When We Get God, We Get All of Him

We are inconsistent. Very often we are made up of parts that fight for control. God is always consistent. The fancy doctrine term for this is Divine Simplicity. Have you considered what it means that God is consistent? Have you thought about why it's important to us that God's love is combined with His righteousness, and His power, and His omniscience, and all the rest?

Scripture(s): Psalm 145, Psalm 15, James 1:2-18; Romans 8:28-39; 1 John 4:7-12, 1:5-10; Lamentations 3:19-24

Remember this - The God of all power who can both create and destroy at His will is also fully the God of all mercy who gives _____ freely to broken people like us. He is all of that at once _____ of the time.

I. The first truth that points us to the wonder of a God who is unified rather than at odds with Himself is God's gifts and promises can be _____ for He is not capricious. We have a God who gives to us His promises and gifts without holding _____ or wishing He could take them _____. The biggest promises of the Christian life are based upon God's unified _____.

Romans 8:28-39 ²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose... ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?... ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

II. The second truth that points us to the wonder of a God who is unified rather than at odds with Himself is His love can be _____. Two attributes are most encouraged in believers because of God's unified nature: holiness and _____. We can always trust that God's descriptions of love that we are urged to follow are good and will bring _____ to us.

1 John 4:7-12 ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John 1:5-10 ⁵ This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that **God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.**

III. The third truth that points us to the wonder of a God who is unified rather than at odds with Himself is God's power never comes to us _____ from His goodness and love. Even in our hardest moments we can see God's goodness and love when we are _____ to see them.

Malachi 3:6 "For I am the Lord, **I do not change**; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob."

Lamentations 3:19-24 ¹⁹ Remember my affliction and roaming,

The wormwood and the gall. ²⁰ My soul still remembers And sinks within me. ²¹ This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. ²² Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. ²³ They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. ²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!"

What should we do?

1. Resist the _____ of ALL of who God is when you are struggling under things like doubt, guilt, sorrow, or suffering.

2. When under any weight turn to Scriptures that remind you of what it means to _____ that God is unified and indivisible. (Psalm 145, Romans 8:28-39; 1 John 1:5-10 and 4:7-12 for example)

3. Copy God's example and cultivate _____ character and love in your own life.

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