

The Inscrutable Question: Principles Regarding the Love of God as the Integrity of God

31. From all of this emerge several principles [See visual: **Love-IntegrityOfGod.ppt**]:
- 1) God's love is eternal and has always existed.
 - 2) God's love exists with or without an object.
 - 3) God's eternal love is the embodiment of divine essence and therefore is made up of several composites such as righteousness, justice, grace, and omnipotence.
 - 4) Divine integrity is immutable and unalterable and therefore does not vacillate but remains constant and absolute.
 - 5) Consequently, God's love, since it has existed from eternity past, cannot be influenced positively or negatively by creature action.
 - 6) God is love. Therefore, divine love is not motivated nor is it an emotion. It is, in fact, divine integrity.
 - 7) The concepts of motivation and emotion belong to creatures and thus did not exist until the creation of creatures both angelic and human.
 - 8) Man has emotion in the body and it originates in the limbic system of the brain. It does not even originate in the cerebral cortex. Consequently, emotion is not a part of the soul but is in fact, sub-human, originating in the midbrain.
 - 9) On the other hand, motivation is in the soul and results from Bible doctrine circulating in the seven compartments of the stream of consciousness.
 - 10) It is in the *kardia* compartment of the soul's mentality that motivation develops and it is thus based on resident doctrine.
 - 11) Once resident doctrine has metabolized information regarding the love of God, then the believer's soul in turn develops reciprocal love for God.