

The Inscrutable Question: Personal Love for God: Composites of Divine Integrity; “God Demonstrates His Own Love,” Rom 5:8

23. In summary, God’s perfect righteousness is the standard of divine love or divine integrity.

24. God’s perfect justice is the execution of divine love or divine integrity.

25. The love of God provides solutions to man’s problems by means of grace.

26. Man’s problems were known to God by means of His divine omniscience which was able to comprehend the sins, failures, and wrongdoing of the human race in the infinite past.

PRINCIPLE: Divine virtue love provides solutions that are administered through grace, compatible with immutable righteousness, and executed by incorruptible justice.

27. The love of God was demonstrated to us by the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. This brings us back to our verse in:

Romans 5:8 - But God demonstrates His own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died as a substitute for us.

1) “God demonstrates” is the present active indicative of the verb:

συνίστημι / *sunistemi* / - “to stand together; to associate; to demonstrate”

present: **progressive**; signifies action in progress, or in a state of persistence, and may be represented by the graph (_____). In the indicative mood it is related to present time. Because of varieties in this relation to present time, the progressive present tense may denote three points of view.

- a) **Description**: indicates what is now going on; also called the “pictorial present” since its distinctive force is to present to the mind a picture of the events as in process of occurrence.
- b) **Existing results**: refers to a fact which has come to be in the past, but is emphasized as a present reality; stresses the continuation of results through present time.
- c) **Retroactive**: denotes that which has begun in the past and continues into the present; sometimes called the present of duration.

The use here is **retroactive progressive present** and refers to the undiminished unconditional love of God for the human race dating back into eternity past and continuing into the present. Since the tense indicates “duration” then we must conclude that the love of God continues undiminished from its original status quo of perfection to the present time. The demonstration of God’s love that is manifest to us is the saving work of Christ on the cross.

Once Christ was judged for the sins of mankind then God was propitiated, the barrier that separates mankind from fellowship with God was removed as a result of reconciliation, and, under unlimited atonement, all mankind was redeemed from the slave market of sin with a view toward setting them free.

This demonstration of divine love is manifest every time a person believes in Jesus Christ for salvation.