

**Romans#031**

**“Integrity First”**

***Romans 2:8-11***

**Love is automatic when integrity is involved and if love is first, there’s instability; if integrity is first, there’s only stability.**

**Anything that contradicts the righteousness of God is not the divine personality and anything that conflicts with the righteousness of God is sin.**

**Omnipresence includes immanence & transcendence.**

**The Trinity indwells the entire universe and this is immanence and transcendence means that God is above and independent of the universe and time.**

**God is free to be on Mount Sinai with Moses and at the same time to be present at all times in all places, creating and sustaining both time and space and at the same time being outside of time and space.**

**God lives and He does not possess life, He is life.**

**God is eternal, infinite, unchangeable, unending life both inside and outside of space and time.**

**Because God is immutable, His love cannot vacillate or change.**

**God foreknew human sin and failure and He did not cancel His love for mankind.**

**The only thing that impresses God in the human race is the reflection of divine integrity in the spiritual life.**

**God loves because it’s a part of His internal integrity;**

**He doesn’t love us in response to our behavior.**

**All of the personality traits or human characteristics which describe God must be related to human expression to avoid blasphemy and to understand divine policy.**

**Emotion is not part of the integrity & the person of God and emotion is not a motivator in the spiritual life.**

**The righteousness of God has given total approval to the postsalvation spiritual life & the righteousness of God is the foundation for the function of the grace of God.**

**All divine attributes form the person and integrity of God.**

**The integrity of God is the total of divine attributes in operation, but 3 are functional in relationship to the believer and his spiritual life: righteousness, justice and love.**

**Perfect righteousness is the principle of integrity and justice is its function and all of God’s grace is based on His integrity.**

**To avoid compromise of the integrity of the holiness of God, a judicial procedure was established in eternity past and fulfilled in time—what the righteousness of God condemns, the justice of God judges.**

**God's integrity is not maintained by His sovereign will; it's a part of His unchangeable being.**

**Divine justice administers a system of divine laws which are compatible with God's perfect integrity.**

**Since man is a sinner, he can have no integrity before God unless he shares divine integrity. Therefore, the integrity of God supersedes the love of God, as demonstrated when God the Father set aside His eternal love for His Son and judged Him in our place.**