

i John Series

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1 John 2:29, “If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.”

1 John 3:1, “See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.”

1. Antecedent Grace is based on the interaction between the three elements of Divine Integrity.

ESSENCE OF GOD

Sovereign

Omniscience

Righteousness

Omnipresent

Justice

Omnipotent

Love

Veracity

Eternal Life

Immutability

ESSENCE OF GOD

Sovereign

Omniscience

Righteousness

Omnipresent

Justice

Consistent

Love

Eternal

Righteousness

Love

Justice

Truth

2. Motivated by divine love, God's antecedent grace took the initiative in eternity past to solve man's problems.

3. Antecedent Grace is based on divine omniscience. God knows all the knowable immediately, simultaneously, and eternally and knew the perfect solution for every human problem and difficulty immediately, simultaneously, and eternally.

4. Divine love logically motivates an eternal solution. Because of who God is He knows the problem and in human terms immediately seeks a solution.

1 Jn. 4:10, “In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be a propitiation for our sins.”

5. In the English language, the word “antecedent” means the action of going before, preceding, existing before, and has the connotation of precedence.

6. There are two categories of antecedent grace: the divine initiative of eternity past, and the divine initiative in time.

Rom. 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

1. Definition: Love has different dimensions, yet all are interrelated.

For the believer, God's character or revelation must be the starting point of definitions, we will build from there.

a. Love: A mental attitude which desires the best for its object.

John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 13:35, “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Luke 10:25, “And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’”

Luke 10:26, “And He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?’ ”

Luke 10:27, “And he answered and said, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

**Matt. 22:34–35 Jesus summarized
the Law into these two
commandments.**

**Luke 10:28, “And He said to him,
‘You have answered correctly; do
this, and you will live.’**

**Luke 10:29, “But wishing to justify
himself, he said to Jesus, ‘And
who is my neighbor?’ ”**

Luke 10:30, “Jesus replied and said, ‘A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho; and he fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went off leaving him half dead.

Luke 10:31, “ ‘And by chance a certain priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.’ ”

Luke 10:32, “ ‘And likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

Luke 10:33, “ ‘But a certain Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion,’ ”

**Luke 10:34, “ ‘and came to him,
and bandaged up his wounds,
pouring oil and wine on them; and
he put him on his own beast, and
brought him to an inn, and took
care of him.’ ”**

Luke 10:35, “ ‘And on the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, “Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return, I will repay you.” ’ ”

Luke 10:36, “ ‘Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers’ hands?’

**Luke 10:37, “And he said, ‘The one who showed mercy toward him.’
And Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do the same.’ ”**

Lev. 19:18, “You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.”

Gal. 5:14, “For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

James 2:8, “If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law, according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you are doing well.”

John 1:12, “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children [teknon] of God, even to those who believe in His name,”

Rom. 8:15, “For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, ‘Abba! Father!’ ”

Rom. 8:23, “And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.”

Gal. 4:5, “in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

1 John 3:2, “Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.”