

THEOLOGY PROPER



GLORY OF GOD

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PERFECTIONS



A. Introduction

B. Incommunicable Perfections

C. Communicable Perfections

5. Wrath

6. Sovereignty

7. Truth

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TRUTH



“... agreement to that which is represented and includes the ideas of veracity, faithfulness, and consistency.”

C. Ryrie

“God is truth. His knowledge, declarations, and representations eternally conform to reality. The truth of God is not only the foundation of all religion, but also of all knowledge. God is true in that He is genuine God as well as truthful God. He is the source of all truth.”

Thiessen

Jn 3:33 “He who has received His witness has set his seal to this, that **God is true.**

Jn 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the **truth**, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

1Jn 5:7 And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the **truth**.

Jn 17:17 “Sanctify them in the **truth**; Thy word is **truth**.”

ABSOLUTE TRUTH

1. Father - “God is true”
2. Son - “I am ... truth”
3. HS - “Spirit of truth”
4. His Word - “... word is truth”
5. Gospel - “... truth of the
gospel”

TRUTH

1. His Nature
2. His Word
3. His Commands
4. His Promises
5. His Threats

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GRACE



“God’s love shown to those who have not deserved it, but have rather deserved its opposite”

Hoekema

“The unmerited goodness or love of God to those who have forfeited it and are by nature under a sentence of condemnation.”

L. Berkhof

**Ps 86:15 But Thou, O Lord, art a
God merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abundant in
lovingkindness and truth.**

**1Cor 1:4 I thank my God always
concerning you, for the grace
of God which was given you in
Christ Jesus,**

DESCRIPTIONS

- 1Pe 5:10 ... God of all grace
- 1Pe 5:12 ... true grace of God
- 1Pe 4:10 ... manifold grace of God.
- He 4:16 ... throne of grace
- 1Co 9:14 ... surpassing grace of God
- Eph 1:6 ... glory of His grace
- Eph 1:7 ... riches of His grace
- Eph 2:7 ... surpassing riches of His grace

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GOODNESS

**“That perfection of God
which prompts Him to deal
bountifully and kindly with all
His creatures.”**

L. Berkhof

**“The Goodness of God is the
drive behind all the blessings
He daily bestows upon us.”**

A. W. Tozer

**Ps 145:9 The Lord is good to all,
And His mercies are over all
His works.**

**Ps 135:3 Praise the Lord, for the
Lord is good; Sing praises to
His name, for it is lovely.**

Ps 119:68 Thou art good and doest good; Teach me Thy statutes.

Jn 10:11 “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

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LOVE



“God's love is that perfection of the divine nature by which God is eternally moved to communicate Himself. It is not a mere emotional impulse, but a rational and voluntary affection, having its ground in truth and holiness and its exercise in free choice. This is not to deny feeling, for love necessarily involves feeling.”

Thiessen

“God’s love is an exercise of His goodness towards individual sinners whereby, having identified Himself with their welfare, He has given His Son to be their Savior, and now brings them to know and enjoy Him in a covenant relation.”

J.I. Packer

1Jn 4:8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

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

SCOPE

1. Holy

2. Sacrificial

3. Infinite

4. Free

5. Independent

6. Eternal

7. Emotional

8. Gracious

The Love of God

OBJECTS

1. Trinity
2. Unbelievers
3. OT Saints
4. NT Saints

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11. Other Perfections

OTHER PERFECTIONS

1. Righteousness



RIGHTEOUSNESS

- **Related - Holiness, Justice**
- **He conforms to a perfect standard in Himself - He is the standard**
- **Ps 11:7, Isa 5:16, 45:21**

OTHER PERFECTIONS

1. Righteousness

2. Wisdom

3. Faithfulness

WISDOM

- **Related - Truth**
- **He knows how to use His infinite knowledge to best possible end**
- **Isa 28:29, 33:6, Rom 16:27**

FAITHFULNESS

- **Related - Goodness, Grace, Love**
- **He never acts contrary to His nature, will, purposes**
- **Deut 32:4, 1Cor 1:9**

OTHER PERFECTIONS

1. Righteousness

6. Gentleness

2. Wisdom

7. Patience

3. Faithfulness

4. Mercy

5. Compassion

MERCY

- **Related - Goodness, Grace, Love**
- **Benevolent compassion of God
toward man as sinner (WGTS)**
- **Ps 86:15, 145:8-9**

COMPASSION

- Related - Goodness, Grace, Love
- Another term for Mercy
- Ex 33:19, Ps 103:4, 8, 13

GENTLENESS

- Related - Goodness, Grace, Love
- He is tender; meek; kind;
amiable; mild; not severe
- Ps 18:35, Mt 11:29

PATIENT

- **Related - Goodness, Grace, Love**
- **“... that aspect of God’s love whereby He endures evil men in spite of their disobedience, and seeks to lead them to repentance.” (Hoekema)**
- **Ps 86:15, Rom 2:4**

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MAJESTY

- **Related - Sovereignty**
- **His splendor, sovereignty, greatness, exaltation, above all else, and His throne and rule**
- **Ps 8:1, Deut 33:26**

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EMOTIONS

1. Love

2. Compassion

3. Wrath

4. Jealousy

4. Sorrow

5. Grief

6. Hate

7. Joy

8. Peace

The Love of God

PROBLEM OF EVIL



1. Intro



**“Why do I suffer? This
is the rock of atheism.”**

George Buckner

TYPES of EVIL

- **Natural - does not involve choices of moral agents**
- **Moral - traced to choices & actions of moral agents**

Pisidian Antioch - Cardo

IMPORTANCE

Ephesus
Theater

1. Proof - for Atheist
2. Universal - all affected
3. Reality - design or naturalism
4. Practical - suffering of all

PROBLEM OF EVIL

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2. Problem



PROBLEM OF EVIL

- 1. If God all-Good - wills good**
- 2. If God Omnipotent - does His will**
- 3. Evil Exists**
- 4. God does not exist or not all-good or not omnipotent or both**

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3. Solutions



SOLUTIONS

➤ **Atheism - denies God**

➤ **Naturalism - denies God**

NATURALISM

- **No God**
- **No Purpose**
- **Cause and Effect**
- **Neutral Events**
- **Some Beneficial & Others not**
- **Just the Way things are**

SOLUTIONS

- **Atheism - denies God**
- **Naturalism - denies God**
- **Polytheism - limits God**
- **Dualism - diminishes God**
- **Gnosticism - distorts creation**
- **Pantheism - diminishes God**
- **Idealism - denies evil**
- **Biblical Theism - Good, Omnipotent, Holy, & Sovereign God**

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1. Intro
2. Problem
3. Solutions
4. Biblical



BIBLICAL INSIGHTS

- 1. God is Creator of All - Sovereign**
- 2. Moral Agents Created - volition**
- 3. Moral Agents Choose Evil - Fall** Pergamum - Theater
- 4. Natural Realm Affected - 2nd Law**
- 5. God not author of Evil - Holy**
- 6. God is All-Powerful - Omnipotent**
- 7. God is All-Good - absolute**
- 8. God is Designer - purposes**

GLORY DISPLAYED

1. Blind Man

5. Job

2. Lazarus

6. Death of Christ

3. Unbelievers

7. Display to Angels

4. Pharaoh

BIBLICAL INSIGHTS



9. God Deals with Evil

**Pergamum -
Theater**

CONCLUSION

➤ **Our Lord is Glorious
beyond what we can
Imagine**

Colossae

➤ **Yet Permitted Evil for His
Glorious Purposes**

Deut 5:24 “And you said, ‘Behold, the Lord our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire; we have seen today that God speaks with man, yet he lives.

**The most
IMPORTANT
study one can
pursue!!!!!!**