

GETTING TO KNOW GOD
Lesson 15

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THE CREATOR CLOCK

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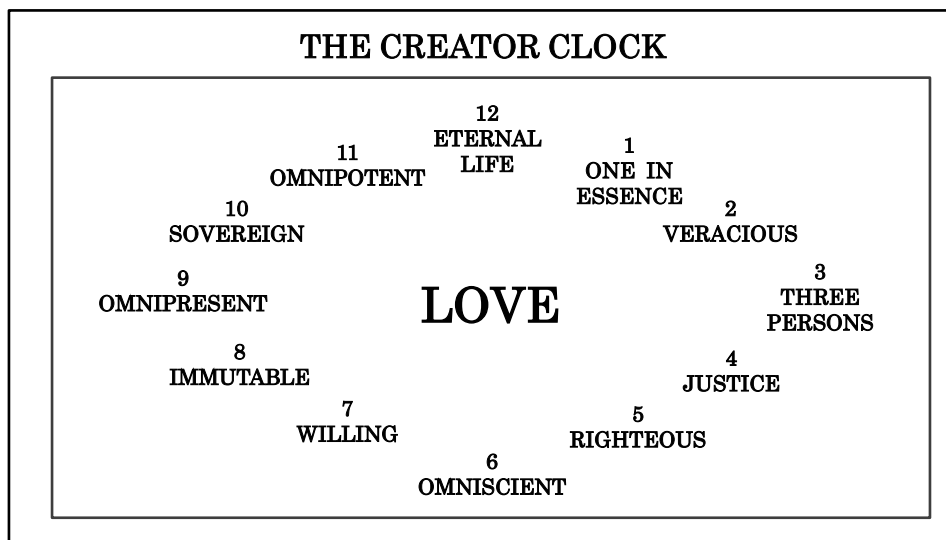
Welcome to Barah Ministries...a Christian Church based in Mesa, AZ...my name is Pastor Rory Clark. Barah Ministries has a worldwide reach and an intimate impact on lives, through the gracious provision of our omnipotent God, the Lord Jesus Christ. One of His many blessings is the internet, and through it, anyone with access can be reached with His Word.

I have a question for you...

What Do You Know About God?

These ten-minute lessons introduce you to God and make you aware of some of His attributes. To help you remember the Lord's attributes, we'll use The Creator Clock so you will recognize a few of the many things that are unique and special about your CREATOR. Tick Tock...what time is it on the Creator Clock?

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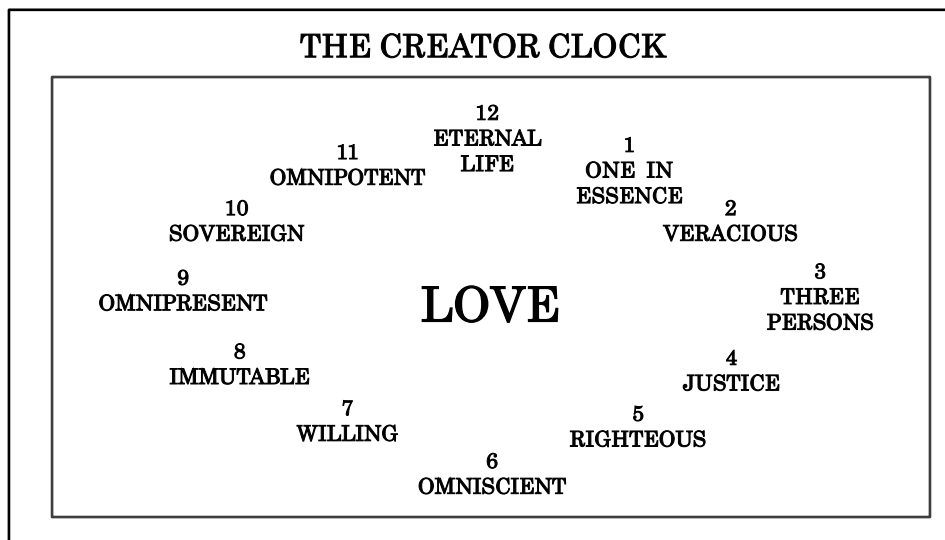
It's the part of the clock that is timeless...the center of the clock...and at the center of the Creator Clock, just like the center of our Creator, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, there is LOVE.

TODAY'S LESSON

God is LOVE...So What?

We've learned quite a bit about God by taking a tour of the Creator Clock. We know that...

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At the center of the Creator Clock, we know that God is love...He loves every one of us unconditionally.

At One O'clock on the Creator Clock, we know that there is One and ONLY One God.

At Two O'clock on the Creator Clock, we know that God is Veracious...He always tells the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

At Three O'clock on the Creator Clock, we know that the One and Only God expresses Himself in three separate and distinct persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

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At Four O'clock on the Creator Clock, we know that God is justice. He is always completely fair in all of his dealings with His creatures.

At Five O'clock on the Creator Clock, we know that God is righteous. He is free from sin. He is incorruptible.

At Six O'clock on the Creator Clock, we know that God is omniscient, he knows all that is knowable.

At Seven O'clock on the Creator Clock, we know that God is willing...He has ultimate volition, and nothing happens in this universe without His permission.

At Eight O'clock on the Creator Clock, we know that God is immutable...He is faithful...He never changes, so He is someone you can count on.

At Nine O'clock on the Creator Clock, we know that God is omnipresent...He can be everywhere at the same time. He is not bound by space or by time.

At Ten O'clock on the Creator Clock, we know that God is Sovereign...He has ultimate authority over everything and over everyone in the universe. God has rank!

At Eleven O'clock on the Creator Clock, we know that God is omnipotent...He has all the power and no one is stronger than He.

At Twelve O'clock on the Creator Clock, we know that God is Eternal Life...He has no beginning...He has no ending...and He is the Resurrection and the Life.

So what are supposed to think after we learn all these things about God? Well, you know what I think? I think, "So what?!"

For example, God is love. "So what?"

Well, as we reflect on our lives, there is one thing we know for sure. We fail. We don't even live up to our own standards, so it's doubly hard to live up to God's standards. We read excerpts from the bible...like First John, Chapter 2, Verse 1...

First John 2:1

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.

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So that we may not sin?! When we reflect, we know FOR SURE we sin. And the conclusion we come to? God is disappointed in us. We think that God is like human beings, who when we make mistakes, stop accepting us. We're afraid that God will reject us for our mistakes. We're afraid that God doesn't forgive us when we sin.

When we hear God is love...unconditional love...it should tell us that we underestimate God. God is not at all like human beings. God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts, and His ways are higher than our ways.

If you really want to know the "so what?" of "God is love," you have to see yourself as God sees you. You have to look at yourself through God's eyes. Here's a song that may help you change your perspective about yourself, especially when you make mistakes that you think God can't forgive you for.

MUSIC AND REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ
Enjoy the Singing of His Praises

I AM BEAUTIFUL

June Murphy

The song is sung by our Song Worship Leader June Murphy, and it's entitled...I AM BEAUTIFUL.

You are not a disappointment to God. You CAN'T disappoint Him. You HAVE NEVER disappointed Him. In fact, the "so what?" of "God is love" is that God has an endless ability to overlook even your worst mistakes. He sees you as beautiful. Now it's time to see yourselves that way.

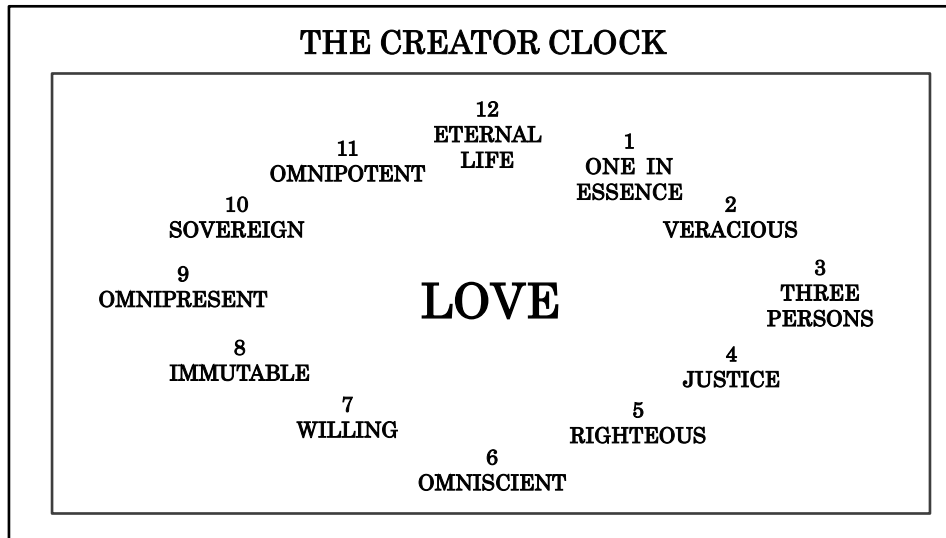
John Lennon got it right! All you need is love. Think of all the songs that talk about love. Love will keep us together...love is many splendored thing...my endless love. We clamor for love. Well we have it. We have a love that doesn't ever hurt... unconditional love from a God who loves us unconditionally.

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It's time for LOVE!

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Keep on getting to know God.

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