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How Great is our God?

SUMMER SERIES

Quick Recap

The Trinity – Jim Gifford

- “The ‘end goal’ of salvation (plan A) is participation in the very life of God.
(F, S, HS)
- Gen 1:26 – “Let us make man in our image”
- SEND \leftrightarrow REVEAL

Quick Recap

Intimacy w/ God – Jeremy Cummings

- John 15:10 – “If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love...”
- Intimacy is a walk, journey, process
- Trust/Belief is the key to intimacy

Quick Recap

A Childlike Faith – Matt Schmidt

- Parents protect, provide, instruct, nurture their children
- “Just because something ‘works’ does not mean it is right
- Child-LIKE not child-ISH

Quick Recap

A Childlike Faith & Adult Walk

– Eric Bjorkfelt

- Matt 5:48 – “Therefore you are to be perfect as Your Heavenly Father is perfect.”
- Wants us to be mature (infant v. mature)

Quick Recap


Maturity is connected with Truth and affects attitudes and behaviors

- Able to discern truth from error
- Able to teach one another
- Able to apply/use
- Able to handle God's Word

Quick Survey...

Can We Agree?

- God is Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- We are created in His image
- He initiates relationship with us
- Intimacy (with God) starts with trust and thrives in obedience
- God empowers us for maturity



Becoming an Emotellect

ROMANS 12

Are We Conformed?

Romans 12:2 “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing, and perfect will.”



Define: Emotion

WBC'ers: ????

Define: Emotion

Webster:

A strong feeling, the affective aspect of consciousness, the state of feeling, a conscious mental reaction (as anger or fear) subjectively experienced as strong feelings usually directed toward a specific object and typically accompanied by physiological and behavioral changes in the body.

Define: Emotion

American Psychological Association (APA):

“A complex pattern of changes, including physiological arousal, feelings, cognitive processes, and behavioral reactions, made in response to a situation perceived to be personally significant.”

<http://www.apa.org/research/action/glossary.aspx?tab=5>



Emotions

Anger

Fear

Kindness

Shame

Friendship

Envy

Indignation

Pity

Love

Does God have Emotion?

What we are NOT talking about:

- **Anthropomorphism:** *the attribution of human characteristics to a god, animal or object*

What we ARE talking about:

- Character Expression
- Unchangedness (Immutability)

Let's Look in the Book:

- God *Hates* (Deut. 12:31, Ps. 11:5)
- God is *Compassionate* (Gen 19:16, 2 Chr 30:9)
- God *Grieves* (Gen 6:6, John 11:35)
- God is *Joyful* (Neh 8:10, Zeph 3:17)
- God *Delights* (Gen 1:31, Ps 147:10-11, Prov. 11:20)

So, Does God have Emotion?

God's **emotion** is an expression of His character and always active or proactive as toward His creation.

God does NOT respond or react “emotionally”
(RE: Webster, APA) to His creation.

And What About Us?

“To Live is Christ to Die is Gain”

Study on Philippians by Matt Chandler

And What About Us?

Romans 12:4-6

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.”

One Body... Many Members

- Unity in the bond of Christ
- Diversity in the gifts by grace
- Dependent on each other

Wait! What about Emotions???

Romans 12:9-16

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, (*cont.*)

Romans 12:9-16

Faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. (*cont.*)

Romans 12:9-16

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.”

Do We Have Emotions?

- Summer Olympics
- Hospital Visit
- Bad Drivers
- Facebook “Likes”

YES!!!

Conformed or Transformed?

Romans 12:2

“Be not conformed”

BUT

“Be transformed”

So, Do We Have Emotions?

CONFORMED:

Buy into the pattern of this world that **emotions** are involuntary responses to outside influences.

TRANSFORMED:

Godly **emotions** are an expression of our new character reflecting the One whose image we bear.

Transformed Emotions

- Purposeful Expression of our Identity
 - *“Rejoice with those who rejoice...”*
- Gauge, not a GPS
- Cultivated in Community