



1. Reasons it is necessary for us to educate people about God as He reveals Himself (through His special revelation – i.e. the Scriptures):

- 1.1. It is how we prove to people that we are not their enemy but a true friend (Pro 27:6 w/Gal 4:16)
- 1.2. It is how we save them from going to Hell (Rom 10:14-15 w/Joh 17:3; Jam 5:19 w/Rev 21:8)
- 1.3. Our behavior is always indicative and the result of our view of God (IOW: theology is why people do what they do – 1Co 15:34).
- 1.4. Moral depravity has made us morons as it relates to possessing a right view of God simply from general revelation (Eph 4:17-19; Rom 1:18-22).
- 1.5. Most people (including those who claim to be Christians) have no idea what the Bible/Scriptures reveal about God (and therefore possess as "God" an idol – a figment of their moronic imagination – Amo 8:11; Tit 1:16).

2. What God reveals about Himself (in His special revelation -i.e. the Scriptures):

2.1. He alone is God and the only One Who can save you.

(Deu 4:33-35, 39; Isa 45:5-6, 21-22, 46:9; Act 4:12; Psa 10:3-4; 14:1)

2.2. He owns you and the rest of the universe He created and therefore does with it (or demands from it) whatever He likes.

(Gen 1:1, 14:19; Exo 9:29; Deu 10:14; Psa 50:11-12; Isa 29:16, 45:7; Rom 9:21)

2.3. He does not need you nor care what you think nor change His mind (or ways).

(Psa 2:1-4; Isa 40:13-18; Dan 4:34-35; Rom 11:34//Num 23:19; Mal 3:6; Heb 13:8)

2.4. He will only accept, care for, save (etc.) those who turn from (i.e. repent of) their rebellion, sins, attempts to be God and fully submit to Him as their absolute Master in faithful obedience to everything He says (in His Word/Bible) for the rest of their lives. In other words, His love is conditional¹.

(Exo 19:5; Deu 28:1-2, 30:9-19; Eze 18:20-32; Mat 5:17-20 w/7:21-27; Luk 6:46, 13:3-5; Mar 1:14-15; Act 3:19, 26:20; Rom 2:6-11; Heb 5:9, 10:26-27; 1Jo 2:1-6)

2.5. He hates, is against, is the wrathful enemy of, and will send to eternal Hell every single person who does not turn from (i.e. repent of) their rebellion, sins, attempts to be God and fully submit to Him as their absolute Master in faithful obedience to everything He says (in His Word/Bible) for the rest of their lives. In other words, His mercy/grace is conditional².

(2Ki 22:13; Psa 2:5-12; 5:5; 7:11-13, 21:8-13, 50:16-22; Nah 1:2-3; Joh 3:36; Rom 1:18; Col 3:5-6; 2Th 1:5-10; Rev 21:8)

Closing consideration:

Based on what we hear coming out of popular Christianity (or many claiming to be Christian) today, who are they worshiping/serving/believing in/trusting? Is it God (as He discloses Himself in His Word), or a figment of their moronic imagination?

¹ 1) All love has conditions; 2) Who or what determines the condition(s) of our love also reveals who or what controls us; 3) The other person, the one we are extending "unconditional love" to, is the actually the one determining the conditions of our love; 4) Unconditional love therefore just means it is that person, the one we are extending "unconditional love" to, who controls us. That is the person we truly serve as "God"; 5) Unconditional love is synonymous with worship. To say that we love someone unconditionally is therefore the same as saying we worship them; 6) The only one worthy of such love and worship is God. He is the only one who should control us. He is the only one who should determine the conditions of my love. This then, in turn, also defines our love for others.

² Jam 2:13 says that "mercy triumphs over judgment". This however hardly supports mercy as a form of trump card to God's wrath/judgment. Rather, James is referring to the benevolence the Law of God requires that we show in relation to our poor brother/sisters (see 2:1-4). As such, his point is this: what keeps us under God's mercy (and out of the way of His wrath/judgment), is by obeying His Law – including the laws of covenantal mercy.