October 31st – November 1st, 2026
God is… Part 2

- **God is…**
  - We started a new series last week. We are calling it, "God is…" We will cover Scriptures that talk about who God is. Each week we will cover one or more aspects of the nature of God. **Jeremiah 9:23-24**
    - We want to know God. That means knowing not just what He does, but who He is. Knowing God's nature. Knowing God's character. **2 Peter 1:4**
      - We are finding out what God's divine nature is. Then, we can know Him. Then, we can participate in Him.
  - Last week: God is love. **1 John 4:7-8**
    - Love originates in God. Love comes from God. Love originates in God because God is love.
    - Love is not something that God just does. It is actually who He is. There's a difference between saying God is loving, and God is love. One is an action. The other is part of the very nature of God. He's both.
    - Key points:
      - God loves you like He loves His Son, Jesus. God values you like He values Jesus. **John 17:23**.
      - God has loved you at all stages of your life.
      - God has loved you for a long, long time. His thoughts for you cannot be counted because He is always thinking of you.
      - He loves you to the highest extent possible. There is no greater love than His.
      - There is nowhere that you can go that His love can't reach you.
  - This week…
    - We'll have two sections today: (1) God is light, and (2) God is the way, the truth, and the life.
    - If you like connecting different verses together, you'll like this sermon.
- **Part 2: God is light.**
- **1 John 1:5** – God is light.
  - God is light. The nature of God is light.
  - Let's dissect this verse bit by bit.
  - "This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you…"
    - How did John get the revelation that God is light? John learned this because He heard it from Jesus. Jesus claimed this about Himself. **John 8:12**
    - Jesus said that He is the light. When John is writing this in both the gospel account and in 1 John, he is speaking about what he has seen and heard.
    - There is context with this phrase though that can get lost through time. He is speaking to the Pharisees. They know the Old Testament very well. I'd imagine that they would know what verse He is referencing when Jesus says that He is the light. Jesus is probably referencing **Isaiah 9:2; 6**.
    - This is a common messianic prophecy. It's often read around Christmas time talking about Jesus being born. It refers to the messiah as a great light.
    - When Jesus tells them that He is the light of the world, they would have known the claim that He was making. He's telling them, "That great light in Isaiah. That's me!"
    - Back to 1 John, this is the message that John heard and is declaring: God is light.
  - "God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all."

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        - There is not even a little darkness in God. He is not 95% light and 5% darkness. He is 100% light. We can be a mix of good and bad. But God is 100% light. There can't be darkness in God because light is His nature. Why?
        - Let's connect this verse to other writings of John. **John 1:4-5**
        - There is no struggle between darkness and light. When you turn on a light switch, there is no back and forth between light and dark to see who wins. The light just fills the room. The Lord is so full of light. All it takes for Him to push back darkness is just to turn the light switch on, except He doesn't even need a light switch! He must have Alexa, because when He says, "Let there be light." The light just turns on! He doesn't even need a light switch.
        - Darkness is the absence of light. If God is light, you could also say: Darkness is the absence of God. The cure for darkness is God.
        - Jesus said that he saw Satan fall like lightning. How quick is lightning? A lightning strike is fast. That rebellion wasn't a close back and forth to see who would win. God just won.
        - John furthers this concept of God is light in the book of Revelation: **Revelation 21:23-25; 22:5**
        - This section talks about the New Jerusalem. It's talking about Heaven. God will give light in Heaven. Now, here on the Earth, if we didn't have the sun, we would all die. We need the sun's energy. Plant's convert light to energy. Even if the moon disappeared right now, that would have some large effects on the world. In Heaven, we won't need the sun or moon because God will be that for us. We'll feed off of His energy and His light.
        - And God is no piddly, little light. **1 Timothy 6:16**
        - When I was a kid, I really wanted to stare right at the sun. So, I would try to get a quick glance and look away. You can't stare straight at the sun for very long without damaging your eyes. It is just that bright. God's light is so powerful and bright that not only is He too bright to look at but you also can't even approach the light. This ties into last week. God's love is so vast that you need power to handle His love. His light is the same way. You need power. If our physical form can't even look at the sun without damaging our eyes, what would the brightness of God do to us? I don't think that's something we can handle right now. We need power to understand God. We need power to approach God.
    - Let's go to the next aspect of God's nature.
- **John 14:6 –** God is the way. God is the truth. God is the life.
    - Jesus isn't just a way. He is the way.
    - Truth isn't just a nice idea God had a few thousand years ago. He is the truth.
    - Life is something God has more abundantly because He is the life. When you get an absence of God, you get an absence of life. Remember Adam and Eve? What did God say they would get if they chose to do something separate from Him? They would get death. And that is what they got. They got death because God is life. To be absent from God, is to be absent from life.
    - Let's tie these three together by looking at **John 1:51**. God is the way, truth, and life.
    - When Jesus said that they would see angels ascending and descending on Him, He's not just saying something random. He's referencing a passage in the Old Testament. He is referencing **Genesis 28:10-13.**
    - When Jesus is saying to them, "You will see angels ascending and descending on the Son of Man." He's telling them, "I'm the staircase. There is a path (staircase) that leads to Heaven. I'm the path. I'm the way, and the Father is at the top. There is no other way to the Father, except through me because I'm the staircase, the way, the truth, the life."
- *******START MUSIC*****COMMUNION*******
- Communion is symbolic of us partaking in Jesus. When we partake in Jesus, we partake in life. We partake in light. Because He is all of that. **John 6:35-40**
- **Send off:** prayer@goodhope.ag Thank you so much for being with me today! May the Lord bless you!