DOCTRINE OF THE DIVINE DYNASPHERE

- **A.** Definition. The divine Dynasphere is God's plan for the royal family of God or Church Age believer. It is God's game plan for the Church Age; the boundary for the Christian way of life. The divine Dynasphere is the power of the Christian way of life. It is God's will and plan for your life. It is the spiritual life of the believer.
- **B**. Terminology.
 - 1. Dynasphere comes from the Greek DUNAMIS, meaning power, and the Attic Greek SPHAIA, meaning sphere. The power sphere is the area or boundary for Christians. Since they are clearly defined in the New Testament, but with different terms, we use this one word.

- 2. If the believer is in the cosmic system, he is not in the divine dynasphere.
- 3. Satan's rulership of this world is administered through his own power systems, while divine control of the believer is administered through God's power sphere.

C. Mandates.

- Mandates for residence and function in the divine dynasphere are given in relationship to the third person of the trinity, God the Holy Spirit.
 - a. "Be filled with the Spirit," Eph 5:18, refers to the initial entrance into the divine Dynasphere at the point of salvation.

- b. "Walk by means of the Spirit," Gal 5:16, is a mandate for the believer to remain inside the divine dynasphere.
- c. "Grieve not the Spirit," Eph 4:30, is a mandate to the believer not to enter the cosmic system.
- d. "Quench not the Spirit," <u>1 Thes 5:19</u>, is the mandate for the believer not to enter cosmic two. Yet, even when the believer is in the cosmic system, the Holy Spirit still indwells the believer, making his body the temple of the Spirit. Therefore, demon possession is impossible, but demon influence still goes on outside the divine dynasphere.

- 2. The divine dynasphere is also a system of love, with many mandates for love.
 - a. Capacity for love must be related to the basic virtues of life. Love is only significant in humans as it is first a virtue related to God.
 - b. Category #1 love is toward God; this is the only love that contains in its function virtue itself. This is the only personal love which is a virtue.
 - c. Categories #2 family and #3 friends love are only meaningful as the persons involved have virtue. Therefore, we call these virtue-dependent.

- d. Mankind distorts God's love by superimposing his own standards on God. For example, in time of disaster, "How can a loving God do this to me?" This blasphemy often results from misunderstanding what love is.
- e. Since the fall of Adam, man's contact with God is through God's **integrity**. God's righteousness is the principle of divine integrity, while God's justice is the function of His integrity. God's integrity is not impressed with what man can do. There is nothing man can do to change or destroy the integrity of God. The integrity of God gains nothing from the function of any person.

INTEGRITY \in-'te-gra-te\ noun

- 1 : firm adherence to a code of especially moral values : INCORRUPTIBILITY
- 2 : an unimpaired condition : <u>SOUNDNESS</u>
- 3: the quality or state of being complete or undivided:

 <u>COMPLETENESS</u> Inc Merriam-Webster, Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary
 (Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, 1996).
 - f. The perfect righteousness of God demands righteousness; justice demands justice. Therefore, what the perfect righteousness of God demands, the justice of God executes.

g. The imputation of divine perfect righteousness at the moment of faith not only means justification, but it is the basis for God's love toward man as something more than just an anthropopathism. God loves His own perfect righteousness in us. But He does everything for us because of His integrity, not His love. The source of every blessing we have in life is divine justice imputing that blessing to divine perfect righteousness. God's integrity always takes precedence over His love.

VIRTUE noun

- 1 a : conformity to a standard of right : MORALITY
 - b: a particular moral excellence
- 2 plural: an order of angels see CELESTIAL HIERARCHY
- 3: a beneficial quality or power of a thing
- 4: manly strength or courage: VALOR
- 5: a commendable quality or trait: MERIT
- 6: a capacity to act: POTENCY
- 7: chastity especially in a woman

I COULD NOT LOVE THEE, DEAR, SO MUCH, LOVED I NOT HONOR (INTEGRITY) MORE.

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h. This same principle must hold true in human love. Personal love is meaningless unless the one who loves has integrity. This precedence was established at the cross, where God the Father loved God the Son eternally and infinitely. But God the Father's integrity demanded that His justice impute our personal sins to Christ on the cross and then judge His Son bearing those sins. This demonstrated once and for all that divine integrity takes precedence over divine love in dealing with the human race.

- i. Realizing this, we realize there must be a system whereby we as believers, with all of our failures, can still be sustained by God day by day. How can God give us logistical grace when we are in the cosmic system and continue to fail Him? He doesn't do it because He loves us, but because of His integrity. So also, without integrity, human love has no **virtue**.
- j. God's plan is a system of integrity. So, it is not surprising that God would invent for the royal family of God, a system of integrity; a place where you can live your life in honor, and actually glorify God in spite of having an old sin nature.

k. Why? Because inside of us as royal family of God are two perfect righteousnesses. We not only have the imputation of the Father's perfect righteousness at salvation, but we also share the perfect righteousness of Christ as part of our positional truth. Therefore, having a double righteousness demands that we have a system of spiritual life which is unique, one which is totally different from any system of spiritual life which has ever existed before. You have an opportunity that the greatest believers of the Old Testament did not have and would have loved to have. The Church Age is much more intense in its angelic conflict than any other dispensation. To whom much is given, much is expected.

I. The essence of God is one, but our contact with God's essence is limited. We aren't in contact with His omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, or sovereignty.

The point of contact for us is His integrity, and then His love, but integrity must come first. Without integrity, there is no love. God cannot love us unless we have His integrity. Since obviously we're not as good as God, He gave us His perfect righteousness twice. He did this in grace; we don't earn or deserve it. We have a relationship with God because of God's grace. When God gives us His perfect righteousness, then love follows.

m. So in the divine Dynasphere, integrity must precede love. Love doesn't depend on your personality, sweetness, self-sacrifice; you must have integrity. Without integrity and virtue, there is no love, no execution of the mandates of God. And the divine dynasphere puts the entire package together. Love is not love, life is not life, without the presence of integrity and virtue. Both divine integrity and love stand without any help from man. We need God's help and love, He doesn't need ours.

n. We have the basis for His love because He has given us His virtue, His integrity. But "all our righteous deeds are as filthy rags." <u>Isaiah 56:6</u>. God cannot love anything less than perfect righteousness. Because we possess the perfect righteousness of God, we are the objects of God's love. All the great escrow blessings of maturity come to those who have virtue; God's virtue.

- o. To rightly divide the Word of Truth the believer must distinguish between the attribute of God's love and the anthropopathism of God's love. The attribute is found in 1 John 4:8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. The anthropopathism is found in 2 Cor. 9:7. 2 Corinthians 9:7 Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.
- p. We are royal family; therefore, we must have integrity before love. This means we must have a system, a spiritual life in which integrity comes before love.