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The Doctrine of God & Salvation

Outline

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The Doctrine of God

I. Lesson One

- A. We have three types of theology, a) natural, b) biblical, c) systematic
 - B. We study His existence, his nature, his name, his attributes and his work
 - C. the Bible never discusses if God exists
 - D. By studying God, we must also study Jesus Christ, who revealed God. Joh 1:18
 - E. The five arguments about God are:
 - a) our reason, b) his nature, c) his history, d) the human soul and e) Scripture.
- God is a Trinity and we as humans are a trinity, body, soul and spirit.

II. Lesson Two

Attributes

- A. The nature of God is unsearchable: Rom 11:33 "how unsearchable are his judgments"
- B. the Bible does not give a definition of God. But there is a "theological" definition
- C. God is Spirit John 4:24, He is one Deut 6:4, perfect, personal, infinite, eternal, unchangeable, full of power, holy, just, love, mercy, full of goodness and truth
- D. Moses and David were not perfect, but Jesus was
- E. Denials of God are atheism, agnosticism, materialism, pantheism, polytheism, deism and dualism

III. Lesson Three

- A. The names of God reveal his characterization
- B. All words with EL, Elohim, Eloah
- C. All words with Adonai, Lord, lord
- D. All words with Jehovah, the Eternal, like: Zebaoth, Shadday
- E. His name "Haturk" means Rock

IV. Lesson Four

- A. There are two different kinds of attributes of God, a) absolute and b) moral
- B. Only God can have these attributes
- C. His absolute attributes are:

He is self-existent, unchangeable, eternal, immanent, omniscient and omnipotent
- D. His moral attributes are: holiness, righteousness, love and truth

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E. Among them we see mercy, grace, patience, goodness and faithfulness

V. Lesson Five

- A. The works of God
- B. First his divine purpose
- C. Second the work of his creation
- D. Third the work of his providence
- E. He cares for the physical universe, animals, governments, nations, our birth, success and failures, answers our prayers, rewards the righteous and punishes the unjust

VI. Lesson Six

- A. **The Tri-unity or Trinity**
- B. Monarchianism and Sabellianism is the “Oneness Theology” (e.g. in Pentecostalism, USA)
- C. In the Old Testament, the unity was revealed
- D. In the New Testament, the Tri-unity is revealed
- E. Acts 20:28; Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14 and 1 John 5:7 mention it

VII. Lesson Seven

- A. In the trinity we have **the Son** of God
- B. The son was always with the Father
- C. The three had purpose and fellowship
- D. Jesus was born of a virgin
- E. Jesus is Prophet, Priest and King

VIII. Lesson Eight

- A. The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity
- B. He has personal pronouns
- C. He is God, like the Father and the Son
- D. He is sent by the Father and the Son
- E. There are various symbols of Him: wind, oil, dove, water, power, old wine

The Doctrine of Salvation

I. Lesson One

- A. Soteriology comes from “save” the “word”, “teaching of salvation”
- B. Because God is all knowing, he knew, how his creation would behave
- C. God made man as the Supreme Being over his creation, but man sinned
- D. Sin lead to the “conscience” of man and he had to die
- E. The results of sin are tenfold and the results of sin are depravity, inability, evil and death

II. Lesson Two

- A. Gen 3:15 is the first prophecy of the Bible to reveal the Savior as the **seed** of the woman
- B. The serpent became the enemy of God
- C. Gal 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman
- D. The blood of Jesus takes away the sin of all who believe John 3:16
- E. Jesus Christ saves the world, all who believe in him and pray to him as God

III. Lesson Three

- A. the death of Jesus Christ is to atone for our sins
- B. Jesus death and resurrection is prophesied in the Old Testament
- C. If Jesus did not rise we would not have hope for eternal life
- D. Jesus is our high priest before the father in heaven
- E. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit as helper and will come again to take us where he is

IV. Lesson Four

- A. God redemption is given by Jesus Christ
- B. by Christ God gives us grace and frees us from the law
- C. it is an eternal gift
- D. it separates us from sin
- E. it is God’s forgiveness

V. Lesson Five

- A. False theology: Unconditional Election - Christ died not for all mankind, but only for those he has chosen
- B. Election: 1 Peter 1: 2 “elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ”
- C. Repentance is a change of mind from sin to faith in Jesus Christ as God
- D. Repentance produces eternal life in becoming sons of God
- E. Faith in Jesus Christ has to be preached to all people, so that they can repent and turn to him

VI. Lesson Six

- A. the new birth is death to the old life and being brought into the new life by the word and the Spirit
- B. it is a renewing of the spirit by the Holy Spirit
- C. it is a resurrection of the old self into the new body of Christ
- D. it is brought about by believing in Jesus Christ
- E. it is brought about by believing that he is the Savior

VII. Lesson Seven

- A. Part One: Results of the new birth
- B. There 10 subjects: no condemnation, joy, peace, reconciliation, new life, child of God, new nature, live a life of victory, adoption and sanctification
- C. a) one time experience, b) progressive experience
- D. Three phase of it are, a) positional the ‘moment’ we are born again, b) sanctification during our lifetime, c) complete sanctification when we are with the Lord in heaven
- E. From a) the divine side by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and from b) the human side by faith, obedience to the word, yielding to the Holy Spirit and personal commitment

VIII. Lesson Eight

- A. Part Two: Results of the new birth is assurance as a foundation
- B. The word of God proves our regeneration

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C. 1 John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

D. love for the brothers and sisters, we keep his command but are saved by our faith in Jesus Christ

E. The power of the Holy Spirit enables us

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The Doctrine of God

First, we look at “theology”. It consists of two words: a) **God** (θεος), b) **Logos** (λογος), which means word, discourse and reason. God (ELOHIM) may also mean an angle or angles (elohim) The word is plural. EL and Eloah is singular. The Greek word for ELOHIM/God is **theos** (θεος). – See Psalm 8:5 “For You have made him a little lower than the angels (אֱלֹהִים)”.

We have three types of theology:

1. Natural Theology, 2. Biblical Theology, 3. Systematic Theology.

1. In **God “we live and move and have our being.”** Acts 17:28a By studying God, we look at his “his existence, his nature, his name, his attributes and his work.” We can know God. He is incomprehensible. He is infinite. The wisdom of God is praised in Romans 11:33 by Paul.

2. **But God is knowable.** God has revealed himself through Jesus Christ. Joh 1:18 - 1 Cor 13:12: “For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.” The Bible never argues if God exists. It just starts with “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Gen 1:1 In our mind we have to have a beginning and an ending. We see the stars falling. The sun is going to burn out. Psalm 19:1 says: "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork." Every tribe worships a supreme being. The tribes know God, but the sophisticated do not remember him.

3. **Systematic theology** is the science about **the different fields of theology by subject:**

Bible, God, (or God, Bible) Trinity, the Son, the Holy Spirit, Man, Salvation, the Church and the Last Things.

Five arguments for God's existence:

1. Reason: It is not likely that universe has existed eternally. The universe is dying.
2. Nature: Feelings cannot come from nothing. Atheists say the things have started by a “little spark” (not logic). Cause of Creation: This work of an intelligent creator, as set forth in the Bible.
3. History: Divine providence. God is in control of the streams of events, caring out his purposes: Prophecy. Everything is centered around his son Jesus Christ.
4. The human soul has two parts, first God's image in man, and second Man's moral nature. Man is created in the image of God. Man is over all creation. Man is also a trinity like God. We are body, mind and soul.
5. Scripture: No book has been so inspired, like the Bible. Even Archeology says that the Bible is true. It is sourcebook of history.

Second, the nature of God is unsearchable. The Bible does not give a definition of God. But there is a "theological" definition: God is a Spirit. (John 4:24) He is infinite, eternal, unchangeable, wisdom, power. He is holy, just, love, mercy, goodness and truth. The holiness of God can be seen with Moses, who struck the rock, when he should have talked to it, or David, when he sinned and repented, but God still chastised him. But Jesus lived a perfect life. God's love is shown in John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Four aspects of his divine nature:

- a) God is a spirit. He cannot be defined to a body. The Bible uses "antropomorphism" (God has eyes, arms, ears, eyes). We have angels watching over us. There are also evil spirits. In

the Old Testament we have "theophanies" (appearances of God in human form; Jesus Christ in the Old Testament: "before Abraham was, I AM." John 8:58).

b) God is perfect. God will bring forth his prophecies. Our goal should be, that we are like God.

c) God is personal. God takes care of every need of every individual. God does not get tired. We can come to him with every need.

d) God is one. Deut 6:4 there is one God. The nations around Israel worshipped "nature". God says: "I am the first, I am the last and besides me there is no God." Is 44:6

The God in the New Testament (Jesus) is the same God as in the Old Testament (YEHOVAH).

Seven denials of God:

- Atheism (pagans know there is a God)
- Agnostic (he does not deny God's existence. He just says, that he has no knowledge of God)
- Materialism. They deny spiritual beings. They are selfish people. Humanism is combined of all these fields. They are egoistical: me, mine.
- Pantheism. God is simply nature. God is "all". They do not believe in a personal God.
- Polytheism, God is everywhere. It corrupted Israel's worship.
- Deism, comes from Latin: "theos" (God). It is an impersonal God. They deny man's sinful nature, they reject sinful nature.
- Dualism, they believe in two gods. One is evil and one is good. They believe that these gods are equal. They also believe that everything is nature. Just: "nature is doing this or that".

Third, five name categories of God

1. Elohim is plural and means "strong and mighty one". He is the true God of Israel.

EL = God. (Job; Psalms) Arabic: AL

EL Elyon = the most high

EL Olam = the everlasting

EL Emunah = he is faithful

El-HaNe'eman = he is faithful

EL Shadday = 5 times in Genesis, e.g. Gen 17:1

In Job Shadday is used 34 times.

2. Adonai/Adonay/Adoni - Lord, lord, master, owner - Gen. 15:2

3. The name of God is יהוה / YEHOVAH - Exodus 3:15 = **THE ETERNAL** from the

verb: "to be" / gr. ego eimi (εγω ειμι) = **I AM**. Ex 3:14; Joh 8.58 in Greek

Is 43:11: "YEHOVAH is the redeemer". Luke 2:11 (Jesus Christ is that YEHOVAH)

YHVH is found 6828 timesⁱ in the Hebrew Bible, the Tanakhⁱⁱ (**It is not "Jehovah"**, because

Jehovah is pronounced: [dze'hovah]. But the pronunciation should be [yeho'vah] with the

emphasis on the third syllable and **no [dz]!**).ⁱⁱⁱ Also, actually it should be written in capital

letters: YEHOVAH^{iv} (see my Bible!^v), for LORD is also oftentimes written in capitals. The

name of God is not *Yahweh*. This is only a *modernist* word, which Wilhelm Gesenius^{vi} did not

use in about 1830. The first letter in Hebrew is a "Yod" and not an English "J". Until about

the year 2000 this was not known to many Christians.^{vii} Asher Intrater^{viii}, have speaks it as a

Christian Israeli properly! You can also find it on Wikimedia^{ix}.

4. Haturk = rock

5. YEHOVAH with an additional name:

YEHOVAH Elohim Gen 2:4

YEHOVAH Jireh - the Lord will provide

YEHOVAH Rapha - the Lord is our the healer

YEHOVAH Nissi - the Lord is our banner

YEHOVAH Shalom - the Lord is peace, wellbeing

YEHOVAH Raah - the Lord is our shepherd

YEHOVAH Tsidkenu - the Lord is our righteousness

YEHOVAH Zebaoth - the Lord of Hosts/Glory

YEHOVAH Shammah - the Lord is there

God in the New Testament:

Theos - God/god

Kyrios - Lord

Pater - Father

Fourth, the attributes of God are twofold:

a) Absolute Attributes – He is

1. Self-existent. God and Jesus have life in themselves. He is the ETERNAL. Demonic beings cannot bring life. Only by the power of the Holy Spirit life can be brought. He is not dependent on any other being. He is selfsufficient. He is the creator of all these things.

2. Unchangeable. I am the Lord, I change not. Mal 3:6 Romans 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3. Eternal. Psalm 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. Rev 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, says the Lord, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." Rev 22:13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

4. Immanent. Jer 23:23 "Am I a God near at hand, says the Lord, And not a God afar off? 24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him? says the Lord; Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord." God is in the church by the Holy Spirit.

5. Omniscient. God knows everything. John 1:48 "Nathanael said to Him, How do You know me? Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Secondly, God is also allwise.

6. Omnipotent. This attribute has to do with power.

1. God created everything. 2. He rules over all. 3. Over the Church 4. the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 5. He is sovereign over angles, Satan, demons and everything.

7. Sovereign. He passed mans will. But Adam had a choice. You can take of the life freely. Deism says, God created everything and then left it to itself.

b) Moral Attributes – God is

1. Holy. You should be holy, for I am holy, pure and untainted by sin.

2. Righteous/just. His holiness is his righteousness in action. God is just. He is the rock. He is immutable. We see His mercy and forbearance.

3. Love. Mercy, grace, patience, goodness, faithfulness of God

4. Truth. Wisdom of God

The attributes of God are combined in his holiness and love.

Fifth, the works of God are

First, his divine purpose: All the events of man are known to God from the beginning. It does not mean, that God causes for events to happen. God is omniscient. God has a purpose. This includes his church. Eph. 1,4-5 "just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will."

We are predestines to become sons of God. Everything involves Jesus Christ and his church. God wanted to have fellowship.

Second, the work of his creation: God "bara" = created. John 1:3: All things are made by his Son. Hebr. 1:10; Eph. 3:9 The Holy Spirit moved upon the waters. Gen. 1:2 Creation is a Trinitarian creation. It is also an immediate creation, but we do not know God's time. Some people believe in a Gap Theory^{xxi} between verse 1 and 2. One day for God is like a thousand years. Psalm 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8

Third, his providence:

1. He cares about a physical universe
2. He cares for the animal creation
3. He governs the nations
4. He cares for our birth
5. He knows them before they are born (our hair is all numbered)
6. He bothered about our successes and failures
7. He answers our prayers, sometimes he says: wait
8. He rewards the righteous and punishes the unjust
9. He cares for the free acts of human beings

Sixth, the **Trinity**^{xii} or Tri-unity we find in Acts 20:28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the **Holy Spirit** has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of **God** which He purchased with **His own blood**. Matt. 28:19 one "name" is used but "the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" are mentioned. 2 Cor 13:14 "The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit are with you all." And 1 John 5:7 "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Son*, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one." *see Wycliffe 1382^{xiii} In the second and third century, we find Monachianism and Sabellianism which are a Oneness Theology. "Patripissianism" combines the two. In Christian theology, historical patripassianism (as it is referred to in the Western church) is a version of Sabellianism in the Eastern church (and a version of modalism,

modalistic monarchianism, or modal monarchism). Modalism is the belief that God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are three different modes or aspects of one **monadic** God^{xiv} as perceived by the believer, rather than three distinct persons within the Godhead - that there are no real or substantial differences between the three, such that the identity of the Spirit or the Son is that of the Father.”

Modern Philosophy/Theology has: **Yahweh (the Demiurge) is a sub-god of the Monad^{xv}.**

Theodoert^{xvi} (Greek: Θεοδώρητος Κύρρου; c. AD 393 – c. 458/466) was an influential theologian of the School of Antioch): “according to him, the worshippers of the Trinity worshipping one God^{xvii}.” The Trinitarian/Trinity model is framed after Nicene Creed 325 (this creed proclaimed **Jesus Christ as God, and that Sunday is the first day of the week, the day of the Lord’s resurrection**), the Athanasian Creed^{xviii} and the Westminster Confession. Most churches followed this doctrine. The plurality of God we find in the name of God: Elohim and Adonay.

Google wrongly writes: "The Israelites initially worshipped Yahweh alongside a variety of Canaanite gods and goddesses, including El, Asherah and Baal. In the period of the Judges and the first half of the monarchy, El and Yahweh became conflated (melted) in a process of religious syncretism." – This is a wrong idea that the one God appears out of many gods, - instead of many gods appear out of one God (the biblical view).

Jesus is prophesied in many passages the Old Testament/the Hebrew Bible. Sample: “I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.” Deuteronomy 18:18

God spoke through Jesus: Listen to him! (At his baptism and on the mount of transfiguration)

Jesus is YEHOVAH. Matt 22:44; Psalm 110:1 **Jesus Christ is YEHOVAH’s Son:** "You are my son, today I have begotten you." Psalm 2:7; Luke 1:35; Hebrews 5:5. **The Holy Spirit** is sent by the Father and the Son. John 14:26; 16:7

Seventh, the Son; Jesus Christ, is the second person of the Trinity. God did not exist alone and then begot the Son. The Son has always been with the Father (**and is the Father** Joh 14:9; Isaiah 9:6). Jesus said: Before Abraham was,

<https://www.bing.com/search?FORM=U501DF&PC=U501&q=The+Holy+Spirit+is+the+third+personality+of+the+Trinity> I AM (**YHVH/YEHOVAH**). John 8:58. He is the **A and the O**. Rev 1:8 and 18; 21:6; 22:13. The term "onlybegotten" means "he is of the same kind".

Jesus was born by a virgin: Matt 1:22 "So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." **Jesus and YEHOVAH have 100% the same meaning:** They are: "the **ETERNAL saves**". 24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus." And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. Gen 3:15 (This says, that Joseph did not beget Jesus.) In Greek it says, that Jesus was born of her, Mary. Matt 1:16 (ης). The first prophecy speaks about "her" seed: Gen. 3:15: "And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and **her Seed**; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel." Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "and to **seeds**," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ. **Jesus Christ is also the Savior**. Is 43:11; Luk 2:11 He is the **good Shepherd**. Ps 23; Luk 15:4-6

Jesus is the **Mighty God, Everlasting Father**, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David..." Isaiah 9:6b-7a).

Jesus is the God with us: Isaiah 7:14 = Immanuel. Jesus is coming again in the clouds: "Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him." Rev 1:7a". Jesus is divine and human. His humanity is the Jesus of Nazareth and his divinity as Christ/Messiah he is God. Jesus in his human form was wrapped in swaddling clothes, he

obeyed his parents, he could have thirst and hunger and he suffered on the cross. Jesus called himself 70 times as son of man. His divine nature: After his resurrection he had godly forms. (like he went through a closed door). Thomas called him: “my LORD/Kyrios/YEHOVAH and my God”. John 20:28 Jesus said, the he and the Father are one. John 10:30, and those who see him, see the Father. John 14:9. Jesus has “all power in heaven and on earth” Matt 28:18 Only by going to the Father, he would send the Holy Spirit. (three different personalities) Jesus is Prophet, Priest and King. As a prophet he speaks the truth and also prophecies. As High Priest he is above the Levitical priesthood and resembles Melchisedek as priest, since Jesus has no beginning and no end. Jesus is earthly and heavenly king. On the cross it Pilate wrote: KING of the JEWS in Hebrew, Greek and Latin. Jesus will one day rule the earth on the throne of David, and the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal King. Rev 11:15

Eight, God is the Spirit. John 4:24

“The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity and undoubtedly the least understood member of the Godhead. Christians can easily identify with God the Father (Jehovah or Yahweh) and his Son, Jesus Christ.^{xix}” **It is forgotten that also Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are YEHOVAH.**

He has personal pronouns. John 6:13 He will guide you into all truth. He guides us. Eph 1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. "who" (ος) means is **feminine**. It means, he has a “female nature” see picture below of the Trinity, where the Spirit looks like a woman. **Muslims have thought that it was Mary!** The Spirit is “intelligent, emotional, he can be vexed and grieved, he possesses action, he may be tempted and lied to (Acts 5 – Ananias and Sapphira). Baptism is in his “**name**” Matt 28:19 (and not only of the Father and the Son) He has a relationship with the Father, the

Son and with the believers. God sent the Son, and the Son sent the Holy Spirit as “another Comforter”. John 16:7 Phil 1:19: “For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.” He abides in us when we become Christians. God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are like in a **Circle**.^{xx}

The Holy Spirit is YEHOVAH:

Isaiah 11:1: There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of **YEHOVAH**^{xxi} shall rest upon Him, **The Spirit** of wisdom and understanding, **The Spirit** of counsel and might, **The Spirit** of knowledge and of the fear of **YEHOVAH**.

There are various trinity verses in the New Testament:

Hebr 9:14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Rom 15:30: “Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me.”

Luke 1:34: “Then Mary said to the angel, How can this be, since I do not know a man? 35 And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God (YEHOVAH).^{xxii}.”

Jesus did not inherit the nature of Adam, but of God (because the Holy Spirit overshadowed the Virgin Mary). Jesus is the heir of God, not of Adam. Hebr. 1:2

The Holiness is seen in his name.

The Holy Spirit prophecies 1000 years before it happened:

Acts 1:16: “Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.”

The Holy Spirit is living in us. We are his temple.

1 Cor 6:19: “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”

Gal 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

His divine works:

Creation: Job 33:4: The Spirit of God has made me; and the breath of the Almighty gives me life. Gen 1:2: The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Prophecy: 2 Sam 23:2: “The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me; His word was on my tongue.”

Inspiration of Scripture: 2 Peter 1:21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. Mark 13:11: But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. He is the Spirit of God and Christ: Rom 8:9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

The Spirit of burning: Isaiah 4:4: “When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning...”.

He is **the Spirit of truth, of light, of glory, of grace, eternal, of promise, the comforter.**

Symbols^{xxiii}:

- the **wind** John 3:8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit - invisible, everywhere present, life sustaining influence.

- **oil** - It was used for anointing kings, priests and prophets.

- **dove** - qualities of gentleness, purity, love, innocence and beauty.

- **water** - refreshing, satisfying and fertilizing, cleansing

- **power** - purging (spülen)

- **old wine** = stimulation - day of Pentecost (these men are drunk with wine, because they acted like it) Acts 2:13: “Others mocking said, They are full of new wine. 14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15 For these are **not drunk**, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:...”

Acts 1:8: But you shall receive power when the **Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you **shall be witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and **to the end of the earth**.

The Doctrine of Salvation

First, Soteriology (Greek) is the doctrine of Salvation. “**S**oter” means to save and “logy” comes from “logos” the word, which means the teaching (doctrine) of Salvation. When God made the world he knew, what he was making. God is all knowing and he preconceived what will happen. So, when he created man, he knew, that man would sin and that he had to cover this sin and save man from it, for all those who receive him. So, God sent his son to save us on the cross of Calvary. In the Old Testament, a sheep had to bleed to cover the sin. When his son died, he took away the sin of men, who believe in his Son. Everybody who prays to Jesus: My Lord and my God, and accepts him into his life, is saved. The churches first task it to save

people. The causes of sin come through the first men who sinned, Eve and Adam. The New Testament speaks of Adam. Adam means: man. So, Adam means: Adam and Eve. They both sinned and our whole society is full of the result of sin and sins too. So, the sin has been passed on by every child, which was born to all men. The result of sin is death. "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all — the testimony that was given at just the right time." 1. Tim 2:5 By sin, man became spiritually dead. "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins." Eph 2:1 But by Jesus Christ, all who believe in him will live forever. John 11:6

Second, the history of Salvation is that God provided **Jesus Christ who died for our sins**. The first indication for God that he had provided for mankind: Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel. The first indication for God that he had provided for mankind: The enmity had been placed between the seed and the serpent. The promised seed was in enmity with Satan. Rom 16:20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. Gal 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law. The blood of Jesus covers the sin. Abraham obeyed God and therefore God promised to him in Gen 12:3 that "in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." 1 Peter 1:10-11: "Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow." God promised that Jesus, the savior would come from Bethlehem: Micha 5:2: "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." Jesus Christ is God's right arm: Isaiah 59:16: "He saw that there was no man, And wondered that

there was no intercessor; Therefore His own **arm** brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him.” So, God was placed in Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit came at certain times. In the New Testament the Holy Spirit came in Acts 2 permanently. Jesus said, that the disciples will remember, as the Holy Spirit came upon them. So, Paul proved from the Scriptures, that Jesus was God, that salvation was fulfilled in the Messiah/Christ. Luke 2:11: “For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

Salvation was proclaimed in Israel: Zech 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your King is coming to you;

He is just and having salvation,

Lowly and riding on a donkey,

A colt, the foal of a donkey.

The message of salvation has got to be preached. The trend today is, that we have left the first movement. Jesus was rejected by Israel. And then it was sent to the Nations: Acts 28:28:

Therefore let it be known to you that the salvation of God has been sent to the Nations, and they will hear it! 2 Cor 6:2: “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation!” The day of salvation is “today”!

Salvation will appear a second time: Heb 9:28: “Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a **second time**, apart from sin, for salvation.” 1 Thess 4:16-17: “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.” Rev 7:9-10 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all

nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, **"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"**

Third, God provisions are

A. the death,

B. the resurrection and

C. the ascension and glorification of Jesus Christ.

A. Christ came down to save the lost. Our purpose is the same to preach Jesus Christ to the lost. This is the purpose of the Church. God first used animal skin to cover sin. He also used animals as a fivefold covering mentioned in many chapters of Leviticus, like ch. 16.^{xxiv} They are burnt, grain, peace, sin and trespass offerings. These offerings describe the kind of death Jesus Christ died for us. Christ's death is prophesied mainly in Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53. In the New Testament Christ's death is mentioned 179 times. Heb 9:26 "He became man and took our sin upon himself." The Gospel is simple. It is the good news which even children understand. John 3:14: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so **must the Son of Man be lifted up.**"

There are **four misunderstandings about Jesus death:**

1. Accident,
2. Martyrdom,
3. Moral Influence,
4. Governmental Theory that we could learn from him.

Five reasons Jesus died:

1. As a substitute,
2. As an atonement,
3. As a propitiation,

4. As a reconciliation,

5. As a redemption.

The **age of responsibility** of man differs. So, only those who know, they are responsible for their sins, and do not get a ransom are lost.

Christ died because of our sin. So, when the soldier wanted to see, if Jesus was dead, he was dead very early. Pilate was astonished, that Jesus died with heart failure, because they were trying to break his bones. Our sins broke Jesus heart!

B. The resurrection of Jesus. Jesus says: "I am he that lives and was dead." Revelation 1:18 His body was of flesh and bones. Thomas could touch him! Joh 20:28 He was eating food, so he was a body. The disciples recognized him. He had the same features, as before his death.

Jesus foretold his resurrection. John 2:19: "Destroy this temple, and in three days and will raise it again!"

It is prophesied in the Old Testament: Acts 2:25 "For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the Lord always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.'" It was a unique resurrection: Eight times Jesus raised people from the dead. All these people died again, except for Jesus Christ!

The empty tomb: All religions in the world have burial place for their religious leaders: You can see the mausoleum of Mohammed! Buddha also has a shrine. But the tomb of Jesus Christ is empty!

Three things have since changed:

1. First, the worshipped now on the first day of the week.
2. There is no organization in the world, which has proved so much good, as the Christian Church. Jesus said not even hell will work against it! No one has been able to topple it. The church always has been in the world. Acts 5:38 "If what they are planning is something of their own doing, it will fail, 39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You

may even be found fighting against God.”

3. **The benefit of resurrection:** we have no hope without it. Because he rose, our sins are forgiven. He is our merciful High Priest in heaven.

C. The ascension and glorification of Jesus Christ

Jesus is **the right hand of God**. He is an advocate for us. Jesus is now our High Priest.

Jesus Christ is **the head of the Church**. The body will not fail, because the head maintains the body. 1 Cor 3 and 6

He sends us the helper: "If I will go, I will not leave you comfortless." John 14:16 “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” Verse 18 “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

He gives **gifts to the Church**. Rom 12; 1 Cor 12; Eph 4

He **prepares a place for us**. John 14:1-3

He also **will return and take us to him**. 1 Thess 4:16-17

He gives us an **incentive to holiness**.

He gives us the **right perception of the Church**.

He gives us a **joyous hope for his return**.

Fourth, God gives us grace. Grace is a gift of God. God freed us by his son Jesus Christ from sin, which lead to death. Because Jesus Christ died on the cross, God redeemed us. His blood took away our sin. In Christianity, God finds us. In all the religions of the world, people seek God. Because of sin, man has no access to God. Works are not a way to God. The separation is symbolized by the veil. The **veil** in the tent of meeting was the separation of God between us. When Jesus died, the veil was torn. Matt 27:50-51 – Grace was now provided.

Grace can be multiplied:

Eph 2:8-9 by grMatt 27:50-51ace

James 4,6 **more grace**

2 Cor 9:8 **all grace**

Acts 4:33 **great grace**

1 Pet 4:10 **manifold grace**

2 Cor 4:15 **abandoned grace**

2 Cor 9:14 **exceeding grace**, 1 Tim 1:14 exceedingly abundant

Rom 5:20 **grace abounded much more**

God gives us the victory over the world. He has redeemed us from captivity.

Grace is given by the word of God:

Gal 3:22 But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. 23 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

Fifth, Election is the foreknowledge of God, where God has chosen us humans before the creation of the world to have eternal life. **The first** who got eternal life was **Jesus Christ**. 1 Cor 15:17; The **second** to receive eternal life are people from the **first resurrection**. Rev 20:6 and **the third that will rise** are people at the end of the world. Rev 20:12-13 Daniel prophesied in 12:1b-2 “And at that time **your people shall be delivered, Everyone who is found written in the book**. 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt.”

God chose us in Jesus Christ as our redeemer. Acts 20:28

Jesus is God the redeemer for people of all ages, past and future!

A misconception of Election is, that Christ died only for those God preordained. The right concept is that **Jesus Christ died for all people of all ages**. As we choose to believe in him,

we are saved. To believe means to have faith. The definition of faith is found in Hebrews 11:1: “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Jesus Christ has to be preached to all people, so that they can repent (a change of mind - metanoia^{xxv}) and believe in him as their God. Matt 28:19; Mark 16:16; Luke 24:47; John 17:18; Acts 1:8 Jesus Christ died for our sins. He represents the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Some Bible verses about repentance: Acts 20:21: “testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, **repentance** toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” Acts 17:30 “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere **to repent.**” There are people God will accept, because “God **overlooked**”. They have been saved by Jesus Christ despite they did not know him. This is the case for people, who never have heard of the Bible, Jesus or eternal life and are “**righteous**”, as in Luke 1:6-7 “Zacharias and Elisabeth”, who followed Abel, Noah, Abraham, Job, Moses, Daniel and many other people, who never have heard the gospel of Jesus, including the unborn and starving children and people of the world. Jesus said: “**the last will be the first**”. Matt 20:16 All these people will be saved (resurrected) by the death of Jesus on the cross, who has redeemed them from hell to eternal life and to be sons of God. Those who have accepted him, or never had to chance to accept him, but **would have accepted** him, God chooses, because God is good and righteous.

Sixth, the new birth is a spiritual thing about the Holy Spirit renewing our lives which have been born in sin. So, we have to be born again. It does not mean ‘reincarnation’. Titus 3:5 “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and **renewing of the Holy Spirit.**” 1 Peter 1:23 “Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.” The **word of God and the Spirit bring new life.** The ‘word’ of God is “Jesus Christ”. It is like when God made the world, he “spoke”. So, the “speaking” of God is the “word” of God. **Jesus Christ is that word.** So, God and his speaking is

inseparable. John 3:1 “There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that you art a teacher from God: for no man can do these miracles that you do, except God is with him. 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man **be born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus said to him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, (Amen, amen) I say unto you, except a man be **born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto you, You must be born again. 8 **The wind blows where it wills**, and you hear the sound thereof, but you cannot tell where it comes, and where it goes: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”

Rev 3:20: “**Behold, I stand at the door and knock**. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.” Jesus is the Savior. Is 43:11 “I, I am YEHOVAH and without me there is no Savior.” We have to say to the Lord **Jesus Christ who is the Savior, YEHOVAH and the Father:** ^{xxvi}“

A transmission prayer: “Dear Lord Jesus, I am a sinner. Please forgive my sins (sin) and come into my life. I thank you for it. Amen.”^{xxvii}

John 1:12 says: “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.”

Seventh, part one of the

Results of the new birth:

1. There is no condemnation of those who have received the new birth,
2. We receive joy,
3. There is deep peace,
4. We are reconciled 2 Cor 5:18,

5. We have new life 2 Cor 5:17,
6. it makes a believer a child of God Rom 8:17,
7. It makes us a to have a 'new nature' and a 'divine creation' 2 Cor 5:17; 2 Peter 1:4,
8. It enables the believer to live a life of victory over sin and the world Eph 4:23,
9. It adopts us (huiiothesia) like into the “Jewish family” a) Israel: Rom 9:4; b) experience with Christ: Rom 8:23, c) as sons Gal 4:4; d) into the body as a family when we cry out: “Abba Father” Rom 8:15.
10. Sanctification. The Nazareners^{xxviii} (1908 in Pilot Point, Texas, 2,17 Million from ‘the Methodists’) who **talk about** it. But it is not 'works' which is producing sanctification, but it is the Holy Spirit which is inward and transforms us into the image of God.

There are two meanings of sanctification:

- a) Old Testament. It is a one-time experience.

There are many things that need to be sanctified, like a house or a field. All the vessels of the tent, etc.

- b) The of cleansing of moral defilement. It is a progressive experience.

There are three phases:

- a) the new birth,
- b) process of practical sanctification,
- c) complete and final sanctification when we meet the Lord in the air. 1 Thess 3:13 “so that He may establish your hearts 'blameless in holiness' before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.”

What are the means of sanctification?

- a) God’s part

1. The Father: John 17:17,
2. The Son Heb 10:10,
3. The Holy Spirit Heb 10:10,

b) our part

1. Faith - Acts 15:9 'purifying' is the same word as for 'sanctification' (katharizo - to cleanse),
2. Obedience to the word,
3. Hearing the Holy Spirit,
4. Personal commitment: My life is a vessel you can use. Gal 2:20

Eight, part two of

The results of the new birth:

Assurance

Act 4:12 "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

The foundation of Salvation is Assurance. We know that we are saved. You need to know, that you are born again.

Salvation has to be obtained in this life.

Isaiah 64:6 "all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags"

Rom 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Rom 3:19 "Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

John 3:1: "There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said to him, Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come

from God: for no man can do these miracles that you do, except God be with him. 3 Jesus answered and said to him, Amen, Amen, I say to you, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." We do not know, that the sins are forgiven, if we did not confess them to Christ.

Reasons to have the New Birth: Lack of faith in the word of God, that we are saved.

If you believe in him... you have eternal life!

Thinking, "that it is impossible to have an absolute assurance that you have been born again".

Such people feel they need to "work" their salvation. But salvation has already happened!

John 5:24 Amen, amen I tell you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not come under judgment. Indeed, he has crossed over from death to life.

There are some positive means which say that you are born again:

- First positive reason:

A **witness of the Spirit**: He that believes in me bears witness John 5:10: "He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself."

Romans 8:16: "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God."

1 John 3:24: "Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us."

Gal 4:6: "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!""

Rom 8:15: "For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."."

The Spirit that is given to us is his relationship to us. The Spirit comes and says, that says, you are my son. So, it is the whole "Trinity" which bears witness to us. It is not the spirit of the deceiver.

- Second positive reason:

If you believe in the Son, you have everlasting life: Rom 10:9-10: "that if you **confess with your mouth** the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." So, we need to confess it. John 5:24: "Amen, amen, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

- Third positive reason:

the possession of **love to the brothers**. 1 John 3:11-14: "For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, 12 not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. 13 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death."

1 John 4:7-8: "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."

- Fourth positive reason:

the desire to follow God's commandments. 1 John 2:3: "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments."

Romans 8:7: "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be."

Exodus 24:7: "All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient."

The commandments of God are spiritual. 1 Cor 2:14: "But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

John 14:23: "Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

John 14:21: “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

- Fifth positive reason:

2 Cor 5:17: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is **a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

If the whole nature has changed, our desires have changed.

Prayer is the foundation of having a relationship with God.

Rebirth therefore is: John 6:47: “He who believes in me, has everlasting life.”

Rom 3.26: "to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."

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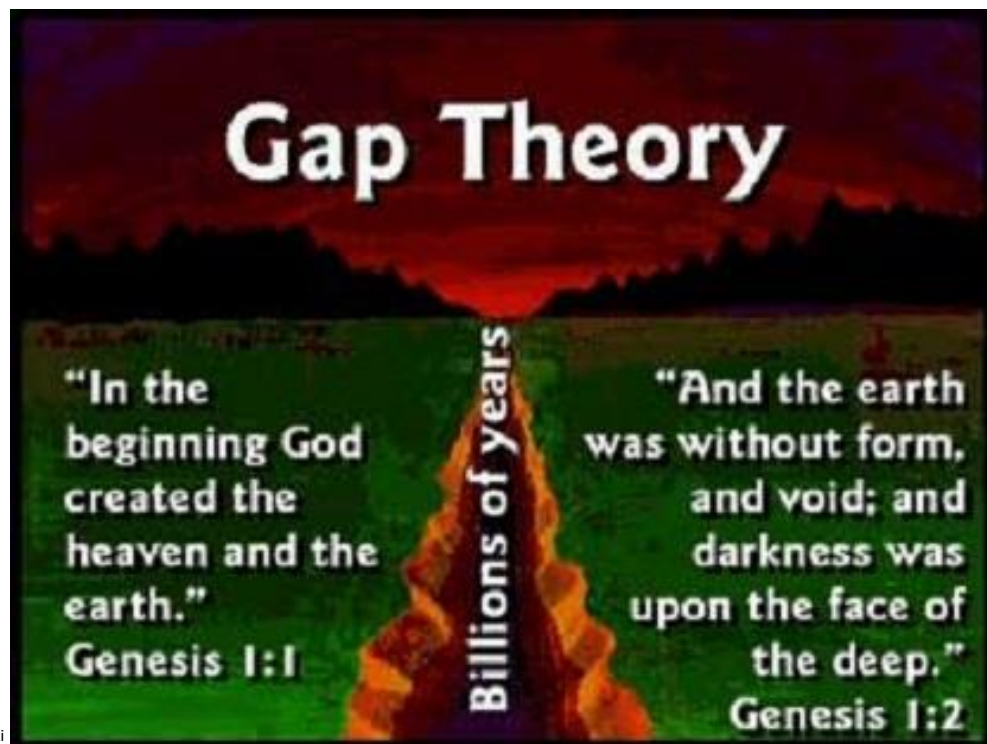
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„Dreifaltkeitsfresko“ St. Jakobus-Kirche Urschalling im Chiemgau

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dreifaltigkeitsfresko_Urschalling

The Trinity is shown in three faces and three torso with (there) two upper and three undergarments. Downwards, however, where the vault edits meet, the three bodies merge into a single one; the two upper robes and the three undergarments of the figures combine to create a upper and one undergarment. The whole group has only two arms. The three haloes that surround the heads are not separated from each other and are bounded by the three beams of a single cross nimbus.

Controversial is the interpretation of the middle figure. Between the white-bearded old man on the right (indisputably God the Father) and the brown-bearded man on the left (God the Son), who turn half to the middle, a round and beardless face with long light brown hair can be seen as the embodiment of the Holy Spirit, which looks directly at the viewer. The white outer garment does not cover this shape, but only the darker undergarment, which is ruched in folds below the chest.

It is disputed whether this figure is a woman or, within the classic Old-Man-Young-Scheme, a very young man. Recent art-historical research tends to interpret the latter.

Theological commentators, however, are fascinated by the feminine features of this figure and see it as a reference to the female side of God, which was suppressed in the main stream of the history of Christianity, and to the Old Testament talk of the Spirit of God (Hebrew is a feminine). There is also thought of Mary, who in the New Testament comes close to the Holy Spirit in a unique way and whose form is then almost smeared here with the divine Spirit. Some interpreters are at least convinced that an ancient, also Christian, understanding of faith is contained in the picture: divine love in person.

The direct identification of the figure with Mary, however, would correspond to the notion of the Trinity, which is attributed by Islam to Christians and fiercely opposed; a medieval Christian hardly thought that way.

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The Doctrine of God & Salvation

Book Report

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1. Introduction

Who wrote the book?

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The author wrote many books about mission, evangelization and revival. He founded The Peoples Church in Toronto in 1928. “Smith attended the Toronto Bible Training School, the Manitoba Presbyterian College in Winnipeg, and the McCormick Seminary in Chicago. Smith was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in 1918. Over the course of eighty years he preached more than 12,000 sermons in 80 countries, wrote thirty-five books (with translations into 128 languages), as well as 1,200 poems, of which 100 have been set to music, including "Deeper and Deeper" (first line "Into the heart of Jesus").”ⁱ

2. The Focus of the Book

The focus of the book *is* gives a sense of calling to save souls. I read this book many years ago and also some other books of the same author.

2. What are the key points of the book?

Introduction

The Master's Call

A poem by Oswald J. Smith

Have you heard the Master's call?

Will you go forsaking all?

Millions still in sin and shame

Ne'er have heard the Saviour's name.

Some may give and some may pray,

But for you He calls today—

Will you answer: "Here am I,"

Or must Jesus pass you by?

Have you heard their bitter cry?

Can you bear to see them die,

Thousands who in darkest night,

Never yet have seen the light?

Soon 'twill be too late to go

And your love for Jesus show.

Oh, then quickly haste away—

Tarry not another day!

What if you refuse to go?

Someone then will never know

Of the Saviour kind and true,

And the blame will rest on you.

Will you then forsaking all,

Gladly heed the Master's call:

Answer quickly, "Lord, send me!

To the lands beyond the sea"?

I played this song on keyboard with text:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIRUEc5AGpo&feature=youtu.be>

After this introduction the key points are:

1. Satan's Defeat

The author writes that Satan spent time listening to his under-lords, his powers = ^{angels} angles (demons) about what they say about the "forbidden" kingdoms and the people who evangelized there.

After 50 years he went to listen again. And now the gospel had been spread enormously. So, he got very angry, because he wanted to prevent the kingdom of Jesus Christ to spread, since in the Bible Jesus speaks about is in Matt 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

Acts 15:16: "After this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up."

Matt 28:18-20: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Rev 7:9: "After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands."

Satan says that the "unevangelized nations"ⁱⁱ still needs to be reached, because prophecy says "of

all nations" (all gentiles).

For Satan, "evangelizing" and "pioneering" are particularly dangerous because he wants to thwart God's plan. Satan wants to prevent the acceleration of Jesus' return.

2. Confiscated by God

A person committed himself when he was about 18 years of age in an assembly to be a "Missionary". But then kept forgetting about it and became a "high rigger". But after felling a tree, which was very high, he found himself by night, that he had neglected God's calling and therefore repented. Now he was read to go wherever God wanted to send him to, like Jonah, after he was spit out of the belly of the fish.

3. What is the primary mission of the Church of Jesus Christ?

Ezekiel 3:17 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from my mouth, and give them warning from me: 18 When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 19 Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul." In this text we have a part, which says: "but his blood I will require at your hand". God warns us to go, but if we do not go, we will be requited for "not obeying". Smith writes of a "moto": "the main task of the church of Jesus Christ is the spread of the gospel to the world".

In this sentence we have three words:

1. The world

God loves the world and gave his son for the world. So, he envisions the whole world. So, we as a church we should see world and not only our neighborhood. Most of us have not travelled far. So we are "narrow-minded".

A comparison today of Canada and Java:

Java has 145 million people by 2015 and live on 138 thousand square kilometers

Canada has 35 million people by 2016 and live on 10 million square kilometers

The point is, in Canada, people think, "we are the people", but **Java**, it is the most populated place in the world with 145 million people on a land of only 138 thousand kilometers.

Now, if God would be interested in numbers, he would have to be Chinese, for every fourth person born in the world is Chinese.

2. The main task

The evangelization of the whole world. The "out mission" to the world should be our main interest. He says, his "Peoples Church" has spent 6 times more for missions, than for his own church. When Dr. Smith started in a church, the church had many debts. So, he started a mission service and continued from day to day. On the second Sunday, he said, now we hold three services today for mission. So, Smith collected money for mission, the church became full of people and the debts of his own church were soon overcome.

3. The Church of Jesus Christ

"The Church" means: every Christian a missionary. There must not be special unions for mission. Each one must learn how to give.

How to do the work. Dr. Smith continued with mission conferences. Within a short time he sent out not \$3000, but \$325'000 in 1962. He asked people to sign a paper, of how much they would spend the next year by month.

4. How God called me into a worldwide service

Matt 9:35-38 Jesus went into "all" the places. Jesus said, the harvest is full, but not many workers. This is the same situation today. So, Oswald Smith went to many countries and founded the "Peoples Church" in Toronto. Since he always became sick on the mission field, he had to return home. At the same time he started to send out missionaries and which had more than 350 of them in 35 missionary societies. The Smith started to think about the "next cities", like Jesus and Paul. We have to find new territories, where we can preach the gospel. The mission field is the whole

world. People, like David Livingstone, William Carey and Judson were all missionaries who left their countries, despite there were many who have not accepted Christ in their own countries.

5. Will Christ return to earth before the world has been evangelized?

Matt 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. The point of this discussion is, "evangelized" and not "christianized". The world has to be evangelized "before" Jesus Christ will reign on this earth. The first reason is the "necessity" of fulfilling the task. We need to proclaim the gospel to "our" generation. With our inventions we reach the people of this generation (like mobile phone). In Smith's time it was radio, aeroplane, air conditioner for missionaries. Today we have computer and mobile devices. Acts 1:8 says that this task is to reach the whole earth, every tribe and nation. There are two gospels, first the one of grace and the other of the kingdom of God. Smith says that "the Jews will not evangelize the world in the last seven years", after the "rapture", when the "Holy Spirit" has been taken away (an evangelical teaching in America).

6. Do we win the battle against paganism?

Rom 10:14-15a "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent?" has four times "How". The first command is to send. Ezech 3:18 "When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand." The blood of the wicked is in our hands. Acts 1:8 says according to Smith, that we should be missionaries, at home and on the field. The mission field is always Jerusalem and the world. Smith believes that with supporting mission, we earn a reward. 1 Cor 3:11-15 supports this! To be a missionary is the

highest task.

7. Why did the church of Jesus fail and not preach the gospel to the whole world?

John 4:35 "Do you not say, There are still four months and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!"

The gospel of Christ is the power of God to preach salvation. Rom 1:16 Enemies are 1. Political systems, 2. Education, 3. Closed doors. But God can show us open doors. 4. Then not enough workers, and we must teach indigenous people to teach again. Paul was always a missionary and not a pastor. As missionary you make other people to evangelize. You teach them. The open doors will show us how to reach out to lost people. 5. The method of the mission of the West Indies was the method Paul used. It was a mission, which worked in the "outer fields". So, samples of it were Haiti, Dominican Republic and Jamaica. 6. The reason, that we are not overwhelmed with the thought that people get lost, if we do not reach them. Eph 2:1 "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins," 3 "among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others." and 12 "that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world." Acts 4:12 "there is only salvation in the name" of Jesus. John 14:6 "No one comes to the Father except through ME." Smith says: "Pray for workers, pray for money and pray for the proclamation of the gospel."

8. How God taught me to give mission offerings

Dr. Smith learned to give by a "commitment by faith" in advance. First \$20 per year, then \$40\$, then \$80 etc. So, every year he gave more. It went from \$200 to \$400 etc. So, yearly the only get \$7'000 cash but by the commitment of faith it was a 1/4 of a million. Nobody needs to know about the commitment. So, nobody will come and collect your money. The dead sea and the lake

of Galilee is a sample of a church. Only a church, where the water flows out again, is a blessing and not those churches which only collect for Themselves. Paul taught, that "on the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come." 1 Cor 16:2 So, the Corinthians were committed to give by the letter of Paul.

9. What we need today

Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish." There is a "go mission" and not a "come mission". We need to go to the people. They will not come to us. Every town needs an "evangelical town center", where everybody can go to. Smith quotes W. Carey: "Expect great things from God. But also undertake great things for God." The liberal theology does not depend on the blood of Christ. So, we need to preach it. Proverbs 24:11 "If you forbear to deliver them that are drawn to death, and those that are ready to be slain; 12 If you say, Behold, we knew it not; does not he that ponders the heart consider it? and he that keeps your soul, does not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?"

10. Preaching the Gospel! God's word on the longing and sighing of mankind

2 Samuel 5:24 "And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly. For then the Lord will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines."; James 5:8 "Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."

First, it is good, if preachers change in an evangelistic crusade. Evangelism and conversion of many people support the teaching of the Bible, since the Holy Spirit moves these people. A further thing is "after work". After an evangelization one should see to it that people are cared for later. At crusades people are asked to turn to Christ. So, one Presbyterian pastor ganged his way and started to ask people for a decision. And two women accepted and stayed back for further counselling. So, our tradition should not prevent us from giving people a possibility to decide for

Jesus Christ. Smith went to many countries to evangelize and thousands of people turned to Christ.

11. God's Power Reveals Itself through a Revival

Psalm 85:6 "Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You?" At first we need revival ourselves. Then we need to see to it, that your family members are saved. Revival starts with the people of God. As Christians we need revival. We need to see, that people are lost, if we do not evangelize them. The revival has to start with the word: "us". It means, us, the people of God. Luke 9:43 "And they were all amazed at the majesty of God." We need assemblies, where the majesty of God appears. God can also manifest judgment, like in the case of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5). One pastor was urged in the spirit to quote Isaiah 38:1b "Thus says the Lord: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.'" Smith tells, when the pastor read this word, a visitor who was against the boss of a pub, sprang up, cursed God and died. He wanted to call people from the church back into his pub. So, revival brings salvation and sometimes it judges people to death. When there were revivals, millions of people joined churches. This way also the Methodist Church appeared with ten millions in North America.

12. The enduring fruit of evangelization work and awakenings

Many people do not follow Jesus after they have decided for him. So, the work of evangelization is hindered. There were evangelists, like Moody and Wesley. Because of their work, many people decided for Christ in Europe and North America. Wesley built the Methodist Church. Many people rather sit in their car and go away for the weekend. So, in summertime, churches are half empty. Isaiah 58:13 "If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the Lord honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, 14 then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; and I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Revival brings joy.

13. How can a revival happen among us today?

Some people say, we only need to pray for revival and others say, we also need to do something about it. Psalm 66:18 "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."

Isaiah 59:1 Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear." So, if we have sin in our lives, God will not listen to our prayers. So, our sins separate us from God and we cannot work. It is not only breaking with sin, there need also be reparations of sins, like saying sorry to someone. Jesus Christ payed for our sins. It was a hard work, to die on the cross. So, this means, to redeem someone needs "suffering" until a revival can happen. We need to "commit" ourselves to this revival. Smith placed five themes as points for revival in his preaching: "Sin, Salvation, Heaven, Hell and Judgment". With "sin" he means mainly the "rejection of Christ". People also need to be reminded of the "eternal state" of their souls. These points are the themes of the Apostles and themes of all evangelizations ever happened. Since Pentecost we live in the time of the Holy Spirit, by whom we need to be anointed. When we are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's work will be done. Samples are Charles G. Finney, John Wesley, Georg Whitfield and D.L Moody.

3. What did I learn from the book?

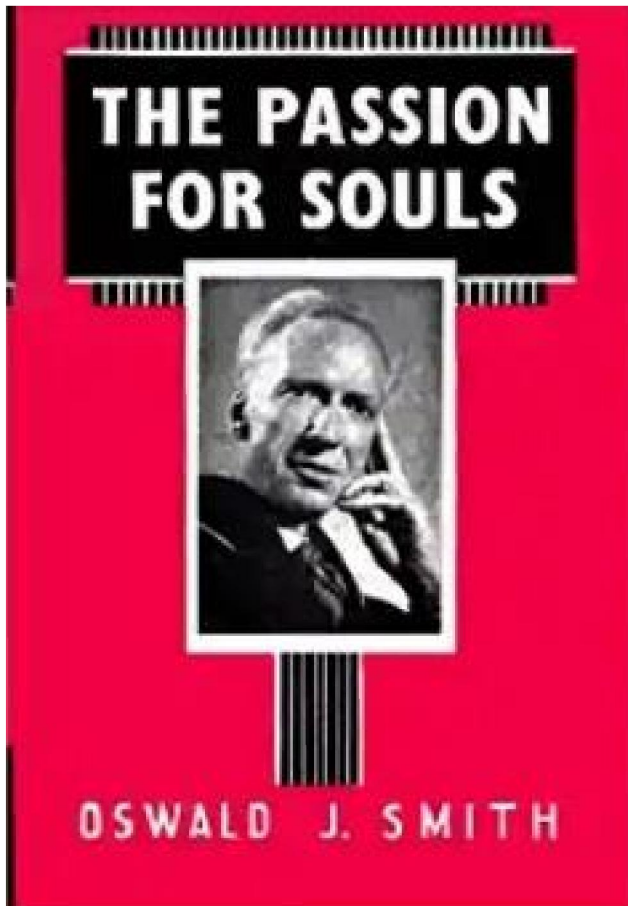
I learned from the book, that there is a need for soul winning. This book encouraged me to go to the mission field. So, I did many years of missionary training and learning how to reach souls. I evangelized everywhere I went, leading people to Jesus Christ, what I still do today.

4. How did the book you chose relate to the course from the degree program?

The book I chose relates to the key points of the book by emphasizing the need of salvation for everybody. I started to think a lot about the salvation of every man. I came to the conclusion, that Jesus Christ saved us by dying on the cross. So, the book mainly speaks about **salvation** and not so much about doctrines, like baptism, the Lord's supper, the Trinity etc. The book teaches that salvation is not possible, unless people repent because of preaching.

5. Conclusion

I conclude that Jesus Christ, who is YEHOVAH, is not known to all the people of this world. So, Acts 17:30 quotes the "patience" of God, which he had, before the gospel was preached. So, to my view, it is correct to preach to gospel, as Jesus commanded us to do. But not all people on earth will hear from God, the Bible or Jesus. So, I believe, that God will not condemn people who's hearts are "just". The word "just" appears in Luke 1: Zacharias und Elisabeth were both "δικαιοι" (just). So, among every people there are such, which are just. It does not say that they never sinned. But they always depended on the "grace" of the God. It is only "God by Jesus Christ" who will judge. John 5:22 So, we only do, what Jesus told us to do: to preach to all creation.



ⁱ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oswald_J._Smith

ⁱⁱ <http://home.snu.edu/~hculbert/1040.htm>