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CLASS #2 • Core Doctrines of the Faith

PURPOSE: “This is eternal life: that they may know You, the One True God, and Yeshua the Messiah, Whom You have sent.” - John 17:3

Theology • The Doctrine of God

- Oneness - (יְהוָה יְחיד) Deuteronomy 6:4, John 17:3
- Triunity - Isa. 48:16 I am: and now the Lord God, and his Spirit, have sent Me (Speaker is God).
Not three different, not one with no intra-Deity distinctions.
- Eternalness - (עוֹלָם) Deut. 33:27 eternal God; the LORD, Gen. 21:33 The Lord, the everlasting God; Rom. 16:26 the everlasting God; Ps. 145:13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endures throughout all generations.
- Omnipotence - Gen. 17:1 I am the Almighty God; too hard for the Lord? Gen. 18:14, Jer. 32:17, 27
- Omnipresence - Psalm 139
- Love - 1John 4:8, 16 God is love. (sloppy *agapé* issue)
- Jealousy - (Singleness of right to all justly due from humankind that pertains to God): Exod. 34:14, Nahum 1:2, James (Jacob) 4:4-5
- Justice - Gen. 18:25 Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?; Exodus 34:5-7
- Mercy - Exodus 34:5-7, Ps. 85:10
- Creator-ness - (בְּרִיאָה) (sole ability to cause existence out of nothingness) Genesis 1:1 (אֵל) Rom. 4:17
God, who calls into being that which does not exist.
- Knowability - See outline for class #1 on Bibliology
- Unknowability - See outline for class #1 on Bibliology

Anthropology • The Doctrine of Man

Modern man (*homo sapiens sapiens*) was a “formed” (יָצַר) by God “from dust of the earth.” (Gen. 2:7) ;
not zapped into existence from non-existence (אֵלֶּם) as the universe was. (Gen. 1:1, Hebr. 11:3)

We were formed in the image/likeness of God. (Gen. 1:26)

We were designed to have dominion over the creation. (Gen. 1:26)

We were intended to have unimpeded communication with God. (Gen. 3:8)

We were intended to live without contact with or awareness of evil. (Gen. 2:17)

Our intended destiny as a race was destroyed through sin. (Gen. 2:17, Gen. 6:5)

In our marred state, we are still the objects of God’s love. (Ps. 103:14, John 3:16)

We exist in a state of justitial enmity with God due to a warped nature. (Eph. 2:3)

Hamartology (The Doctrine of Sin)

Sin is moral crime against God’s eternal and perfect laws and nature. (Ps. 51:4)

Sin affected affects the physical world around us. (Gen 3:17, 5:29, Rom.8:22)

Sin contaminates. (Lev. 20:15)

Sin is repulsive to God, and He cannot be manifestly in its presence. (Hab. 1:13a)

Sin separates us from God. (Gen. 3:9, Isa. 59:2) and one another (1John 1:7).

Sin turns us against our fellow man. (Gen. 4:8, James 4:2)

Sin has degrees and is punished by degrees. (Luke 12:48)

Survey of different words for sin: O.T. & N.T (Ryrie:pp 209ff)

The difference between sin, transgression, iniquity.

Some false doctrines concerning sin. (Ryrie, pp. 220-221)

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Soteriology (The Doctrine of Salvation)

- Acts 4:12 - Messiah is the only means of salvation (rescue from the penalty of sin).
John 8:24 - Messiah is the only means of salvation (rescue from the penalty of sin).
Eph. 2:8 - For by grace you are saved through faith, not through works.
Hebr. 11:1 - Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
James 2:20 - Faith without works is dead. (absent evidence of regeneration)

The Atonement

- Hebr. 9:22 - all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.
Exod. 34:7 - God will under no circumstances (unjustly) clear the guilty (also Num. 14:18)
Isaiah 53 - Messiah's Death (Daniel 9:24ff) pays the penalty for our sins substitutionally; as typed by the sacrificial system for the fourteen hundred years between Moses and Messiah.

Salvation

- Mark 1:15 - Is made available to humankind through the Gospel of The Kingdom of God (Luke 21:31)
Psalm 2 - The core issue is voluntary acceptance of God and Messiah's right to rule. (Rom 10:9-10)
Rom. 1:17ff - Consignment to eternal punishment is the result of rebellion against this right.
Ps.2:10 - (and 2Cor. 5:20) - God is constantly imploring mankind to yield to the correct order.

Those without knowledge of Messiah

- Acts 17:30 - Unknown God; He has overlooked (judged in accord with) the times of ignorance.
Doctrine of Judgment by degree of light. (see Hamartology, Degrees of Sin)
Rom. 2:15 - The universal conscience (also Psalm 19, Romans 1:16ff) (see Bibliology outline, doctrine of universal accountability).
2Sam. 12:23 - babies

Messiology (Christology) (The Doctrine of the Redeemer)

Fully God

- John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
John 8:58 - Yeshua said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

Fully Man

- John 11:35 (Yeshua wept)
Hebr. 4:15 He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
Isaiah 53:3 - acquainted with pain

Variant Historic Doctrines re: the Nature of Messiah. (Ryrie, pp.251-253)

Preincarnate - Judg. 13:18 & Isa. 9:8 (7); John 8:58 (Before Abraham was, I am)

King - Isa. 9:7, Jn 18:35-36, Zech.12:10ff (return visibly wounded from heaven: *bayom hahu*.)

Prophet - Deut 18:18ff / John 1:21 / Luke 21:20ff (proof)

Priest - Melchiz. Order Gen. 14:18-20, Ps. 110:4, Hebr. 7:1-3