

SESSION 1: Life and Death, Knowledge about God, The Bible

Meaning of "life" and "death"

John 10:10

John 11:26

Life and Death describe our RELATIONSHIP to God.

Symptoms of Spiritual Death

2 Corinthians 4:1-4

Ephesians 2:1-3

Romans 5:6-10

Two sources of knowledge about God:

1. From God Himself
2. From ourselves, from man.

The Bible

"The Cradle that holds the Christ." - Martin Luther

John 20:30-31

The Source of our knowledge about God

- A. Reason is a poor guide.
- B. God's own Word is the only reliable guide.
- C. The Word of God- John 1:1

Man suppresses the truth about God

Romans 1:18-20

Romans 1:21-23

Romans 1:24-32

"A god is that to which we look for the highest good in our lives." - Martin Luther

Scripture interprets Scripture

Romans 10:14-17

Romans 8:1

TWO HANDLES ON THE BIBLE

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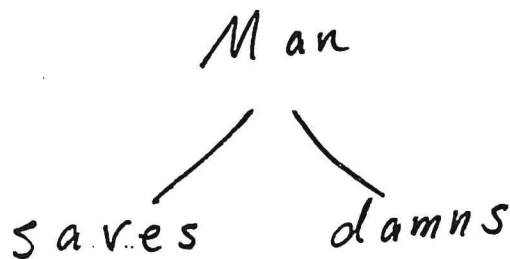
- About Us
- Man is the subject
- Shows us our Sin
- It condemns
- Kills us
- Applied when one is secure in their sin

Gospel

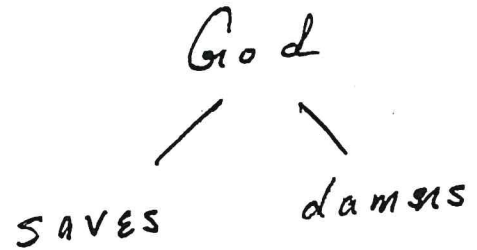
- About God
- God is the subject
- Shows us our Savior
- It saves
- Gives life
- Applied when one is alarmed about their sin

How mainline denominations approach "God."

Roman Catholic



Protestant / Calvinism



Lutheran



SESSION 2: The Creeds, The Trinity, God the Father, Creation and the Fall

Creed "*Credo*" = I Believe

1 Corinthians 15:3

Three Articles or Three Sections:

1st Article: God the Father and the work of creation

2nd Article: God the Son and the work of redemption (Redeem; to buy back)

3rd Article: God the Holy Spirit and the work of sanctification (to make holy)

All articles make up the **Triune God**.

Ephesians 2:18

Belief vs. Faith

The Work of Creation "Maker of Heaven and Earth"

Animal vs. Man
Genesis 1:22 and 1:28

Age of the Earth: Genesis 1-11 is genealogy and Genesis 12-50 is chronology.

Intrusion of the Creator's perfect creation that now suffers.

The Book of Job and then Job 40:8

Romans 8

Hebrews 12:7-10

The Role of Faith in God's Creation.

SESSION 3: Angels, The Fall, The Curse, Satan and Temptation

Angels- "Angelos"

* Angels appear at every point where the plan of salvation takes a new step forward and man needs to understand what God is doing so he *or she* gets messages about that plan of salvation.

The Fall- Loss of Life

Genesis 3

The tree?

The serpent?

Strategy of temptation and sinful choices

1. Casting doubt on God's Word
2. Telling part of the truth
3. A promise is made on its own (outside of God's promises)

Three major relationships destroyed since the fall:

1. Man and _____
2. Man and _____
3. Man and _____

GOD'S GRACE FOR THE FIRST TIME: Genesis 3:21

Satan (Devil- Adversary, Enemy / Satan- Accuser)

1 Peter 5:7-9

Ephesians 6:10-17

Job 1

Genesis 3

Matthew 4

John 8:43

James 1:12-15