

American Gospel: Christ Crucified, Week FOUR Additional Notes and Scriptures

Blackaby devo, 5/14 – Master and servant

As true followers of Christ we must...

† Focus on Christ alone as the Truth

John 14:6 (ESV) Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

† Be aware of the devil’s schemes to fight

2 Corinthians 2:11 (ESV) so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

1 Peter 5:8–9 (ESV) ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

† Hold one another accountable even when it is hard

Proverbs 27:17 (ESV) ¹⁷Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

REVIEW

Chapter 1 – Hold to the true Gospel of Jesus Christ through a high view of God and the Bible

Contrast between Progressive Christianity which subtly changes the Bible in ways that appear to make sense and sound good but sends people away from God and True Gospel which pulls people toward God.

Blogger Alisa Childers summarized progressive churches as having (***True Gospel is opposite***)

- a lowered view of the Bible,
- feelings are emphasized over facts,
- essential Christian doctrines are open for interpretation,
- historical terms are redefined,
- and the heart of the gospel message shifts from sin and redemption to social justice.

<https://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/christianity/the-dangers-of-progressive-christianity.aspx>

Chapter 2 – God’s attributes, as He has revealed Himself, are definitional of Who God is and He has promised that He does not change.

Hold to the historical, Biblical concepts - don’t allow words to be redefined, doctrine to be compromised and especially don’t allow God to be dethroned

We cannot understand God except as He has revealed Himself; but that which He has revealed we must hold on to even when we don’t understand completely.

We cannot allow people to, as Alistair Begg states, “contextualize the hard parts of the Bible in such a way as to make people comfortable and at the same time deny the truth of the Gospel.”

Chapter 3 – The **exclusivity of Christ** – He is the **ONLY** way to reconciliation with God. Those who refuse go to Hell for eternity.

Sin requires **atonement** – punishment to satisfy God’s wrath which Jesus did on the Cross.

To choose anything other than Christ is **idolatry**.

there are false teachers who will appeal to human desires rather than God’s truth, (2 Tim. 4:3-5), appearing as “servants of righteousness” (2 Cor. 11:13-15)

CHAPTER 4 – A BALANCED GOD

1:15:26 to 1:36:57

Sin is more about violating the holiness of God

Rev 21:8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

Matt 13:41–42 ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Mark 9:43 (ESV) ⁴³And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

Matthew 25:41 (ESV) ⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

Mark 9:48 (ESV) ⁴⁸‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’

Workbook p.35, QUESTION 1

God is WRATHFUL; He intensely HATES all sin.

Nahum 1:2 (ESV) ²The Lord is a jealous and avenging God; the Lord is avenging and wrathful; the Lord takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies.

Revelation 19:1–2 (ESV) ¹After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ²for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

Workbook p.35, QUESTION 2

DUALISTIC THINKING, God is both/and not either/or

Is it possible for God to be seemingly opposite characteristics?

Dualistic Thinking: Either _____, or _____.

Non-dual Thinking: Both _____, and _____.

Richard Rohr is actually practicing Dualistic Thinking: Either dualistic or non-dual.

The Contemplative Mind per Rohr, requires embracing a mystical experience that disengages the control of the mind; whereas Biblical meditation means actively using your whole self including your mind.

Dualistic Thinking: Either righteous & wrathful or gracious & loving.

CHILDERS: non-dualistic way of thinking is God displays BOTH His love & wrath on the cross together

Habakkuk 3:2 (ESV) ²O Lord, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O Lord, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.

Workbook p.36, QUESTION 4

God is **IMMUTABLE**; He does not **CHANGE**.

Workbook p.37, QUESTION 5

SOLA SCRIPTURA: Scripture Alone – Bible is God's inspired truth not an evolving, faulty book

Workbook p.38, QUESTION 6

GOD IS JEALOUS

Workbook p.39, QUESTION 7

Workbook p.39, QUESTION 8

Deuteronomy 5:9 (ESV) ⁹You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,
Exodus 34:14 (ESV) ¹⁴(for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),

Workbook p.39, QUESTION 9

Workbook p.40, QUESTION 10

WHAT ARE THE TAKEAWAYS?



New Song
Community Church