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American Gospel: Christ Crucified, MORE Chap 5 & 6, Week 7 Additional Notes & Scriptures

**CHAPTER 5 HIGHLIGHTS**

**pages 45-46**

God is God and the devil is nothing in comparison

devil doesn't rule in hell nor inflict pain on those who die without Christ

devil did not receive Jesus as ransom – "it was paid to the justice of God" (Paul Washer, p. 48)

devil only has power on earth as permitted by God

God is... † omnipotent (all-powerful)

† omniscient (all-knowing)

† omnipresent (all-present everywhere)

God offers to do Romans 8:28 in every circumstance including everything the devil does

***Implications:***

the devil has no real power over us, though tries to convince us he does

the devil has no real power in temptation or persecution

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There is a plurality of (many) motivations for coming to Christ – all are self focused.

But ultimately God will push us toward the right motivation for following Jesus:

"Do you want God?"

"Do you hate the sin you once loved?"

**page 47-49** - God is incomprehensively merciful, gracious, kind and more. He has done EVERYTHING to bring a rebellious humanity back to Himself. In the Old Testament and the New Testament the requirement was **repentance** based in faith in God whose saving work was manifested in Jesus' death on the Cross.

**page 49** - David deserved to die but appealed to God's mercy and steadfast love.

David was called a man after God's heart because he was always loyal to God, never turning away from God to worship other gods.

**Acts 13:22 (ESV)** <sup>22</sup>And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'

STOPPED WEEK 6

**SOLA FIDE: FAITH ALONE**

**page 50, QUESTION 11**

**1 Thessalonians 1:9–10 (ESV)** <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**Romans 5:9 (ESV)** <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

**page 50, QUESTION 11**

Beware of questions

that "poison the well" in the way they are asked

that start with the wrong premise/ foundation

Be sure to think and pray critically: "What is REALLY going on here, Lord?" Then Lean, Look and Listen for God to see and live from His truth and perspective

**APPLICATION:** can you think of examples of Jesus doing addressing issues below questions asked or the seemingly obvious topic at hand?

## CHAPTER 6 – ATONEMENT HISTORY, 1:53:50 to 2:05:29

### CHRISTUS VICTOR, Answer from back of curriculum, p. 112:

A payment made to the devil, the devil gaining a victory of Jesus, the idea that God tricked the devil (basically using deception as a method—God lying!), and ultimately the devil having an upper-hand against God. Satan takes orders from God, so God has complete sovereign control over Satan. Satan cannot demand anything from God and God does not owe anything to Satan. Furthermore, God cannot lie, so he would never use Satan's tactics against him. It is Satan who is the "Father of Lies," not God (John 8:44).

APPLICATION: why is it important for us to understand this?

### QUESTION 2

**Hebrews 2:14–15 (ESV)** <sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

### QUESTION 4

**Job 1:8–12 (ESV)** <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" <sup>9</sup>Then Satan answered the Lord and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason? <sup>10</sup>Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. <sup>11</sup>But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." <sup>12</sup>And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

**Job 2:3–6 (ESV)** <sup>3</sup>And the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason." <sup>4</sup>Then Satan answered the Lord and said, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. <sup>5</sup>But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life."

**Luke 22:31 (ESV)** <sup>31</sup>"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat,

### QUESTION 5

**John 19:30 (ESV)** When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

### QUESTION 8

Answer from back of curriculum, p. 112:

(1) If there is no sacrifice needed for sin leading to a command to repent, salvation becomes a polite suggestion and nobody really has anything to answer for in their actions. You will be okay with everyone being saved because there really is nothing to be saved from. (2) The work that Christ has done for the sinner, which the sinner needs, is abandoned; therefore, your view of salvation must turn into a law-centered salvation with a message of "Be loving like Jesus" instead of the good news which is "you have not been loving, you've sinned, therefore you need a Savior to be loving in your place and die for your transgression." The gospel changes from "It's been done for you" to "You must do it yourself."

## American Gospel: Christ Crucified, Chapter 7 Additional Notes & Scriptures

### QUESTION 1

To help us think well and be ready when someone comes at us with false arguments...

A “straw man” fallacy is when someone creates a false version of a view they disagree with, claim it is the same thing as the view they disagree with, and then refute that false version of the view as if it is the real one.

APPLICATION: Can you think of examples?

### QUESTIONS 2

APPLICATION: Answers to accusations that God committed Cosmic Child Abuse with Jesus

Christ died willingly, laid down His life as a loving sacrifice. He was not unwillingly sacrificed by His Father, but went to the Cross willingly as an adult.

## GOSPEL ESSENTIALS: TRINITY

### QUESTION 3

**John 10:17–18 (ESV)** <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

### QUESTION 4

Pastor Allistair Begg, “*The Bible is so helpful to us if we just read it. God did not die on the cross SO THAT the Father would love us. Jesus died on the cross BECAUSE the Father loves us.*”

Russell Berger: “*God’s justice was satisfied by God. He absorbed as God the punishment we deserved.*”

*We have a Trinitarian God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Equal in rank and authority and power.  
Equally God.*

### QUESTION 5

## GOSPEL ESSENTIALS: THE DEITY OF CHRIST

God is Triune. This flows from the essential gospel doctrine of the Deity of Jesus Christ.

### QUESTION 6

Answer from back of curriculum, p. 113:

The verses are John 17:1-5. He names **The Covenant of Redemption**. It should impact your understanding in that the atonement is about God’s love for His Son because of **the glory they share** in the work of redemption, and that your salvation is “**Really part of a bigger expression of the love that God has for God**” (Voddie).

**John 17:1–5 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

## QUESTION 7

**GOD is LOVE: GOD gives of HIMSELF to others.**

## QUESTION 8

Socinianism denies

1. the Trinity
2. the Deity of Christ (eliminating the Trinity) and
3. the penal substitution of the atonement.

Claims that God is a unitarian who can forgive sins without a payment for those sins, so penal substitution is not needed.

## QUESTION 9

**Hebrews 9:22 (ESV)** Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

## QUESTION 10

Answer from back of curriculum, p. 113:

*“The father in the parable had already taken a loss by giving the wayward son his portion of the inheritance (v. 12). The father absorbed that loss without payment when he forgave his son. The verses used to answer the objection begin with Matthew 5:38-39 concerning the Mosaic law’s allowance for “An eye for an eye” retribution. Human justice would mean “An eye for an eye,” the equivalent of the offence is paid back to the person sinned against. Jesus teaches that instead of attaining justice, Christians should forgive, which means the violation that comes with being sinned against is not given in return—instead, the one who forgives absorbs the justice the other person deserves back upon themselves. In addition, Romans 6:23 says that sin deserves death and instead of making the sinner bear that punishment himself, God bears the punishment in the sacrifice of Christ. God absorbs His justice, your punishment of death, unto Himself, in the person of Jesus Christ. “Instead of us dying for our sins, which is what we deserve, Christ dies for our sins” (Alisa Childers).”*

Answer is illustrated in Chalkboard illustrations on pages 70-72



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