

THEOLOGY OF GOD
(PARTS 1 AND 2)

GOD'S GRACE

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:16-17

For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:23-26

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; ²⁵whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Romans 5:15

But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 11:6

But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Hebrews 4:16

Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

James 4:5-7

Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: “He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us”? ⁶But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, “God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

1 Peter 1:13

Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 4:10-11

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Jesus was full of truth and grace. He embodied the kind giving of unmerited favor by the Father.

All Christians are saved solely by God’s grace. By definition, there could be no works involved. The true believer bears fruit because they love the Father and glorify Him by doing good works. God’s children are only capable of such things because of the new life they have received through the gift of God’s grace. Salvation is a free gift.

“By the grace of God I am what I am”

Ask for the grace to help in time of need with confidence

Hope for the counselor

Hope for the counselee

Fix your hope completely on the grace that is to be revealed on the final day. Interpret your circumstances in light of the certainty of the day you are home with Jesus Christ forever.

God's Plan of Salvation

- All Men Sin

Jeremiah 17:9

“The heart is more deceitful than all else
And is desperately sick;
Who can understand it?”

Romans 3:10

as it is written,

“THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;”

Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Romans 8:7-8

because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so,⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Galatians 3:22-24

But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. ²³But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

- Salvation: Forgiveness through Jesus Christ

Isaiah 53:6

All of us like sheep have gone astray,
Each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

John 1:29

The next day he saw* Jesus coming to him and said*, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

Philippians 3:7-11

But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, ⁹and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, ¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; ¹¹in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Titus 3:3-7

For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, ⁵He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in

righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Hebrews 2:10

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.

- Predestination

Romans 8:29-32

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Ephesians 1:4-6

just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

- Repentance and New Life

Matthew 3:1-3

Now in those days John the Baptist came* , preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said,

“THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,
‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD,
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!’”

Acts 2:37-38

Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 6:4-7

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.⁵For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,⁶knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;⁷for he who has died is freed from sin.

Romans 6:10-12

For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.¹¹Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,

Romans 8:13,15

for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.¹⁵For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”

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John 10:27-30

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;²⁸and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.²⁹“My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.³⁰“I and the Father are one.”

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the

resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,⁴ to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In-Class Project

Consider the problem presented and the things discussed as a group.

Do not limit your answers to what others have said.

Then take up to 45 minutes to answer the following questions:

>>In order of priority, what are the two biggest problems and how would you plan to address them from the Word?

In your answer, you may include Scripture, questions to get more heart level data and homework tools

>>What is missing in his Theology of God?

Discuss in your answer how these truths might change his life.