

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW: GOD'S GRACE AGENDA

Sunday, March 26, 2017 -- A NEW WORLDVIEW series -- Msg 11 -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

The BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW 'story' or 'progressive narrative':

CREATION

Genesis 1-2
infinite God
(holy)



FALL

Genesis 3
finite man
(sinful)



REDEMPTION

Rest of Bible
God's grace
(forgiveness)



GLORY

Book of Revelation, et al
shared glory!
(salvation)

REVIEW:

- 1) The Creator-God is perfect, grand and glorious.
- 2) Humanity is fallen, sinful and totally depraved.

God is not the problem, our rejection of Him is the problem. aka: SIN

'The Fall explains it all' -- brokenness, broken relationships, difficulties of life and work, pain, disease, deterioration, tragedy, confusion, strife, crime, abuse, natural disasters, injustice, war, terror and, ultimately, death.

We traded God's glory for our glory.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The **Doctrine of The Fall** brings great clarity to the difficulty, pain and suffering of life! Our misery and the meaninglessness of our existence is explained by it.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The **Doctrine of Sin** explains the world's evil and our mortality (death).

Nothing is more unlike God than death. It is the final result of our rejection of God.

The world is the way it is, and we are the way we are, because we have fallen into sin.

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Clearly understanding any real problem makes identifying the solution much easier.

Only when we come to realize the enormity of our problem does God's solution begin to make sense.

A God-sized problem requires a God-sized solution.

Psalm 3:8

Salvation belongs to the Lord;

Jonah 2:8-9

8 Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.

*9 But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!"*

1) God's Word, the Bible, is the only way we know about God's redemption.

Nature declares creation and fall, but Scripture declares God's plan of salvation.

Acts 16:31

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.

Ephesians 2:8-9

*For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

John 1:12

*But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God.*

Romans 10:14-17

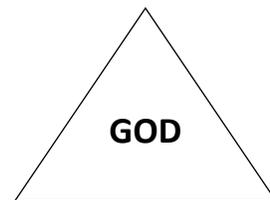
14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

2) God's Word progressively reveals His grace-driven work of redemption.

From the Fall to the Flood to the Tower of Babel to the Deliverance from Egypt to the giving of the Law to the Tabernacle to the Promised Land to the Kings to the Temple at Jerusalem to the Prophets to the promise of a Messiah to the arrival, teaching, rejection, death and resurrection of the Messiah, to the giving of the Great Commission, to the giving of God's Holy Spirit at Pentecost, to the age of the Church to the Return of Christ...
God's **work of grace** is being increasingly and progressively revealed.

3) Like creation, redemption is the work of the triune God.

- The Father appoints salvation. John 6:37 & 44; 1 Cor. 1:9; Rom. 8:29-30
- The Holy Spirit applies salvation. John 16:4-15; Rev. 22:17;
- The Son accomplishes salvation. John 3:16-17



John 3:16-17

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

NOTICE: God's GRACE calls for our individual response. What is yours?