
HUMANS AND CREATION

Grace

THE BIBLICAL CASTING OF HUMAN EXISTENCE

- Creation
 - All things are described as the result of God's favor receiving God's favor
 - Origin of creation in the goodness of God
- Sin
 - Result of sin: corruption and death
 - Promise of God's favour/grace from the beginning
- Election
 - Election of Abraham as an election in grace
 - Covenant with Abraham
- Exodus
 - Paradigm of human life begin redeemed by God
- Exile & Return: Isaiah
 - Sin, death, and political disruption are on the same level
 - Thirsting for God
 - Messiah
 - Redeemer from the greatest enemy
- Gospel of John
 - Light in the darkness
 - Word in the silence
 - Wine instead of water
 - Water in the desert
 - Life in the place of death
 - Transfiguration
- 1 Corinthians & Letters of John
 - Unity and Love: Fellowship
- Romans & Colossians
 - Transformation of the cosmos
- Letter to the Hebrews & Letters of Peter
 - Presence of God
- Revelation
 - Completion of humanity

What is full humanity?

- Revelation in Jesus
- The example of Mary
- Abstracting from sin
- Holding firm to the goodness of the world

Human nature

- Body-soul-spirit-mind unity
- Orientation towards the good
 - Body desires well
 - Mind knows clearly
 - Will chooses for the best
- The soul
- Pleasure and pain: Natural law
- Gender
- Openness to grace (obediential potency)

Uniqueness of Humanity

- Image of God
- Likeness of God
- Individual uniqueness
- Individual vocation
- The beauty of particularity

Mediators

- Place where God and creation meet
- Definitive free acceptance of God's love
- Experiencing God

Incompleteness of Humanity

- Need to be confirmed in freedom
- Essential precarious nature of freedom

Participants in the Divine Nature

- Indwelling of God
- Completion by the Holy Spirit
- Grace in Eden
- The necessity of grace

Destiny of Humanity

- Acceptance of God
- Supernatural existence
- Supernatural law
- The problem of the "necessary sin"