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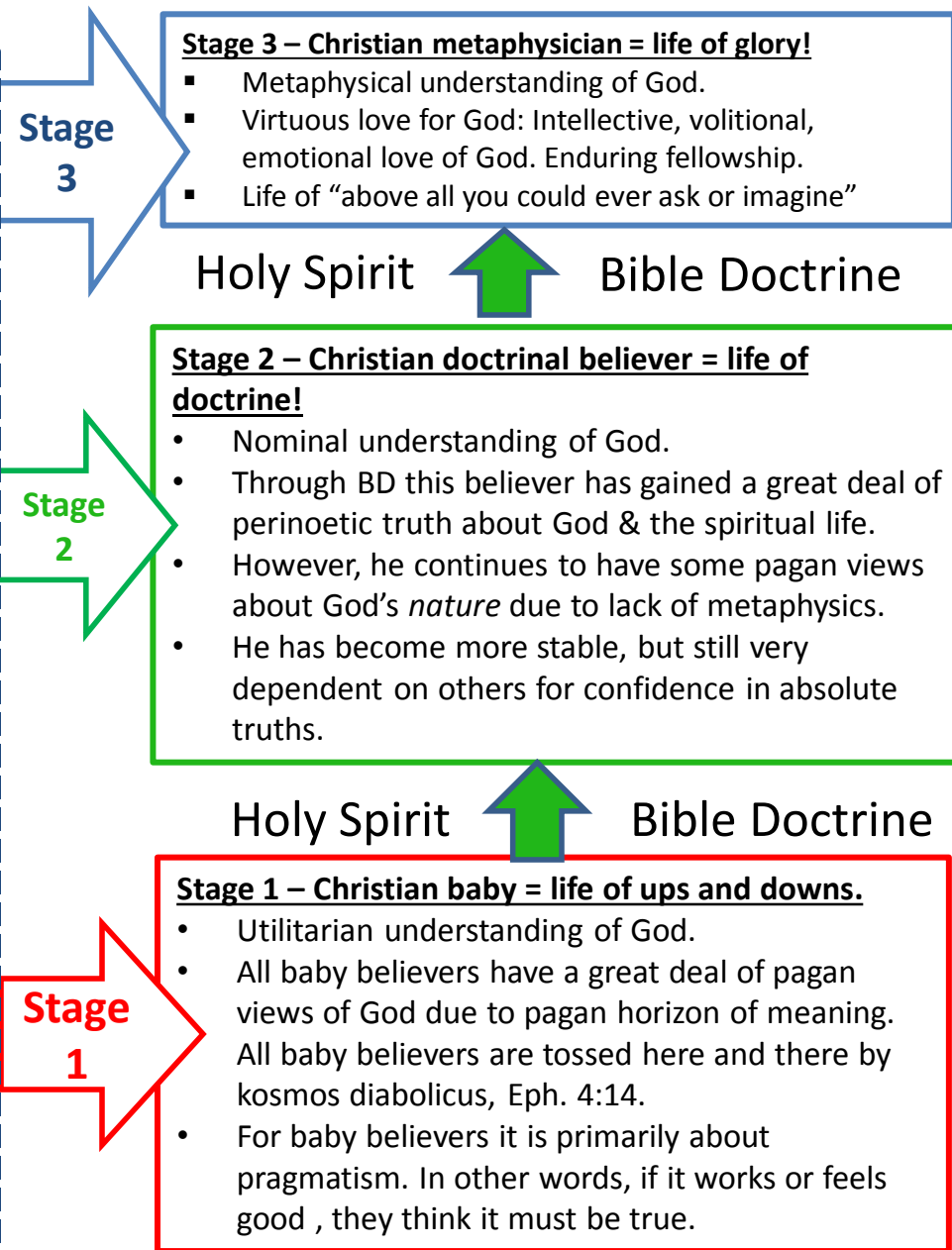
Opening passages, John 8:32; Matt. 22:37-40; Isa. 53; 2 Cor. 5:21; Rev. 5:9.

The three key requirements for true celebration of Christ in the Lord’s Supper: 1) saved, 2) fellowshiping with God, 3) true understanding.

Today’s class will begin with some philosophical principles that deal with existence/esses (concurrence, incarnation). Then we will spend the remainder of time with Sacred Text of Matt 26-27.

Before we resume, let’s examine ourselves with regard to fellowship with God. In fellowship we walk in the light of God Himself. When we are not in fellowship, we walk in the darkness of absence: absence of awareness of Him, His presence and plan.

With Esse and concurrent metaphysics, we should have a far deeper appreciation of the metaphysics of fellowship and our radical contingent nature. This provides the basis for an extremely rich and powerful devotional life with God.



## **EPISTEMOLOGY: #9, Grasp of Existence-19**

### **Concurrence and Metaphysics of the Incarnation**

1. In the following passages which views of creation (providence and essences) are biblically and philosophically plausible: physicalism, agnosticism, deism, conservationism, concurrentism, occasionalism?

Acts 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know-- 23 this Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

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Of the 6 views (physicalism, agnosticism, deism, conservatism, concurrentism, occasionalism), which one would entail God be in the most control?

Acts 4:27 "For truly in this city there were gathered together against Thy holy servant Jesus, whom Thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever Thy hand and Thy purpose predestined to occur.

John 19:11 Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above; for this reason he who delivered Me up to you has the greater sin."

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Of the 6 views (physicalism, agnosticism, deism, conservationism, concurrentism, occasionalism) which 3 are not heretical, strictly speaking?

Ephesians 1:11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

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Of the 6 views (physicalism, agnosticism, deism, conservationism, concurrentism, occasionalism) which view is the most common among modern Christians—even though it has always been considered heretical?

Consider the irrationality of the believer who holds to that position and yet maintains that God is in absolute control (which means He is in control over all natural processes).

Proverbs 16:9 The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

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2. The impossibility of even God Himself, Esse, Pure Actuality to bridge the gap between Infinite Being and finite act-potential human being apart from incarnation.
  - God and man are ontologically incommensurate (disproportionate). They are, by nature, an unmatched pair: for God is infinite, creation, finite; God is Spirit, matter is something of a fundamentally different kind. Illustration of child with limited knowledge going to the dentist for the first time.
  - God's love for man is so great that God decided to unite a particular human nature to a Divine person permanently as God's very own nature, to become a human being, to unite infinite immateriality to finite materiality in a real and everlasting manner.

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2. The incarnation is the uniting of eternal nature of God as Creator with a part of His creation, namely man.
  - God/"Ehyeh/Esse, out of His love, chooses to identify with material creation by assuming a particular human nature, by coming a particular human being.
  - This identity is with every person without exception, from those who would be saints to the Judases and Hitlers and Stalins and those who beat and mocked Him so *via Delarosa* to the Cross.

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- The only way unlimited Esse could become limited, and learn, suffer, and feel what it is like to be a man is through the incarnation. God, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Person for the first time felt pain through the human nature of Jesus. He felt the human experience from the inside out:
  - ❖ Hebrews 5:7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. 8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.



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- The only way unlimited Esse could fully identify and gain complete solidarity with all men completely and totally is through the incarnation.
- In the crucifixion, Esse identified with all human beings—every Nazi as well as every Holocaust victim. This identification is very intimate and with every person who has ever or will ever live. This demonstrates the extent of His love and sacrifice. He took the place, and thus cursing, of every man on the cross.
  - ❖ Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree "--

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- The only way unlimited Esse could enter the world of man and provide an incommensurate good greater than all human suffering, pain, and evil is through the incarnation.
  - ❖ Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

## THE GOD-MAN IN MATTHEW 26-27

1. The God-man prophesies His crucifixion, 26:1-16. Note the types of people in light of act-potentiality and divine concurrence.
2. The God-man observes Passover with believers, 26:17-30. The significance of “forgiveness” in Jesus and His impending death.
3. The God-man in Gethsemane, 26:31-50. The sorrow of Jesus and the ignorance and arrogance of Peter.
4. The God-man before Pilate, 27:11-26. Political expediency & crowds.
5. The God-man crucified, 27:27-44. Mockery, pain, torture.
6. The cursed death of the God-man, 27:45-50. The salvific work and His obedience to His last breath.