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The Glory of God-13

Opening: Psa. 73:24-25; 2 Cor 13:14.

1. Through the Epistles: Romans 2:17-29.

2. Life with God by proper knowledge & proper love: Matthew 22:37-40;
Mark 10:45; Rom. 5:11; Jn. 3:16-17; 1 Jn. 4:9; Rom 5:6-8; 8:15; Col. 1:15-20;
Jn 14:21; Eph 4:1.

3. Natural law (9). Review:

- a. The hermeneutical implications of natural law to the WOG and politics.
- b. Options: natural law, skepticism, relativism, power, will.
- c. The four laws: EL, NL, DCL, HCL.
- d. Defining law.
- e. Defining human nature.

4. The glory of God (13).

1. **“The Word became flesh . . . and we beheld His glory.”**
 - a. True faith always seeks greater understanding.
 - b. Solving a “problem” or beholding a glorious mystery?

2. *In the beginning was the Logos, and the Logos was with God, and the Logos was God. he was in the beginning with God, and without Him no one thing came into being . . . And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have beheld His glory, the glory as the Father's only Son . . . No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made Him know, John 1:1-3, 14, 18.*

- a. The eternal son, as the Logos of God, is the one through whom the Father creates.
- b. Like the Father, He is then other than the world.
- c. Yet as man He is the supreme revelation of the Father.
- d. The Son, through whom God has now spoken is the same one 'through whom He created the world. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and He sustains all things by His powerful Word' (Heb. 1:1-3).
- e. Jesus, the 'image of the invisible God' (Col. 1:15), who as the Logos, is co-Creator with the Father, appropriates to Himself then all of the attributes of the Father—power, goodness, imperishability, invisibility, eternity, impassibility, and immutability.
- f. The incarnation brings a new immanence of God in creation as He is present to creation and as Revealer He is visibly active within time and history.
- g. Jesus, as Creator and Revealer, unites within His very person the understanding of God as wholly other than the world and yet one who acts within the world in His wholly otherness.
- h. Jesus is the ultimate and only bridge to the transcendent God, the wholly other.

The Glory of God (13)

3. Exploring the metaphysics of *Esse* and the incarnation. Faith seeking understanding.
 - a. God is IS/BE, Pure *Esse*, Pure Act, which means He is almighty, all-powerful, all-perfect, immutable, and impassible.
 - b. God is not *something* fully in act. He is act pure and simple.
 - c. *Esse* is a verb, an act, that cannot be conceptually grasped by the human mind.
 - d. Being a verb, *esse* specifies action as do all verbs, but in this case what it specifies is the act by which a being (ens/essence) is or exists. Nothing in creation just exists.
 - e. The incarnation: God subsisting as man. To uphold the truth of the incarnation one must maintain that
 - 1) God truly is man.
 - 2) It is truly God who is man.
 - 3) It is truly man that God is.
 - f. To uphold the above is to avoid the many heresies on the incarnation which all compromise the deity or humanity in some way.
 - g. The “become” of John 1:14 does not mean that the Logos was changed into a man or that He became a new person, but that the Logos took on a new mode or manner of existence.
 - h. God did not change in any way from His immutable state which He had for all of eternity. Rather, He united Himself to man in a new way.

4. “The Word became flesh . . . and we beheld His glory.”
 - a. Christ’s glory revealed in the 6 signs that point to the coming new creation (water to wine, healing sick, healing lame, feeding 5,000, giving sight to the blind, and raising the dead)
 - b. Christ’s glory revealed on the Cross, John 3:14-16; 12:23-24, 32;
 - c. Christ’s glory revealed in the incarnation as God’s new tabernacle, John 1:14.