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John 11:23-27. This life is just the beginning, the best is yet to come. The single greatest issue remains the development of personal virtue love for God (Matt. 22:37-40). Christ not only declares that the entire word of God hangs (**κρεμάννυμι, kremannumi**) on this love, but is why you were created and the basis for capacity for all of life and the desires of your heart. PLG is the only truly blessed motive for everything we do in life (Col. 3:1-2; Matt. 10:37; 2 Cor 5:14-15; Col. 3:23-24; John 14:23-24; 1 Cor. 16:22).

Even though much in modern Christianity is plagued with impoverished pagan ideas about God and reality, we all have the opportunity to remove these ideas and see the true God and love Him with all of our hearts, souls, and minds.

This virtue love is supernatural as is the revelation of Jesus Christ in your life (Matt. 16:16-17). There are many pernicious things about the modern pagan mindset in contemporary Christianity that destroy the believer's ability to grow in virtue love and worship of God, one of the worst is inability to stay in fellowship very long.

Stage 3

Stage 3 – Christian metaphysician = life of glory!

- Metaphysical understanding of God.
- Virtuous love for God: Intellective, volitional, emotional love of God. Enduring fellowship.
- Life of “above all you could ever ask or imagine”

Holy Spirit



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Stage 2

Stage 2 – Christian doctrinal believer = life of doctrine!

- Nominal understanding of God.
- Through BD this believer has gained a great deal of perinoetic truth about God & the spiritual life.
- However, he continues to have some pagan views about God's *nature* due to lack of metaphysics.
- He has become more stable, but still very dependent on others for confidence in absolute truths.

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Stage 1

Stage 1 – Christian baby = life of ups and downs.

- Utilitarian understanding of God.
- All baby believers have a great deal of pagan views of God due to pagan horizon of meaning. All baby believers are tossed here and there by kosmos diabolicus, Eph. 4:14.
- For baby believers it is primarily about pragmatism. In other words, if it works or feels good , they think it must be true.

EPISTEMOLOGY: #9, Grasp of Existence-38

Christ's reestablishment and confirmation of Ehyeh/Esse/BE/Existence

John 8:56 "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad."

57 The Jews therefore said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am **(ἐγώ εἰμι)**." 59 Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him

John 17:6 "I made known **Thy name** to the men whom Thou gavest Me out of the world;

Exodus 3:13-15 Then Moses said to God, "Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I shall say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you.' Now they may say to me, '**What is His name?**' What shall I say to them?" 14 Exodus 3:14 And God said to Moses, **Ehyeh-asher-Ehyeh (ἐγώ εἰμι ὃ ὢν)**; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, **Ehyeh (ὃ ὢν)** has sent me to you."

(Music illustration:

Poverty of Spirit and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Distinction between being a Christian and being a disciple of Christ.

- #1, Matt. 5:3: Blessed (Μακάριοι) are the **poor in spirit** for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
- #2, Blessed are those who **mourn** (πενθοῦντες) for they shall be comforted
- #3, Blessed are the **gentle** (πραεῖς) for they shall inherit the earth.
- #4, Blessed are those **who hunger and thirst for righteousness** (δικαιοσύνην) for they shall be satisfied.
- #5, Blessed are the **merciful** for they shall receive mercy
- #6, Blessed are the **pure in heart** (καθαροὶ τῇ καρδίᾳ) for they shall see God
- #7, Blessed are the **peacemakers** (εἰρηνοποιοί) for they shall be called the sons of God
- #8, Blessed are those **who have been persecuted** for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. "Rejoice, and be glad, for your **reward (ὁ μισθός) in heaven is great**, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The bad/good news for those characterized by poverty of spirit and mourning. The Great Evil/Pride of human self-esteem vs. blessedness of a brokenness and humility that leads to fantastic spiritual self-esteem and supernatural joy.

Poverty of Spirit and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Who are truly blessed? The proud of heart or those in poverty of spirit? Who receives comfort from God? Those with human self-esteem or spiritual self-esteem? Note what bars the grace of Christ vs. what brings Christ and His grace. Pride is infinitely more awful and deadly than any sin or amalgamation of sins no matter how many or horrid. Pride is the only thing that bars God's grace.

1. Mary Magdalene, Luke 7:36-8:3; 10:38-42; John 11:1-12:8; John 19:25; 20:10-18.
2. The proud fools of the kosmos, Luke 12:16-23; 16:19-31.
3. Peter, from pride to poverty of spirit and power, Matt. 16:21-26; Luke 22:61; 24:34; Acts 1-12.
4. The blessed dying malefactor, Luke 23:26-47.
5. The wavering yet truth-seeking believers, Luke 24:13-35.
6. The need for personal virtue love for Christ, John 21:15-22.
7. The need for the Christian transcendent Risen Life, Col. 3:1-2.