

Bible Doctrines (The True-Good-Beautiful)

T/G/B

- Eschatology
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- Doxology
- Hodology
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- Pneumatology
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- Paterology
- Trinitarianism
- Cosmology
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- Bibliology
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Psa 27:4; 39:4, 73:23-26; 90:12; Rom. 11:36, Acts 17:28; Heb. 2:14; 1 Cor. 10:31; 15:26.

Prayer:

Outline of Bible class (The issue is always relationship with God by knowledge and by love).

1. Spiritual foundations (1 slide)—that nature of morality, virtue, and infused supernatural virtue.
2. Philosophy of language-16 (1 slide)—language, reality, and onomata epistemology/metaphysics.
3. Heaven-11:—more on the eternal perspective, motivation, and rewards.

Spiritual foundations: morality/ethics, virtue/integrity, and supernaturally infused virtue.

1. Level 1: Morality/ethics = right actions based more on consequences than desires of the intellect, affections, and passions. Fear is usually the dominant motivation from abstaining from immoral behavior. A person can be moral and have illicit desires, but due to lack of integrity/integration, he will have a tortured soul due to problems with temptations to evil.
2. Level 2: Virtue/integrity = an *acquired* rightly ordered intellect, affections, and passions. The person with integrity does not have illicit desires in certain areas. Through habituation in the Good, he has acquired right thinking, right experiences, and right feelings. This is available for believer and unbeliever alike (Gen. 20:6). We are still on the natural level.
3. Level 3: Supernatural/infused virtue (spirituality) = infused virtues directly from God the Holy Spirit. They raise the believer’s intellect and affections to the supernatural level (Gen. 39, 41:38).
4. Metaphysical and epistemological foundations for true understanding of human nature.
 - a. The proper foundation for the study of human morality and virtue is the metaphysical nature of man in a united/hylomorphic biblical framework (Gen. 2:7) instead of the modern fragmented , dichotomized, materialistic, Cartesian, and Rousseauan framework.
 - b. Modernism (Cartesianism): man has been fragmented into mind and body, thinking and emotions, which are often pitted against each other; virtually all of man’s affections and desires have been collapsed into the more or less physicalistic, ambiguous concept of “emotions,” which are viewed with great suspicion and are to be guarded against, restrained, and prevented from taking control and contain no virtue.
 - c. However, this is very problematic in that God often commands us through the desires He gives us. The commands of divine revelation are actually ancillary to our natural inclinations, following from the logic of human nature. Affections are to be virtuous.

5: Hermeneutics
4: Language-16
3: Epistemology 32 - Existence 50 - History 50
2:Metaphysics 32 - Trans. 50
1: Reality - Logic 32, - Truth 32

Philosophy of Language-16 (Plato's *Cratylus*)

Outline

- ✓ Introduction
- ✓ What is philosophy of language?

✓ Theories of meaning

✓ Plato (428-348 BC)

Aristotle (384-322 BC)

Ferdinand de Saussure (1857-1913)

Gottlob Frege (1848-1925)

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)

Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889-1951).

Martin Heidegger (1889-1976).

W. V. O. Quine (1908-2000).

Noam Chomsky (1928-)

Realist view of meaning.

Foundation of meaning.

Communication of meaning.

Elements of language.

Function of language

Meaningful God-talk.

Analytic Philosophy

Conclusion.

Analogy.

Metaphysical analogy.

1. Plato's *Cratylus* is a dialogue between Socrates (an Athenian philosopher), Hermogenes (son of a wealthy aristocrat), and Cratylus (young scholar who subscribes to the philosophy of Heraclitus that all things are in a state of permanent change). It is oldest recorded dialogue that we have on the relationship between language and the reality of their referents.
2. Cratylus holds to what is called the naturalist position in that there is a natural connection between a word and its referent. This is an extreme position to the right. In effect, it means that one can know the referent simply through the etymology of the word. This amount to onomato epistemology and onomato metaphysics. However, in onomato metaphysics reality is reduced to labeling and describing things in a very superficial manner. Onomato epistemology and metaphysics leads to onomato exegesis. Onomato exegesis is basically a Cratylean exegesis. With this in mind, consider how Cratylean modern exegetical churches are as they based reality on words instead of reality as such.
3. One problem with Cratylean epistemology is that the Hebrew and Greek words are embedded with many pagan views of God, spirituality, creation, and man. Remember, there is no Holy Ghost language. God used the language that existed among the people at the time, the Canaanites and the Greeks.
4. Consider some of the errors a Bible-only (theologism) exegete can get himself into by building reality on words that were originally coined not only by Greeks, but by Heraclitean (flux theorists) name givers (*nomothetes*) and legislatures. Besides if one only knows things through names then how did the first *nomothetes* know things to given them names?
5. Hermogenes, on the other hand, teaches that names are mere conventions. He demonstrates this by the fact that different cultures used different scratches and sounds to represent the same referents. This is the extreme left position. In effect, it means that there can be no objective communication.
6. Socrates shows the fallacy of both extreme positions. He says we do not know things by words. Rather we know things through their forms, their essences. This is called an eidetic epistemology. However, how in the world can one have unmediated knowledge of something, especially through the dialectic process, which is mediated by words?
7. Plato's *Cratylus* provides no answer to how this is done. This sets up the problem of the ages: how do we know reality? Consider our anti-rational, anti-Aristotelean, and anti-realist age.

THE PRESENT HEAVEN – Separated from earth

Given the abundance of scriptural truths on Heaven and Hell that God provided in His infallible Word, what accounts for the great ignorance regarding the nature of the two Heavens and two Hells in society and more importantly in the modern church?

1. John 3:11-13, 31, 6:38.
2. John 14:1-3; Luke 20:37-38, 23:43, 16:19-31.
3. Heb. 11:13-16; Matt. 6:19-25; Col. 3:1-3; Philip. 3:17-21.
4. Acts 7:55, 56; John 11:43; Rev. 6:9-11; Heb. 12:22.
5. Philip. 1:23-24; 2 Cor. 5:8; Rev. 18:20; 19:1-5.

**FUTURE HEAVEN—
United with earth:
- Rev. 21-22.**



Church Age	Rapture	Tribulation	Millennium
		7 years	1,000 years Rev. 20



Warnings: Matt. 7:13

Mat 10:28

Luke 12:16-34

Who is the greatest fool?

What makes Hell so frightening is that it is in the Bible (true).

PRESENT HELL/TORMENTS

1. Ecc. 12:7; Luke 16:19-31; 2 Pet. 2:4.
2. Matt. 10:28; Rev. 20:11-15

Earth is the in-between world

There is a Heaven to gain and a Hell to fear!

The Word of God is inerrant, infallible, & eternal

It is not like Jesus Christ did warn believers and unbelievers

It is not compassionate to ignore or deny Hell

FUTURE HELL

1. Rev. 20:10-15, 21:8
2. Matt. 13:40-42,
3. Matt. 25:41, 46
4. John 5:29b
5. 2 Thess. 1:9
6. Mark 8:36-37

HEAVEN-11

1. While death should never be romanticized, and no one should be callous to anyone who may have anxiety over death, every believer should examine his only life as to whether his thoughts of death and Heaven promote feelings of anxiety/fear or hope/joy. Is your attitude biblical? Do you believe Christ? Are you ready? If not, why not. The only valid reason for not wanting to go to Heaven is that you want to do more for Christ here.
2. For the believer, death does not have the final say. Rather, it is but a passage way or a thoroughfare to a magnificent destination: Death is the door to Jesus Christ. For the believer, death has been radically changed: it is the means by which God's people enter into the direct presence of God.
3. However, death should be feared by the unbeliever for it leads to damnation of both body and soul—a damnation that is so horrendous, that one should ever tell anyone to “go to Hell.” Most of those we rub shoulders with will spend agony in a literal Hell. Is it rational or compassionate to ignore this?

HEAVEN-11

4. Much of the blame today with regard to aberrant views of Heaven and Hell lies with pastors who do not teach the whole counsel of God. They have chosen secular and modern Christian social correctness over teaching the whole counsel of God (cf., emphasizing temporal problem solutions and prosperity gospel).

Acts 20:27 "For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole council of God. 28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

HEAVEN-11

5. Failure to develop and teach what the Bible says about Heaven results in aberrant views of the entire Christian life. The results is that many of the people of God have inadequate views of the spiritual life and Heaven. One cannot live a rich spiritual life apart from the eternal perspective. More than that: one cannot follow Christ apart from the eternal perspective.

Cf., Matthew 5:1-16.

HEAVEN-11

6. Modern views of Heaven vs. biblical depictions of Heaven: Many in the church and in society think of Heaven as a place filled with disembodied souls floating around among the clouds. However, this is not the picture the Bible paints regarding the New Earth and New Heavens. The Bible speaks of Heaven in tangible, material ways. Our material bodies will need a material place in which to live: Our bodies will be alive and need a world to live in, a New Heaven and Earth. Though many attempt to spiritualize descriptions of the New Earth, the Bible is unwavering in describing it in very physical language (garden, cities, kingdom, roads, ruling).

HEAVEN-11

7. All of the misguided attempts to make the New Heavens and Earth sound spiritual/non-physical, merely succeed in making Heaven sound more unappealing and ambiguous.
8. As human beings, God made us to be both physical and spiritual, and thus designed to live in a physical realm. We are not, as Plato supposed, merely spiritual beings temporally encased in physical bodies. Adam did not become a living being until he was both body and spirit (Gen 2:7).

HEAVEN-11

9. We are physical beings as much as we are spiritual beings. That is why bodily resurrection is so central in God's plan of redemption. It is essential that God endow us with eternal righteous humanity. Christ is not preparing a place for disembodied spirits, but a place for the entire personhood of His people in spirit, soul, and body. We shall be united and complete in the redemption of our bodies.

HEAVEN-11

10. Overview passages on death, Heaven, and Hell.

Hebrews 2:14 Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

Revelation 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

HEAVEN-11

Revelation 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them, 4 and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

Isaiah 25:8 He will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord God will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

1 Corinthians 15:55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

HEAVEN-11

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Philippians 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. 23 But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; 24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

2 Corinthians 5:6 Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord-- 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight-- 8 we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

HEAVEN-11

2 Timothy 4:6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; 8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing. . . . 13 When you come bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments.

Ecclesiastes 12:6 Remember Him before the silver cord is broken and the golden bowl is crushed, the pitcher by the well is shattered and the wheel at the cistern is crushed; 7 then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.

Hebrews 11:16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.

Colossians 3:1 If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

Matthew 25:46 "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Luke 16:24 "And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue; for I am in agony in this flame.'

Matthew 7:13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. 14 "For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

Matthew 3:12 "And His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.
22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'
23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

Matthew 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

Revelation 6:15 And the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; 16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; 17 for the great day of their wrath has come; and who is able to stand?"

Revelation 21:8 "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Revelation 20:11 And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. 14 And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

11. It is impossible to live a transcendent Christian life apart from the eternal perspective, cf. Mat. 5:3-16. The eternal perspective changes everything, not only with regard to our lives but to how we view all lives and creation.
 - a. The eternal perspective provides transcendent optimism through the certain knowledge of living happily every after with unending happiness, beauty, glory, and gratification. Only with the eternal perspective can the believer look beyond his sickness and pain and difficult circumstances.
 - b. Only the eternal perspective can enable us to really rejoice in the midst of suffering (1 Pet 4:13).

1 Peter 4:13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation.

- c. Our life in eternity future is to bring more joy than victories on this earth (Luke 10:19, 20). Only Heaven can give us true hope (Rom 8:20-25; 1 John 3:3).

Luke 10:19 "Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you. 20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."

- d. It is the eternal perspective that brings a transcendence that breaks what otherwise be problems with boredom and attitudes of unimportance.

12. The eternal perspective should serve as a challenge or wakeup call for both believer and unbeliever.

- Do you daily reflect on your mortality? You are dying!
- Do you realize there are only 2 destinations?
- Do you remind yourself that this world is not your home and everything in it will be burned up?
- Do you realize that your choices and actions have a direct influence on your life in the world to come?
- Do you realize that your life is being examined by Christ and will be appraised for next life?
- Do you daily reflect that your ultimate home will be the New Earth, where you will see God and serve Him as a resurrected being in a resurrected human society, where you will overflow with joy and delight in drawing close to God and studying Him and His creation?
- Are you looking forward to being with your Lord?
- Is your value related to the eternal perspective?

13. The Eternal Incentives.

2 Peter 3:11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, on account of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! 13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. 14 Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless,

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Philippians 3:13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 11:24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin; 26 considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

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14. Eternal perspective and rewards: an overview of the various motives, incentives and the nature of the concurrent activity involved in gaining rewards, **Jer. 17:9-10**; Matt. 6:1-7, 16-18, 19-34, 19:21, 25:14-23; Luke 6:35, 14:12-14, 16:9-11, 19:17-19; **Rom. 14:10-12; 1 Cor. 3:12-15, 4:5, 6:3; 9:24-27; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; 5:9-11; Eph. 6:7-8; Col 3:22-24**; 1 Tim 6:6-19; 2 Tim. 2:12, 4:6-8; **Heb. 6:10-12**; James 1:12, 2:14-26; 3:13; 1 Pet. 5:1-4; 2 Pet 1:3-11, 3:10-14; 1 John 2:28; 2 John 8; Rev. 2:10, 2:23, 3:11, 21, 14:3, 19:7-8.