

Bible Doctrines (The True-Good-Beautiful)

T/G/B

- Eschatology
- Thanatology
- Ecclesiology
- Israelology
- Dispensationalism
- Doxology
- Hodology
- Soteriology
- Hamartiology
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- Anthropology
- Angelology
- Pneumatology
- Christology
- Paterology
- Trinitarianism
- Cosmology
- Theology Proper
- Bibliology
- Natural Theology

By knowledge & love: Mat. 22:37-39; Psa 16:11; 23:6; 27:4; 73:23-26; 1 Jn 4:11, 19; 1 Cor. 10:31.

Outline of Bible class.

1. Spiritual foundations (1 slide)—human nature: morality, virtue, sentiments, affections, passions.
2. Philosophy of language-17 (1 slide)—language, reality, and onomata epistemology/metaphysics.
3. Heaven-12:—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 external factors rather than any unity between intellect, will, affections, and passions. A man or woman could be moral in intellect and have immoral wills. Morality is not enough for the foundation of a healthy spiritual life. Immorality corrupts man’s will and affections, making it impossible for integration of norms and standards.
2. Level 2: Virtue/integrity = virtue is when the intellect, sentiments, affections, and passions are integrated around the Good. Not only does a person know what is good, but he desires the good. The person with integrity does not have illicit desires or sentiments in those areas in which he has virtue. Like with morality, virtue is available to the believer and unbeliever. Consider incest.
3. Level 3: Supernatural/infused virtue (spirituality) this is having the right thinking, sentiments, affections, and passions from a supernatural source, namely, the Holy Spirit (Gen. 39, 41:38; Gal. 5:22-23). This can be developed over time, but also can also come in an instant , usually at regeneration (1 Cor. 6:9-11). However, failure to cultivate virtue on a natural level will most assuredly fragment the believer and destroy any capacity for supernatural virtue by the corrupt 2nd order will’s activity. With supernatural virtue comes a strong desire to want to know God, love God, and live for God. There is no peace in fragmentation of the soul.
4. Human affections (aka “emotions”) have a profound connection with human morality and virtues.
 - a. The loss of metaphysical understanding of man has led to distortion of man’s affections and passions and their relationships to happiness, morality, virtue, vice, sin, sin nature, infused grace, and moral theology in general.
 - b. Almost all modern Christians have a false view of man’s affectivity as evidence by adoption of the term “emotions.” This problem is exacerbated by conduit and dualistic thinking—blatant unbiblical thinking—which needs to be corrected for understanding the importance of human affectivity in the development of virtue. They are cognitive—not just sensations.

5: Hermeneutics

4: Language-17

3: Epistemology 32
 - Existence 50
 - History 50

2:Metaphysics 32
 - Trans. 50

1: Reality
 - Logic 32,
 - Truth 32

Philosophy of Language-17 (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. We have been noting Plato's *Cratylus* (Κρατύλος) the oldest surviving dialogue (360 B.C.) on the nature of language and reality between Cratylus, Hermogenes, and Socrates.
2. Cratylus holds to what I would call an onomato (word) epistemology/metaphysics: i.e., one knows reality by etymologizing words (this includes adjectives, verbs, pronouns, etc.). Consider how dominant this view is in exegetical churches. Consider how this has led to the prevailing fallacies of the Greek aorist. Contrary to what is commonly taught the aorist (1) does not signify past action, (2) is not punctiliar, (3) does not indicate once-for-all action, (4) does not indicate kind of action, (5) is not the opposite of the present, imperfect or perfect, (6) does not occur in kinds, and (7) may describe any kind of action. These fallacies are all results of a Cratylean methodology. Moreover, the critical problem with constructing reality on etymologizing is deeper in that the original Greek "namers" were Heraclitean, which means that they did not believe things had essences since all things are in flux. Moreover, there are many pagan concepts embedded in Greek language. The issue is meaning and reality, not language, which only serves as signs to reality.
3. 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.
4. Socrates shows the fallacy of both extreme positions. He makes fun of both positions and introduces what is called an eidetic epistemology: We know things through their forms, their essences. However, how in the world can one have unmediated knowledge of the forms or essences of anything, especially through the dialectic process, which is mediated by words?
5. Plato's *Cratylus* provides no answer to exactly how we can know the nature of things by examining them since we use words, the dialectic process, to discover them.
6. It is one thing to understand the nature of a tree by examining the tree. But what about something like justice? How do we understand "justice" objectively if the reality is not in the word or the word is merely conventional? How do we know what justice is with regard to the question of buying or owning a dog or a buying or owning person?

THE PRESENT HEAVEN – Separated from earth

Consider the abundance of Scriptural *physical and spatial* depictions of the present and future Heaven.

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

PRESENT HELL/TORMENTS

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



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-12

1. Overview of the crucial importance of the eternal perspective: Matthew 5:1-16; Luke 6:22-23; 10:19-20; 12:16-34; Philip 1:21-25; 3:1-14; John 14:1-3, 17:24; 1 Pet 4:13; Rom. 8:20-25. There is a profound difference between using Faith-rest with a focus on the temporal and using Faith-rest with the eternal perspective. Only the latter brings transcendence and absolute optimism.

HEAVEN-12

2. Reflecting on what God says about 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.

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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.

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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.

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-12

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.

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.

3. It is self-evident and undeniable that one cannot live the transcendent Christian life apart from the transcendent eternal perspective. In fact apart from the eternal perspective, no one can really find himself, Matt. 10:39. The eternal perspective changes everything, not only with regard to our lives, but how we view everything else.

4. Only the eternal perspective can provide incurable transcendent optimism through the living 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, cf. 1 Pet. 4:13.

5. We are to gain more joy from our eternal perspective than spiritual victories in our lives.

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."

6. Only the eternal perspective can really destroy temporal issues such as boredom and attitudes of insufficiency and unimportance.

7. 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?

8. Note the transcendent 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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9. Note the 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.