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Opening: Psalm 73:24; 1 Jn 4:10, 19; Dt. 6:5-7; 1 Cor. 13; 2 Cor. 5:14.

Preparation for Bible class: Was Jesus a conduitist or concurrentist? Rev. 3:14-22.

1. Spiritual foundations: Concurrence , spiritual growth, and the nature of wills/volitions.
2. Philosophy of language-30 (1 slide): Last class on Cratylus: grammatical fallacies.
3. Heaven-25:— Heaven: The love of God and the Greatest Love Story of all time.

Spiritual foundations: virtue and the local church.

1. Since there are no ontological grounds for a stable character in conduitism, there cannot be any ontological grounds for spiritual growth of character. How could there be if the believer is only a channel? It is a known phenomenon that many conduit believers struggle with constant confession of sin even though they have been in doctrine for several decades. This is a sign of immaturity and fragmentation of the life due to wrong focus and erroneous conduit ideas about states of fellowship rather than acts of fellowship with, before, and after God in 2nd person.
2. In concurrence God actually raises up and perfects the believer’s nature. The fruit of the Holy Spirit on the believer’s nature actually gives the believer the nine-fold virtues. In other words, the believer actually grows in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, humility, control. It is the Holy Spirit who raises the believer’s intellect and inclines will (Eph. 1:18).
3. In the last few classes I noted that the locus of virtue in in the will. It is all about the will. So, we need to understand the will from the perspective of philosophical realism (eidetic approach).
4. It really does not matter how one labels the wills and volitions, just as long as one makes a distinction between them and the rationality/freedom of man as per the 2nd order. The point is that one must deal with the four laws of reality: I,EM, NC, SR. *It is undeniable that man struggles with good and bad desires* before and after reflection. I have modified the labels to disambiguate.
5. Overview of chart: 1) See, 2) Think, 3) Decide, 4) Do
 - a. Illustration of a struggling diabetic, who is given a giant cinnamon roll.
 - b. Illustration with Romans 7:15-22.
 - c. Illustration with the Early Church of Acts 2:42-47, cf. 1 Jn 3:17; Philip 2:13
 - d. Illustration with the Corinthian Church, 1 Cor. 11.
 - e. Illustration with the hardening of Pharaoh’s heart.

5: Hermeneutics

4: Language-30

3: Epistemology 32
 - Existence 50
 - History 50

2:Metaphysics 32
 - Trans. 50

1: Reality
 - Logic 32,
 - Truth 32



2nd order wills

Man cognizes/ considers options = basis of free will

#2 - Think

#1 - See

1st order wills/options

+ = the good
- = evil/bad

1st order is pre-reflective order
2nd order is post-reflective/rational

#3 Decide: - or +



2nd order volition = Will one thing

#4 Do

1st order volitions

+ Doing what he knows is right

#4 - Doing what he knows is wrong (suppression of conscience)

#1-5 = Flow chart of wishing (wills) and doing (volitions): 1) see, 2) think, 3) decide, 4) do cf. Romans 7:15-22.

Philosophy of Language-30 (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.

Cratylus: the relationship between language and reality illustrated with the term "love."

1. We have discovered that the Cratylean approach is a flawed *onomata* approach to epistemology/metaphysics/reality as it attempts to get to the essences through words alone. It is fallacious with the Hebrew word for love and Greek word for love (in light of diachronic linguistic factors, cf. *κυνέω* to *φιλέω* to *ἀγαπάω*).
2. The Cratylean approach not only constructs reality on words, it is generally plagued with problems in creating realities based on grammatical nuances used for emphasis by writers.
3. Illustrations of creating or blurring reality with grammatical emphasis.
 - a. John 11:5 Now Jesus loved (*ἠγάπα*) Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.
 - b. John 19:26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved (*ἠγάπα*) standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"
 - c. John 3:35 "The Father loves (*ἀγαπᾷ*) the Son, and has given all things into His hand.
 - d. Revelation 3:19 'Those whom I love (*φιλῶ*), I reprove and discipline
 - e. James 1:24 for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away (*ἀπελήλυθεν*), he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.
 - f. Revelation 8:5 And the angel took (*εἴληφεν*) the censer; and he filled it with the fire of the altar and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.
 - g. Matthew 25:6 "But at midnight there was (*γένονεν*) a shout, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet *him*.'
 - h. 2 Corinthians 11:25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent (*πεποίηκα*) in the deep.
 - i. Hebrews 11:28 By faith he kept (*πεποίηκεν*) the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the first-born might not touch them.
 - j. Revelation 19:3 And a second time they said (*εἶρηκαν*), "Hallelujah! Her smoke rises up forever and ever."
4. The different emphases by the different writers can also be seen in John's emphasis on "love" (inclination of will) while the synoptic gospels emphasize love manifested in "compassion."

Warnings:
Matt 6:19-34
Rev. 14:13
2 Cor 5:10
Rev. 19:8



The power of the proper perspective:

Temporary Heaven
John 17:24; Philip 1:21-23; 2 Cor. 5:8; Rev. 1-19

Eternal Heaven/Earth
Rev. 21-22

Matthew 5:11 "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. ¹² "Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Hebrews 2:14 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.

Philippians 1:23 But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better;



Temporary Hell
Luke 16:19-31



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.

Eternal Hell
Rev. 20:11-15; Matt 10:28-30



Warnings:
Matt. 7:13-14; Luke
12:16-34; Luke 14:18-20

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1. Introduction on the love of God: There are five metaphysical realities on the love of God in the Bible. They are distinct, yet they overlap in some ways. The danger is imposing one category on another.
 - a. Inter-Trinitarian love (John 3:35; 5:20; 14:31).
 - b. God's providential love over all that He has made (Matt. 5:44-6:33).
 - c. God's salvific love for the whole world (John 3:16).
 - d. God's electing love (Dt. 7:7-8; Mal. 1:2-3; Eph. 1:4-12; 5:25).
 - e. God's provisional love of His own people (Ex. 20:6; Jude 21; Jn 15:10).

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2. Act I: Inter-Trinitarian Love: The Foundation, the Essence, the Root, the Reason, and the Pattern.

1 John 4:7-16

1 Jn 3:16-17

John 14:31 but that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

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Philippians 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form/essence of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form/essence of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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John 5:19 Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. 20 "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and greater works than these will He show Him, that you may marvel.

John 5:23 in order that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him

John 5:30 "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

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John 17:5 "And now, glorify Thou Me together with Thyself, Father, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was.

John 15:9 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰ "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

John 5:37 "And the Father who sent Me, He has borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.

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3. Act II—Special eternal love set on Church Age believers, Eph. 1:3-14. This occurred in eternity past.

Ephesians 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:10 with a view to an administration suitable to the fulness of the times, *that is*, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth. In Him ¹¹ also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, ¹² to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ should be to the praise of His glory... who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

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4. Act III: creation, fall, and strategies of Satan and his demons.

Ezekiel 28:14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you *there*. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁵ "You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created, Until unrighteousness was found in you.

Isaiah 14:12 "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! ¹³ "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. ¹⁴ 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'

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Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said to the woman, "You surely shall not die! 5
"For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened,
and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

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Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." ⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took Him into the holy city; and he had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give His angels charge concerning You'; and 'On *their* hands they will bear You up, Lest You strike Your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory; ⁹ and he said to Him, "All these things will I give You, if You fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'"

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2 Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

1 Peter 5:8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. 10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

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John 8:44 "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.

- Consider the effectiveness of his lies in getting man to write his own script for life, to a small horizontal story of his life—anything to destroy a sense of beauty and significance that the Lord has for his bride/Cinderella.
- Consider his effectiveness of his lies in destroying understanding of the Greatest love story and all the intimacy that that includes.
- Consider his effective lies in getting modern believers to first think in terms of modern philosophy (Descartes), and then getting him to reject philosophical realism, what is real.

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Ephesians 6:10-18 Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil *one*. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints

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5. Act IV—the creation, Fall, and history of God's people.

- Genesis 3:13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"
- Deuteronomy 7:7 "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

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- Deuteronomy 10:14 "Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it. 15 "Yet on your fathers did the LORD set His affection to love them, and He chose their descendants after them, even you above all peoples, as it is this day.
- Hosea 1:2 When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take to yourself a wife of harlotry, and *have* children of harlotry; for the land commits flagrant harlotry, forsaking the LORD.

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- Matthew 12:39 But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and *yet* no sign shall be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet;
- John 3:29 "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. And so this joy of mine has been made full.

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6. Act V—the incarnation and calling out of the Bride of Christ. The bride of Christ is a special class of believers in human history. She includes all who have put their faith in Christ in this age of surpassing grace, which had its beginning at Pentecost and will continue until the Bridegroom comes to receive His bride to Himself to consummate the marriage.
 - a. From eternity to the incarnation:

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God . . . 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. . . .¹⁶ For of His fulness we have all received, and grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has exegeted *Him*.

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b. Announcement of the Bridegroom by John the Baptist:

John 3:29 "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. And so this joy of mine has been made full.

c. Christ's self-identification as the Bridegroom.

Mat 9:15 And Jesus said to them, "The attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.

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d. Christ's sacrificial love, purification, and exaltation of the church.

Ephesians 5:2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her; ²⁶ that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.

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e. Grasping the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.

Ephesians 3:18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God.

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- f. The bride is to “make herself ready,” indicating that there is something for the bride to do in preparation for the marriage ceremony.

Philippians 2:12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

Revelation 19:7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." ⁸ And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

1 John 3:3 And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

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- g. The bride is to “make herself ready,” indicating that there is something for the bride to do in preparation for the marriage ceremony.

Jude 1:21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

2 Corinthians 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

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- h. The righteous acts that will adorn the bride consists of her rewards that she receives at the JSJC.

1 Corinthians 3:8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

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2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Philippians 2:12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

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- i. It will be the bride's exalted privilege to be exalted before the eyes of the universe as Christ expresses His love to His bride, "I have loved you with an everlasting love," "I am my Beloved's and His is Mine."
- j. It will be the bride's exalted privilege to reign with the King of Kings. There is a sense in which the bride is a co-sharer of reign whereas everyone else is a subject of the King.

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- k. It will be the bride's exalted privilege to spend eternity in Christ's palaces and on His throne. We are to be companion and partners with Christ for all of eternity. He is preparing us for that now.
- l. The challenge for the Bride is to set aside the small stories of life and embrace His story, a story love, sacrifice, and ultimate happiness filled with everlasting wonder and adoring love.

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- m. The celebration of the Bridegroom and the bride before all of the universe.

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