

# Communion Special — The Passion of Christ (Matt. 26-28)

## Bible Doctrines (The True-Good-Beautiful)

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Eschatology  
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1. **Warning:** Colossians 2:8 *See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.* How modern philosophies limit believer's capacity to love and glorify JC: 1) irrationality vs. logic; 2) detachment vs reality; 3) naturalism/deism/reductionism vs metaphysics/transcendentals; 4) pragmatism,/utility/ duty vs virtue ethics; 5) emotions vs affections, passions, experiences, love.
2. **The unique opportunities at FBC** for whole truth (PR+SFL+BD). Note the loss of doctrines (whole truth) due to higher "spiritual" life foci.
3. **Ehyeh/Esse/Yahweh-Metaphysics 30:** Jesus Christ is Esse, the EGO EIMI, who gives all things existence, Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3; John 1:3; Rom. 1:20; Acts 17:28. A word about the metaphysics/beings at JR's farm: stones, leaves, life, & 4-wheelers.
4. **The spiritual life.** The key issue is in SL is virtue, both natural and supernatural. The greatest issue is virtue in the will.

Stage 3

Stage 2

Stage 1

### 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"

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### 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 – 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.

# The 4 Philosophies of Life

1. Hedonism (Jeremy Bentham's hedonic calculus, Corinthians).
2. Utilitarianism (John Stuart Mill, Laodecians).
3. Duty (Immanuel Kant's deontology, Galatians, Pharisees, Saul of Tarsus).
4. Virtue ethics (Natural =Aristotle; Supernatural = David, Apostle Paul).

# The 3 Virtues of Life

1. The need and nature of virtue, natural and supernatural.
2. #1: Intellective virtue = Truth. The 3 acts of the mind.
3. #2: Volitive virtue = Goodness. The will's "mouth" for goodness.
4. #3: Affective virtue = Beauty. Great experiences over True/Good/Beauty.

# Suffering, Death and Victory in the Plan of God

1. History of the “Passion of Christ” (Matt. 26-27; Mark 14:1-15:47; Luke 22:1-23:56; John 13:1-19:42).
  - Source of blessing and challenge for Christians throughout the centuries in a multitude of ways. This is especially true in light of the fact that pain and death touch every human being, regardless of nationality, social standing, ideology, or virtue.
  - The Passion, like nothing else, unfolds the deepest and ultimate meaning of suffering and death. Suffering in its active as well as passive dimensions are unfolded in the Passion.

# Suffering, Death and Victory in the Plan of God

2. The term “Passions” has many subtle layers of meanings.
  - The biblical model is very rich on the reality of affections, passions, mental states, experiences, and feelings in contrast to the reductionism that are flattened out in the word “emotion.”
  - Almost no one understands the biblical dimensions of “affections” and passions as they relate to the spiritual, intellectual, and physical levels. The Scots and Descartes corrupted the whole idea of what we call “emotions.”
  - This is going to take a lot of work to sort out, but it has huge ramifications for our lives, from clearing up ambiguity to really seeing the essence of love.

# Suffering, Death and Victory in the Plan of God

3. Lessons on suffering, virtue, and death are vividly illustrated in the Passion of Christ (1 Pet. 2:20-24), which is the climax of Christ's entire mission.
  - Matthew's focus for his church audience revolves lessons about virtue and the lack thereof. It is written so the believer can visually go through the narrative and put himself in various shoes of the players.
  - Discovering the coherence in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ means discovering the coherence of suffering, death and resurrection in our own lives.

Intellect  
MIND



Volition WILL

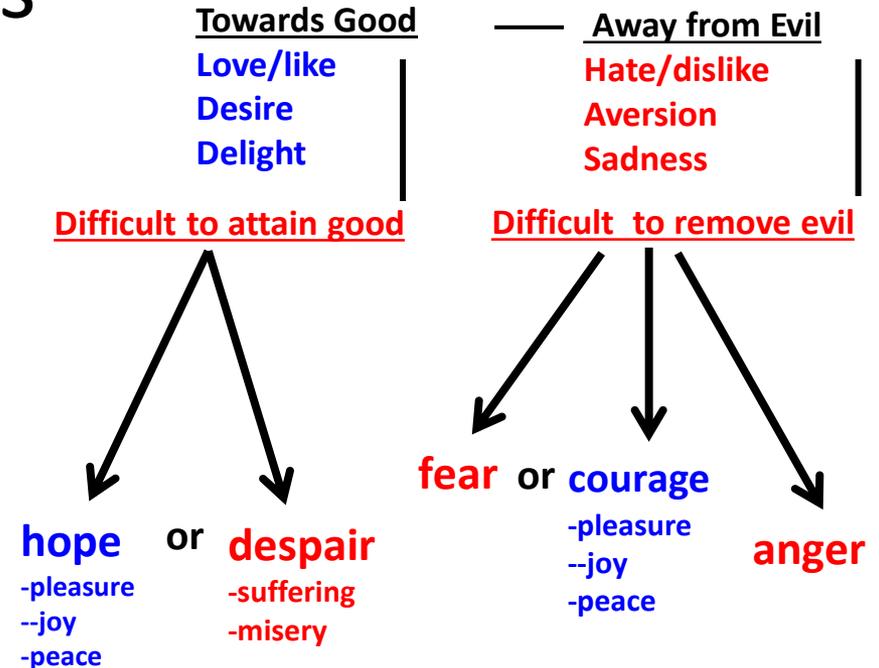
LOVE

-Intellective appetite

-Sense appetite

Affections Human  
Passions Experiences

# Diagram on the Mind, Will and Affections/Passions



# The Passion of Christ

1. Jesus's Passion: Announcement, the Last Passover, Gethsemane, Matt. 26.
2. Jesus's Passion: The Sanhedrin, Pilate, Crucifixion, and Death, Matt. 27.
3. Jesus's Victory over Death, and His Grace initiative to bringing believers back to Himself, Matt. 28.