

Doctrine

Revelation: God is known through his saving acts in history.

- God's ultimate revelation of himself in Jesus.
- Problem: Our vision is blinded by the fall: I Cor 13:12
- Rom 1:19-20: plain in nature.
- Acts 14:17: general revelation.
- I Peter 2:9: particular/special revelation.
- Ephesians 1:17-18: God opens eyes.

God: Trinity: II Cor 13:14, Matt 28:19

- Yet One: Deut 6:4
- Love: I John
- Both transcendent and immanent (present with us): Is 57:15
- Eternal (Deut 33:27), Unchangeable (James 1:17), yet
- Personal (John 1:3)

Humanity: In God's image: Gen 1:27, John 1:3, Ps 139

- Precious to God: Is. 43:4, Matt 10:29-31
- Fallen: Gen 3, Romans 3:10-12, 6:23, 7:19
- Mortal: subject to death and decay.
- Creatures, not primarily creators.

Church: Greek ekklesia means "the called-out ones, assembled"

- People, not buildings. "Outside the church there is no salvation" -- a motto of the reformation.
- Prominent images: Body of Christ (Eph 4:4), Building (1 Pet 2:5), Bride of Christ (Eph 5:25-27).

Eschatology: Speaks of fulfillment; history is not cyclical but is moving to a climax, according to God's sovereign plan.

- Justice/Redemption
- Will involve:
 - return of Christ (John 14:3, Matt 24:30, Tit 2:13)
 - physical resurrection of all (John 5:28-29)
 - judgment: heaven (Rev 21:3), hell (Matt 8:12)

Sin: Broken relationship, rebellion: Gen 3 shows the progression: doubt ==> disbelief ==> disobedience ==> shame, alienation

- Sin is universal: Rom 3:23
- Sin ==> death: Rom 6:23

Grace: Central to God's character: Ex 34:6

- Jesus, full of grace: John 1:14-16
- Saved by grace: Eph 2:8

Salvation: necessary, only through Jesus

- Saved from evil, death, hell, consequences of our sin: Rom 6:23
- Saved for: power, grace, heaven, hope, works of God.

Scripture: inspired, originated in mind of God, not humans (2 Tim 3:16)

- Holy Spirit illuminates: meaning prepares heart to receive it, enables a positive response to it.
- Alive: Heb 4:12-13

Atonement: OT background: sacrifice for sins, Lev 17:11

- Jesus: the perfect sacrifice: John 1:29,
- Reconciliation with God: Rom 5:10, Eph 2:16
- Propitiation, sacrifice
- Ransom: I Tim 2:16