

The Unfolding Revelation of Christ and His Church

Week 2: Creation and Fall

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“Assuredly there is but one way in which to achieve what is not merely difficult but utterly against human nature: to love those who hate us, to repay their evil deeds with benefits, to return blessings for reproaches. It is that we remember not to consider men's evil intention but to look upon the image of God in them, which cancels and effaces their transgressions, and with its beauty and dignity allures us to love and embrace them.” (*Golden Booklet of the True Christian Life* by John Calvin)

The Biblical Story:

- The arc of the Biblical narrative follows four parts; creation, fall, redemption, consummation

Humanity As the Image of God

- Humanity is made in the image of the Triune God
- Humanity is called to represent God
- Humanity possesses distinct capacities fitting this calling
- Adam was created in original righteousness
- Embodiment is essential to the image of God
- The image of God grounds inherent human dignity

Covenant Theology

- The central idea of covenant theology is that God wants to dwell with a holy people, in a holy realm, through a federal head

The Fall

- The fall produces two sets of consequences: guilt and corruption

What is Legalism

- Legalism is “a peculiar type of submission to God’s law, something that no longer feels the personal divine touch to the rule it submits to.”

The Garden

- Adam and Eve were given a great task to spread the garden to the ends of the Earth and to have dominion over it.
- God gave Adam and Eve a single prohibition. Against eating the fruit of a particular tree. They were to obey out of a love for God.
- Satan undermined the relationship between God and Adam and Eve by casting doubt on the character of God.
- Legalism is introduced when Satan denies God’s loving character and introduces the idea that God’s favor is to be earned.
- Satan’s suggestion that God is restrictive was intensified by the lie that Eve would become free by violating His law – that is by becoming an antinomian.

THE UNFOLDING REVELATION OF CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH (BIBLICAL THEOLOGY)

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In this 14-week course we will study the entire sweep of the Bible's message from Genesis through Revelation. This is an introduction to biblical theology, the study of Scripture as an unfolding unity that has as its focal point throughout the whole of it the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ and his Bride, the Church

Week	Date	Scripture	Content
1	9/6	Overview	The Unity of Scripture
2	9/13	Gen. 1-5	Creation, Fall & the Promise of Seed
3	9/20	Gen. 6-50	The Seed Spreads
4	9/27	Ex. 1-19	Covenant Redemption
5	10/4	Ex. 20-Deut.	Covenant Law
6	10/11	Josh.-2 Kgs.	Covenant Kingdom
7	10/18	Psalms	Covenant Worship
8	10/25	Wisdom Bks	Covenant Wisdom
9	11/1	Prophets, pt. 1	Covenant Judgment
10	11/8	Prophets, pt. 2	Covenant Love
11	11/15	Gospels	Kingdom Come
12	11/22	Acts	Kingdom Advancing
13	11/29	Epistles	Kingdom Life
14	12/6	Revelation	Kingdom Coming