Theology 101: God, Sin, and Salvation

2 Corinthians 5:21 // 1 John 1:9

Sunday, November 3, 2019

AVBC 10:30 am

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” – 1 John 1:9

What do we put our faith in without even realizing it?

Theology: “Any study that answers the question; ‘What does the whole Bible teach us today?’” – Grudem

Why do I believe what I believe?

1) GOD

- God is CREATOR (Genesis 1:1, 21, 27, 2:3, Nehemiah 9:6)

- Attributes: Unchangeable (Ps 102:27), Eternal (Ps 90:2), Omnipresent (Ps. 139:7-10), Omnipotent (Matt 19:26), Wise (Rom 16:27), True (Jer 10:10), Holy (Is 6:3), Righteous/Just (Deu 32:4), Sovereign (Ps 135:6), Faithful (Num 23:19), Patient (Ex 34:6), Love (1 Jn 4:8), Full of Grace (Rom 9:15), Mercy (2 Sam 24:14), Knowledge (1 John 3:20), etc.

- God is RELATIONAL
  - With Himself (Trinity) (Gen 1:26, Deu 6:4, Matt 28:19, John 1:1-2, 14:26)

“Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth, and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.” – Psalm 90:2

2) SIN

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” – Romans 3:23

- Disobedience (Guilt, Shame, Corrupt, Faulty, etc.)
  “The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it…” – Genesis 3:12-13
  (Psalm 51:2, 119:11, Titus 1:16, 3:3, 1 John 3:4)

- Separates (Alienation, Estrangement)
  “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.” – Isaiah 59:2
  (John 8:34, Romans 6:16, 23a, Genesis 2:17, Ezekiel 18:4)

3) SALVATION

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” – 2 Corinthians 5:21

- Free with Grace and Mercy! (Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 3:24)
- Through Jesus Christ (Romans 3:25, 5:1-2, 6:23b, John 3:16)
  “But God has shown us how much he loves us—it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us!” – Romans 5:8
- Sanctification (we’re not done yet!) (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, Romans 6:11-14)

Suggest reading:
Systematic Theology Wayne Grudem
Summary of Christian Doctrine Louis Berkhof
Knowing God J.I. Packer // Doctrine Mark Driscoll
Everyone’s a Theologian R.C. Sproul

DIGGING DEEPER
(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: What are some things/people we subconsciously trust?
Q2: Of the Attributes of God listed what stands out to you? Read each verse
Q3: How does our sin separate us from God according to Isaiah 59:2?
Q4: Read Romans 6:11-14. How do we play a part in our Sanctification?
Q5: Share you story of Salvation. How is God continuing to work in you?