

Emphasis 5: Rediscovering & Restoring the Entire Bible as the Word of the God

Emphasis 50e: Humanistic Christianity: Escapist Pietism vs. Incarnational Dominion

Presented Fall 2015 to Spring 2019 for RCF at WSU / Request Outlines by E-Mailing Steven Leopold at: steven@gcfd Dayton.org

- I. **Fifteen (15) Biblical Emphasis for Rediscovery and Restoration to Biblical Patterns** (See Separate List)
- II. **2016 – 2017 School Year: Emphasis 5: Rediscovering & Restoring the Entire Bible as the Word of God** (Emphasis 5A to 5Mh Reviewed in Previous Studies – See Emphasis 5 Titles on Separate Handout)
- III. **Spring Semester 5+ Weeks: Humanism; Presuppositionalism & Hermeneutical Paradigms Defined.**
 - A. **Birth of Humanism in Gen. 3:1-9. 3 Attacks on the Authority & Content of Scripture & God’s Character**
 - B. **Introduction to World Views & Epistemology:** See Charts & GCF Podcast Under “Making Disciples”
 - C. **Key Concepts & Vocabulary to Understand Humanism’s War Against God & His Word (1 Cor. 2:6-13)**
 1. **Myth of Neutrality & Objectivity:** Men Motivated by Sin to Remain Blind, Self-Deceived, Rebellious.
 2. **Presuppositionalism:** Men are Born Motivated to Suppress Truth, Deny God & Believe “the Lie.”
 3. **Biblical Hermeneutics Defined:** Principles & Presuppositions concerning Bible interpretation.
 4. **Paradigms:** Shared Assumptions & Methodologies. Critical to Understand Modern Christianity.
- IV. **Two Weeks Ago: Impact of Evolution: One of the “Fraternal Twin” Assaults of “Modernism”**
 - A. Presupposes Materialism, Naturalism **& Anti-Supernaturalism.** (Cf. John 4:23-24 & 1 Cor. 2:6-16)
 - B. Evolution was the Belief of All Ancient Civilizations Except Israel
 - C. **“Scientism”- Evolution Most Definitely has Nothing to do with Science or the Scientific Method.**
 - D. Evolution Has Many Scientifically Unprovable &/or Untenable Tenants.
 - E. **Evolution: Incompatible w/ Major Tenants of Biblical Reality**
 1. Creation is “Ex-Nihilo” (Hebrews 11:1-3)
 2. Jesus Quoted from Genesis 1 & 2 as Historical Fact: (Matthew 19:4-5) (Cf. Genesis 1: 27 & 2:24)
 3. **Account of Adam & Eve is Necessary to Explain the Biblical View of Hereditary Sin. (Genesis 3)**

Note: Utopia, Dystopia & Modern Terror. The Inevitable Doctrine of “Sin” & the Results of Misplacement.

 4. **No “Last Adam” w/out 1st Adam.** (Created Mature, Pristine, Etc.) (Rom. 5:8-21 & 1 Cor.15:42-49)
 5. **“Paradise Restored” & Beyond Can Not Be Goal w/Out the Factual Garden of Eden. (Explain)**

Note: Evolution Must Inevitably & Dogmatically Substitute “Utopian” Statism & Statist Absolutes.
- V. **Last Week: The Hoax & Impact of Higher Criticism. “Indeed has God said ...” (Who is Judging Who?)**

Note: The Hoax of Higher Criticism by Gary North (Read it free on-line for free)
- VI. **7 Facts About the History & Nature of Higher Criticism. (“Fraternal Twin” Assault of “Evolution”)**
 - A. Presupposes Materialism, Naturalism **& Anti-Supernaturalism** (Cf. IV. A. Above)
 - B. **Product of Man’s Fallen Nature & War Against God.** (Law-Word, Final Judgment) (**Myth of Neutrality**)
 - C. **The Documentary Hypothesis of Julius Wellhausen (JEPD)** (Followed by Supplementary & Fragmentary) Pentateuch not a unified work written by Moses, but from 4 sources combined over centuries. (Ahistorical.)
 - D. **Source Criticism of the Synoptic Gospels.** (2 Source Hypothesis: Mark & the Mysterious “Q” Source.)

Bottom Line: No Eyewitnesses (“Faith-Event”) & No Absolutes in Faith or Morals (1 John 1:1-4ff; Luke 1:1-4;)

 - E. **Paul:** Especially the Pastoral Epistles. (6 to 10 of 13)
 - F. **1 Peter** (Literary Content) (Etc., Etc., Etc. --- Ad Infinitum.)
 - G. **Yields: A Word of Flux.** No Absolutes. Individual & Cultural Relativism. (Epistemological Results Below.)
Implies: Inspiration or Revelation Impossible; Late Dates; Ahistorical; Unreliable & Non-Authoritative.
- VII. **Tonight: Humanistic Christianity: Escapist Dualistic Pietism Verses Incarnational Dominion**
 - A. **Pietism: History & Definition. (Read Essay by gw)** (See: <http://chalcedon.edu/> & search “Pietism.”)
 - B. **Pietism was / is the Single Most Important Reason “Christendom” was Succeeded by “Secularism.”**
 - C. **Pietism was the Progenitor of Dispensationalism.** (However, Pietism is not Always Dispensational)
 - D. **Dispensationalism Bequeathed Many Modern Evangelical Paradigms.** (Weeks to Come.)

E. Pietism Has Some Historically Beneficial Emphasis. (“Devil” is in the Emphasis & Missing Elements.)

1. Call to Biblical & Historical Spiritual Disciplines. (Bible Study, Worship, Prayer, Fasting, Solitude)
2. Confronts Complacency, Compromise, Mediocrity & Nominalism.
3. Points Out that Form w/ Out Substance is Dead (Worthless: “Sons of Belial”). However, ...
(Read & Discuss Colossians 2:8-23 Line-by-line.) (Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5) (James 2:8-26)

F. Other Facts About the Historical Development & Impact of Pietism

1. **Most Errors (Misguided or Unbalanced Emphasis) Come from Sincere Reaction to Other Errors**
Discuss: Divine Tensions / Pendulums / Wheat & Tares / Zebra Principle.
Is the reaction (new emphasis) fully Scriptural? Is it missing its Divine Tensions?
Does it give proper place to the Incarnation principle? Does it negate Old Testament?
Does it Resurrect any Ancient heresies? Is it dualistic, neo-Gnostic or neo-Platonic?
Is it withdrawing from the world in fear or an effective strategy of Christian Infiltration & Conquest?
2. **To Identify Real Problems is Not Necessarily to Offer Appropriate Solutions.** (e.g. Seeker-Sensitive)

G. Pietism Has Some Biblically & Historically Disastrous Consequences

1. “Personal” Savior & Piety Increased Radical individualism & Marginalized Ecclesiology.
2. “Sanctification” became Antinomian & thus, Subjective & Extra-Biblical (License or Legalism)
3. “Sanctification” became the Individuals Inner-Life & thus, Irrelevant to Mission & Dominion (Dualistic, Neo-Gnostic or Neo-Platonic vs. Creation) (Ancient Gnosticism, Marcionism & Docetism)
4. Personal Piety tends toward “Morbid-Introspectionism w/ Built in Dual Conflict:
(Condemnation & Critical or Judgmental Spirit)
5. Pietism Kills Evangelism & Discipleship Two Ways. (Turns Churches Inward / Reduces Graciousness)
6. Pietism Leads to the Mistakes of Novatianism & Donatism.
 - a. The church must be a church of “saints” & not of “sinners.”
 - b. Sacraments invalid if administered by “unworthy” clergy. (No other churches good enough.)
 - c. Any number of “lapses” have made the list over the years. (Ancient vs. Modern / John Mark)
7. Not all Pietism is Dispensational. “Reformed” Pietism limits Sovereignty to Soteriology.
 - a. Disconnects Redemption from Creation. Only Redemption Rather than Restoration & Rebuilding
 - b. Denies the Creation or Dominion Mission & Mandate in Favor of the Inner-Life.

(John 17:17-20) ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

(Psalm 69:6) May those who wait for You not be ashamed through me, O Lord God of hosts; May those who seek You not be dishonored through me, O God of Israel, Because for Your sake I have borne reproach ...

8. Pietism Always Inextricably Intertwined w/ Neo-Pelagianism & Arminianism. (Unreality & Pride)

VIII. WSU Spring Semester 2017: Tuesday January 10 to Tuesday April 25, 2017: Emphasis 5N+ to 5Z+:

Note: Next Week on March 7, 2017 - Back to WSU. 127 Medical Sciences.

A. Next Week: 5Of to 5O? / Hermeneutical Paradigms That Reduce the Authority & Content of Scripture Contemporary Reductionist Paradigms of Hermeneutical Interpretation (Matt. 15:7-9) (Is. 29:13 & Mark 7:6-7)

Note: These arose out of “The Modernist vs. Fundamentalist Controversy” of the Late 19th Century. They have the effect of dismantling, negating, nullifying or reducing some, much, most or all of the Bible.

To Include: the Bible Verses Mythopoeic Cosmogonies; Dispensationalism; Antinomianism vs. Theonomy; Pietism; Legalism; Neo-Gnosticism; Anti-Ecclesiology Perspectives; Anti-Liturgical Perspectives; Radical Individualism; Dispensational Premillennialism; Etc.

B. Summer 2017: 5N: Biblical Literary Genres: (Hist., Bio., Types, Case Laws, Imagery, Foreshadowing, Etc.)

C. Some Practical Keys to Studying the Bible & Interpreting the Scriptures? (Intro to Hermeneutics)



gcfdayton.org

&



facebook.com/RockCampusFellowship