

The Search for Significance

Knowing The Truth About You
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The Garden

Genesis 2:8-9

⁸ The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life *was* also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.



The Fall

Genesis 3:20-24

²²And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

²³Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

²⁴So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.



The Grief of God

Genesis 6:5-6

⁵The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination and intention of all human thinking was only evil continually.

⁶And the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved at heart. *Amplified*



The Flood

Genesis 7:23

²³ So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who *were* with him in the ark remained *alive*.



The Ark

Genesis 8:1

¹ Then God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the animals that *were* with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided.



Babel

Genesis 11:1-4

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. ² And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. ³ Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. ⁴ And they said, "Come, let us build **ourselves** a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let **us make** a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."



Babel

Genesis 11:5-9

⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, "Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.



Babel

Genesis 11:5-9

⁷ Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.



The Doctrine of Babel

I will get myself a name from the
work of my hands and

From the recognition of others. This
will make me

One of great worth and value.

Self-worth = Performance + others
opinions



False Beliefs

- 1) ***Fear of Failure*** I must meet all standards before I can believe that I am valuable as a person.
- 2) ***Fear of Rejection*** I must have that approval of significant others before I can believe that I am valuable as a person.
- 3) ***Fear of Punishment*** Those who fail, including myself, can no longer be loved and ***must*** be punished.
- 4) ***Fear of Change*** I am what I am I can never change; I am hopeless.



Sound Doctrine

- Justification
- Reconciliation
- Propitiation
- Regeneration



Person & Performance

Who I AM

- Awesome Spirit Being
- Royal Priesthood
- Child of The King
- Believer In Christ

What I Do

- Work in My Career
- Teach/Mentor Others
- Church ministry
- Succeed or fail



Summary

- The Doctrine of Babel
- Self Worth = performance + the opinions of others
- Fear of Failure
- Fear of Rejection
- Fear of Punishment (Blame, Guilt)
- Fear of Change (Shame, hopeless)



Summary

- The Doctrine of the Bible
- Self worth = The atoning blood of Christ on the Cross
- Justification – Made right with God
- Reconciliation – My relationship is restored
- Propitiation – My sin debt is paid in full
- Regeneration – I am a new creation



Understanding of Doctrine

- We have a choice in defining our significance either by the World's standard of performance and other's opinion or by God's grace and acceptance in Christ.
- When Christ died on the cross, He was our substitute. He took upon Himself the wrath of God that we deserved.
- We have a true understanding of our personhood when we know that we have great worth apart from performance because Christ gave his life for us, and therefore, imparted great value to us.
- Indeed, one is emotionally healthy when he or she can honestly say "I am deeply loved, fully pleasing, totally forgiven, accepted, and complete in Christ."



Confession of Truth

I am a new creation of infinite worth. I am deeply loved, completely forgiven, fully pleasing, and totally accepted by God. I am absolutely complete in Christ. When my performance reflects my new identity in Christ, that reflection is dynamically unique. There has never been another person like me in the history of mankind, nor will there ever be. God has made me an original, one of a kind, a special person.

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ONLY THE BEGINNING

