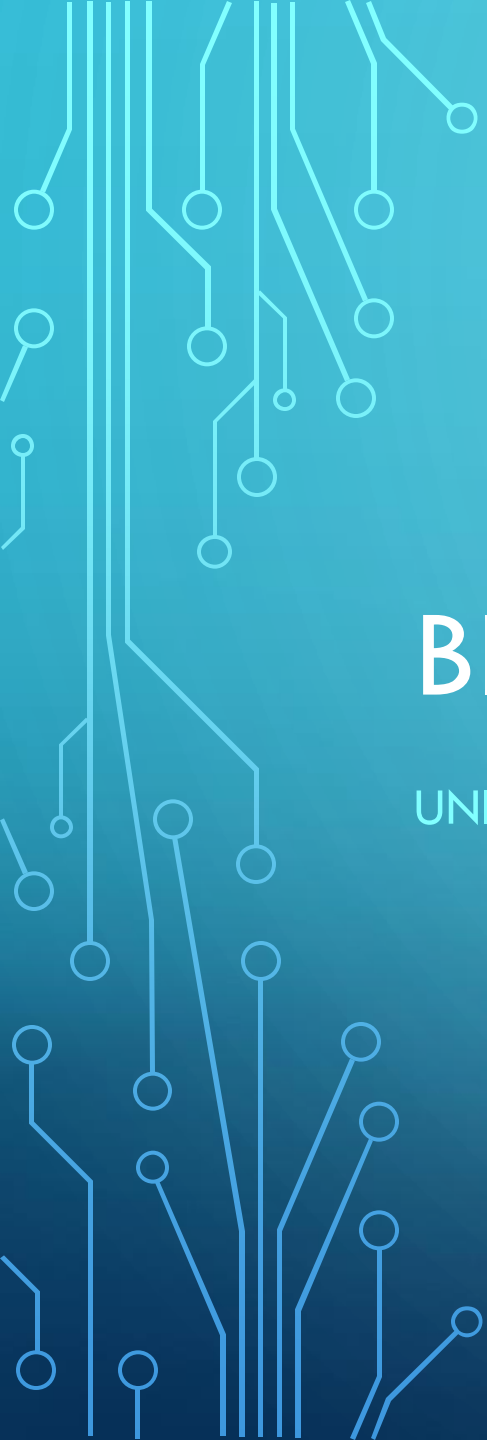
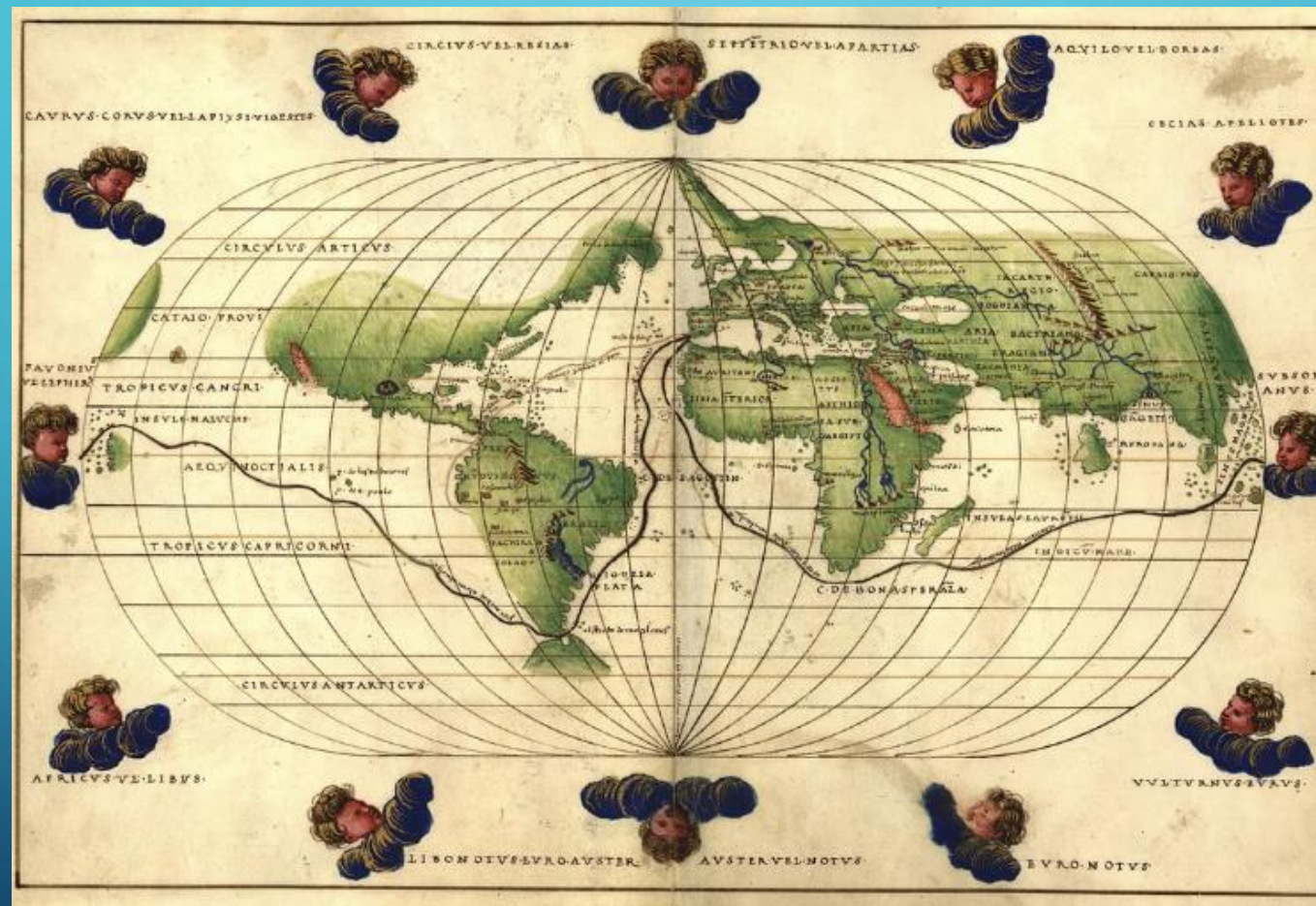


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BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

UNIT 1 - KINGDOM OF GOD AND WORLDVIEW THINKING - 3

RECAP



PRE-FALL

- “Man was created to God’s vice-regent and he must realize himself as God’s viceregent.”
- “Man was to gather up into the prism of self-conscious activity all the manifold manifestations of the glory of God in order to make one central self-conscious sacrifice of it all to God.”

MAN AS PROPHET, PRIEST, AND KING

- Prophet: “He must will to develop his intellect in order to **grasp more comprehensively** the wealth of the manifestation of the glory of God in this world...He must will to develop his aesthetic capacity, that is his capacity of appreciation...He must will to will the will of God for the whole world.”
- Priest: Develop his aesthetic capacity/ capacity for appreciation
- King: Will to will the will of God for the whole world

CHRISTIAN THEISTIC ETHICS

- Spontaneity/Sight: “Man must grow in spontaneity. Whatever God has placed within man by way of activity must also be regarded by him as a capacity to be developed.”

CHRISTIAN THEISTIC ETHICS

- Stability: “Man’s will needs to become increasingly fixed in its self-determination. Man must need to develop the backbone of his will...God accomplishes his plans through self-determined characters...an unstable man would be useless in the kingdom of God.”

CHRISTIAN THEISTIC ETHICS

- Momentum: “As man approaches his ideal, the realization of the kingdom of God, the area of his activity naturally enlarges itself.”



PRE-FALL: WRITE DOWN AND DON'T PUT IN SLIDE

- Van Til: We might think of the energy released for constructive work in the kingdom if the time did not have to be so largely taken up with repairing the damages of sin. We might think of what science would accomplish if the mind of man had not been darkened by sin, and if the will of man were anxious in every individual instance to bring out the mysteries laid in the universe by God.
- Individual did not hurt the whole

THE GOSPEL

- Christ as our Prophet, Priest, and King
- Prophet: How comprehensive Christ's view of the glory of God!
- Priest: Capacity for appreciation/"Man was to gather up into the prism of self-conscious activity all the manifold manifestations of the glory of God in order to make one central self-conscious sacrifice of it all to God."
- King: Ruling and Reigning
- Stability (set his face like flint), Spontaneity, Momentum (towards the Cross)

BE WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST!

- Man in Christ: Stability, Spontaneity, Momentum/ Prophet, Priest, “kings under the Supreme King”
- Van Til: True spontaneity can only come where there is true joy. And true joy comes from a sense of complete forgiveness and acceptance with God. Those who have truly experienced the grace of God can say “Abba, Father.” It becomes the joy of the heart to do the will of the Father.
- True stability: They will rely on nothing else while they know that with God all things are possible. / Humble boldness
- Momentum: Life lived out of gratitude

RESTORED IN CHRIST

- Bavinck: “Assured of his salvation, he can now freely look around and enjoy all the good gifts...The whole world becomes material for his duty.”
- Reconciled with God, he is also reconciled with all things...Because he is a Christian, he is a human in the full, true sense. He loves the flowers that grow at his feet and admires the stars that sparkle overhead.



VAN TIL

- “To be other worldly is therefore not to have no eye for the things of the world, but it is to **think more of this world than anyone who is not a Christian could think of it.** It is to live in the daily assurance that this universe can and will be renovated completely in God’s own good time.”

JOE RIGNEY EXAMPLES

- Young woman who is studying for her exams
- Man loves fishing and music
- A lady wants to marry her boyfriend
- A young man loses his father
- A wife is worried about her husband's financial decisions
- Dinner with a friend and evangelist

JOE RIGNEY: TENSION IN SCRIPTURE

- Psalm 73: Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
- Philippians 3:7-8: For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ
- Colossians 3: ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

JOE RIGNEY: TENSION IN SCRIPTURE

- 1 Timothy 6:17: ¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.
- 1 Timothy 4:1-5: ³ who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴ For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵ for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.
- Colossians 2: ²¹ “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” ²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? ²³ These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.
- James 1:17: ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

DESIRING GOD AND BACON



ASCETICISM AND IDOLATRY



WILSON'S COMMENTS

- Grace hose deep sea divers
- The problem is that the apostle Paul says that whatever we eat, down to the last French fry, we should do to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31). But if we think that this means that we need to be sitting in the corner of the fast food joint, having visions like we were John of Damascus or somebody, we will rapidly become tiresome. And if we think that the only way to avoid becoming tiresome in this way is by treating the French fry as if it were a neutral, a non-combatant in the great spiritual war that swirls around us all, then we are in the process of going over to the other side. We have become compromised.

HONEY AND WISDOM!

- My son, eat honey, for it is good,
and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste.
¹⁴ Know that wisdom is such to your soul;
if you find it, there will be a future,
and your hope will not be cut off.
- Rigney: Integrated Approach and Comparative Approach/ Comparative Tests
- Colossians 3:17: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

DEREK THOMAS MUSIC VIDEO: QUESTION OF CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT GOES TO A HIGHER LEVEL

- Not how much can I enjoy of the world but what of the world can I use to give thanks and glory to God
- Colossians 3:17

- Temptation when Church is in apostasy and its conquest in the world seems to be losing out: passive waiting instead of active service



- The few faithful ones give up the comprehensive ideal for the Kingdom and limit themselves to the saving of individual souls.

- The Lord is coming soon, so that it is of no use to put too much energy into this or that sort of work

- We can actually accomplish that ideal without or prior to Christ's return/without the grace of God/ in all our efforts the kingdom of God will never be fully realized on earth

WORKING PILGRIMS

- Kuyper: Christian life as a pilgrimage was not changed, but the Calvinist became a pilgrim, who, while on his way to our eternal home, had yet to perform on earth an important task. The cosmos, in all the wealth of the kingdom of nature, was spread out before, under, and above man. This entire limitless field had to be worked. To this labor the Calvinist consecrated himself with enthusiasm and energy. For the earth with all that is in it, had, according to God's Will, to be subjected to man.

WORKING PILGRIMS

- Bavinck: The Kingdom is not *of* the world, but it is nevertheless *in* the world...
heaven that leavens the entire lump.
- “Everything earthly has been given...in order to make it an instrument of God’s kingdom.”
- “Bring this life into relationship with the eternal.”
- Protestant doctrine of vocation
- DIG A DITCH



EVANGELISM V.S WORLDVIEW THINKING?

- Machen: The Church must seek to conquer not merely every man for Christ, but also the whole of man.
- Romans 12: Worldview thinking as essential to the work of the Kingdom
- Matthew 28: Great Commission

FACT V.S VALUE SPLIT/ SACRED AND SECULAR DIVIDE

- Upper: Private Sphere, Values, Nonrational
- Lower: Public sphere, Facts, Rationality
- Obama: “Today marks the 38th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that protects women’s health and reproductive freedom, and affirms a fundamental principle: that government should not intrude on private family matters. ”



SPHERE SOVEREIGNTY

- Bavinck: True harmony of *Martha* and *Mary*
- “Religious life does not have its own content and independent value. It remains the center, the heart from which all the Christian’s thoughts and acts proceed, by which they are animated and given the warmth of life...The prayer chamber is the inner room although it is not the whole house...Spiritual life is the power that enables us to faithfully fulfill our earthly calling, stamping all of life as service to God.”

SPHERE SOVEREIGNTY

Kuyper: This church as institution does not cover *all* that is called Christian. Even though the lamp of the Christian religion burns only within the walls of that institution, its light shines through the windows far beyond it and shines upon all those aspects and connections of our human life that express themselves in various manifestations of human life and human activity. Jurisprudence, law, family, business, occupation, public opinion and literature, art and science, and so forth—the light shines upon all of this, and that illumination will be all the more powerful and penetrating the more clearly and purely the lamp of the gospel is allowed to burn within the institution of the church.

BE WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

- Stability, Spontaneity, and Momentum
- “Man was to gather up into the prism of self-conscious activity all the manifold manifestations of the glory of God in order to make one central self-conscious sacrifice of it all to God.”

GO LABOR ON

- 1 Go, labor on; spend, and be spent,
thy joy to do the Father's will;
it is the way the Master went;
should not the servant tread it still?
- 2 Go, labor on; 'tis not for naught;
thine earthly loss is heav'nly gain;
men heed thee, love thee, praise thee
not;
the Master praises- what are men?
- 3 Go, labor on; enough while here
if He shall praise thee, if He deign
thy willing heart to mark and cheer;
no toil for Him shall be in vain.

4 Go, labor on while it is day:
the world's dark night is hast'ning on.
Speed, speed thy work, cast sloth away;
It is not thus that souls are won.

5 Toil on, faint not, keep watch and pray;
be wise the erring soul to win;
go forth into the world's highway,
compel the wand'rer to come in.

6 Toil on, and in thy toil rejoice;
for toil comes rest, for exile home;
soon shalt thou hear the Bridegroom's
voice,
the midnight peal, "Behold, I come."