

Pure Interactive Study: Biblical Baseline – Evangelistic Instruction

Thematic Baseline/Thematic Thrust

Introduction:

- The thematic role, scope and function of The Bible/The Word Of God is to reveal God’s Plan of Salvation/Scheme of Redemption for Mankind
- In the beginning of Human Time
 - God/Elohim (God, God the Word, God the Holy Spirit) created the heavens and the earth [Genesis 1:1 – Genesis 2:1]
 - Genesis 1:1 **In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.**
 - Genesis 2:1 **Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.**
 - God exists/existed in Eternity
 - Psalms 90:1-2 ¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
- God gave Mankind “Eternal Life” in the Genesis/Beginning of Human Time
 - 1) God created “Man” from the dust of the ground
 - 2) Man became a living soul
 - Genesis 2:7 ⁷ **And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. [“Inanimate Flesh became Living Soul”]**
 - 3) God created man to live forever “conditionally”:
 - a) by accessing the Tree of Life
 - b) by abstaining from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
 - Genesis 2:15-17 ¹⁵ **And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: ¹⁷ But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shalt surely die. [** Covenant Relationship with God – Severed/Die/Death **]**

- Mankind “Lost Eternal Life” (brought death to Mankind)
[** Covenant Relationship with God and Physical Death **]
 - 1) by partaking of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
 - 2) by subsequently losing access to the Tree of Life
 - Genesis 3:17-19 ¹⁷ And unto Adam he said, Because you have hearkened unto the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying, you shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for your sake; in sorrow shalt you eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸ Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to you; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; ¹⁹ In the sweat of your face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it were you taken: for dust you are, and unto dust shalt you return.
 - Genesis 3:22-24 ²² And 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: ²³ Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. ²⁴ So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

God's Plan of Salvation/Scheme of Redemption:

- God **cursed the Serpent** [Genesis 3:1-15]
 - a) for deceiving Eve/The Woman and
 - b) for **subsequently causing Mankind's loss** of "**Eternal Life**"
 - c) by **transitioning** Him/the Serpent from
 - c.1) an **upright creature**
 - c.2) **to a creature that crawled on his belly and eat dust**
 - Genesis 3:14
 - **14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon your belly shall you go, and dust shall thou eat all the days of your life:**
- God's Plan to Save and Redeem Man includes/included:
 - An Enemy/Adversarial Relationship between
 - The Seed of the Woman and the Seed of the Serpent
 - Genesis 3:15 [God's Prophetic Word/Plan]¹⁵ **And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shalt bruise his heel.**
 - The "Seed Plan/Promised Seed" [*****Genesis 12:1-3** Children of Promise **vs** **Children of Flesh*****] **Romans 9:1-8; Isaac vs. Ishmael**
 - All **Families/Nations** will be Blessed/Saved [**"Hebrew & Heathen"**]
 - Genesis 12:1-3¹ **Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get you out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house, unto a land that I will shew you: 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curseth you: and in you shall all families of the earth be blessed. [Romans 9:1-8]**
 - Galatians 3:6-8⁶ **Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. ** 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would "justify the heathen through faith", preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In you shall all nations be blessed**.**

God's Plan of Salvation/Scheme of Redemption (cont'd):

- Galatians 3:16-18 ¹⁶ Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to your seed, which is Christ. ¹⁷ And this I say, that *the covenant*, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, *the law*, which was four hundred and thirty years after, *cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect*. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: *but God gave it to Abraham by promise*.
 - **Salvation is Rooted and Grounded in "The Promise" to Abraham and His Seed
 - **The Seed is Christ**
 - **The Law came 430 years after the Promise**
 - The Law cannot disannul/make void The Promise
 - The Promise of Inheritance, Salvation and Redemption were given to Abraham by Promise → Not The Law
- Romans 9:1-8 → Fulfillment of the Genesis 12:1-3 Promise to Abraham [** Flesh vs. Spirit; Promise vs. The Law; Isaac vs. Ishmael **]
 - Romans 9:1-8 ¹ I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, ² That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. ³ For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: ⁴ Who are Israelites; to whom pertains the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; ⁵ Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. ⁶ Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. **For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel**: ⁷ Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall your seed be called. ⁸ That is, **They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God**: but the **children of the promise are counted for the seed**

- 3 Creations – 1 Salvation

- Creation #1: ¹ Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
 - Genesis 2:7 ⁷ And the LORD God *formed man* of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. [“Inanimate Flesh became Living Soul”]
- Creation #2 ¹ Isaiah 43:1 But now thus says the LORD that created you, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are mine.
- Creation #3 2 Corinthians 5:16-17 ¹⁶ Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. ¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
 - Galatians 6:13-15 ¹³ For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that *they may glory in your flesh*. ¹⁴ But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. ¹⁵ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision “avails” any thing, nor uncircumcision, *but a new creature*.
 - Ephesians 2:8-10 ⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast. ¹⁰ For we are his *workmanship, created in Christ Jesus* unto good works, that we should walk in them. ¹¹ Wherefore which God hath before ordained remember, that you being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands.