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Session 14

Anthropology

Post-Conversion and Eternal States

The Constitution of Man

Post-Conversion Man – the State of Grace

Entrance into the State of Grace: Regeneration (1 Peter 1:23; John 3)

Two Changes: A Change of Position (Objective) and a Change of Nature (Subjective)

A Change of Position (to be developed under Soteriology)

Forgiveness, Pardon

Ephesians 4:32

Justification

Romans 5:1

Seated with Christ

Ephesians 2:6

A Change of Masters

Romans 6

A Change of Kingdoms

Colossians 1:13

A Change of Nature

Spirit made alive

Ephesians 2:5

Made a new creature

2 Corinthians 5:17

Able not to sin

Isaiah 64:6

Ephesians 2:10

Spiritual understanding, hearing, and sight

1 Corinthians 2:14

2 Corinthians 4:4,6

A God-ward will and disposition (cf. Boston, 216)

Colossians 1:21-22



Philippians 2:13

A change of affections

2 Thessalonians 3:5

Titus 1:2

Romans 5:5

1 John 3:14

1 John 2:15

Romans 7:24

1 Timothy 1:15

Progressive conformity to the image of Jesus

2 Corinthians 3:18

“Original sin infects the whole man; and regenerating grace, which is the cure, goes as far as the disease. This fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness; goodness of the mind, goodness of the will, goodness of the affections, goodness of the whole man. He gets not only a new head, to know religion, or a new tongue, to talk of it, but a new heart to love and embrace it, in the whole of his conversation. When the Lord opens the sluice of grace on the soul’s new-birthday, the waters run through the whole man, to purify and make him fruitful” (Boston, *Human Nature in its Fourfold State* 208-209).

Residual Sin in the State of Grace

“Palios Anthropos” – the Old Man crucified, yet active

Romans 6:6

Ephesians 4:22-24

The war of flesh and spirit

Galatians 5:16-25

Romans 7:14-25

Why the state of grace? Why sanctification? Why does God leave us here with residual sin?



Man in the Eternal State

Glorification (Romans 8:30)

New bodies (1 Corinthians 15:22; 39-54)

(order of events to be discussed in Eschatology and Personal Eschatology)

Questions for Anthropological Meditation:

- Does man have three parts (Tripartite) or two parts (Dipartite)?

Resources:

Human Nature in its Fourfold State Thomas Boston

CS Lewis (*picture of man as pinnacle of creation in Narnia series*)

Edwards *The End for Which God Created The World*

Piper *Resolved Conference 2008 on Romans 8:18-25*

