

A NEW (FALSE) GOSPEL

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# DECONSTRUCTION

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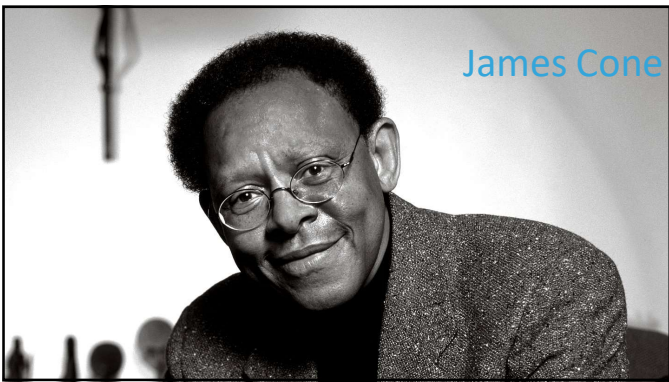
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**BLACK LIBERATION THEOLOGY**

- ▶ Salvation is a collective freedom from oppression and pertains to blacks **in this life**. Salvation is physical liberation from white oppression, or "The white enemy" (Cone) rather than freedom from the sinful nature and acts of each individual person. Presenting heaven as a reward for following Christ is seen as an attempt to dissuade blacks from the goal of real liberation of their whole persons.

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PROGRESSIVE VIEW OF THE CROSS

▶ Jesus is not divine. His death does not atone. He's not returning to judge. Rather according to [progressives], Jesus is a great teacher of virtue, justice, self-fulfillment, and ethics. He's a social reformer who models inclusiveness, kindness, tolerance, and justice. And His religion is one of ethics, not of doctrine, belief, or institutions. So, the death of Jesus is not a matter of atonement. Rather... it's more like martyrdom - or a mistake, or a tragedy.

David Young, "A Grand Illusion: How Progressive Christianity Undermines Biblical Faith"

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PROGRESSIVE VIEW OF THE CROSS

▶ So for progressives, Jesus is an activist in the image of modern Western progressivism who brings about social reform characterized by tolerance, acceptance, and the affirmations of others. **Jesus did not die for our sins**; instead He died because Roman and Jewish authorities could not tolerate His message of social justice. **Jesus was not literally raised from the dead**. Rather, the resurrection is metaphorical; it is a witness to the slow and unrelenting victory of progressive values.

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PROGRESSIVE VIEW OF THE CROSS

▶ And **Jesus is not coming again to judge humanity**; nobody will go to hell. Rather, we will build our own heavenly utopia here on earth using the progressive principles of liberalism - socialism, therapy, various appeals to science, etc. The last of Richard Rohr's ten commandments for a new orthodoxy declares, **"Life in this world is more important than the afterlife."**

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**PENAL SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT**

- ▶ We humans are fallen creatures and sinners by nature (Romans 3:23; 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3)
- ▶ Our sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:2; Ephesians 2:12; 4:18)
- ▶ The consequences for our sin is death (Genesis 2:17; Ezekiel 18:20; Romans 5:12; 6:23)

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**PENAL SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT**

- ▶ Jesus, God Incarnate, died for our sins in our place, as our substitute (Isaiah 53; Romans 3:21-25; 5:8-10; Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 1:3-4; Ephesians 5:1-2; Hebrews 9:26; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1 Peter 3:18)

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### PENAL SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT

- ▶ Jesus paid the price for our sins (1 Corinthians 6:20; 7:23; Galatians 3:13; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 2:24; 3:18)
- ▶ His sacrifice satisfied the wrath of God (John 3:36; Romans 3:24-25; 5:9; Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 2:2; 4:10)
- ▶ So we could be reconciled to God. (Romans 5:10-11; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Colossians 1:20; Ephesians 2:16)

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### THE WRATH OF GOD

▶ I used to think that wrath was unworthy of God. Isn't God love? Shouldn't divine love be beyond wrath? God is love, and God loves every person and every creature. That's exactly why God is wrathful against some of them. My last resistance to the idea of God's wrath was a casualty of the war in the former Yugoslavia, the region from which I come. According to some estimates, 200,000 people were killed and over 3,000,000 were displaced. My villages and cities were destroyed, my people shelled day in and day out, some of them brutalized beyond imagination, and I could not imagine God not being angry.

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THE WRATH OF GOD

Or think of Rwanda in the last decade of the past century, where 800,000 people were hacked to death in one hundred days! How did God react to the carnage? By doting on the perpetrators in a grandparently fashion? By refusing to condemn the bloodbath but instead affirming the perpetrators' basic goodness? Wasn't God fiercely angry with them? Though I used to complain about the indecency of the idea of God's wrath, I came to think that I would have to rebel against a God who wasn't wrathful at the sight of the world's evil. God isn't wrathful in spite of being love. God is wrathful because God is love.

Miroslav Volf, *Free of Charge; Giving and Forgiving in a Culture Stripped of Grace* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2005), 138-139

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Genesis 22:8

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▶ For, There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time.

1 Timothy 2:5-6

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