



Aim: A robust theological, philosophical and pastoral vision for human flourishing in the beauty of God's grace-filled design.

Key Convictions and Confessions:

Regarding the Body, Mind & Soul – My Core Theological Position: God created and designed humanity with intrinsic dignity, beauty, and purpose for the glory of His name and the good of humankind.

(Genesis 1 & 2, Colossians 1:15-20, Ephesians 1:3-6, Psalm 139:13-18, Psalm 19:1-6, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Peter 4:10)

God made our bodies. He crafted them uniquely and purposefully. Our bodies and their functions matter. God crafted humanity into male and female sexes for His glory and our good.

God made our minds. He gave us the ability to reason, love, feel, and create. He crafted us with unique personalities and gifts – for His glory and our good.

God made us spiritual beings with souls. Though your body is mortal – your soul is immortal. God breathed into humankind the life of the soul, for eternity – for His glory and our good.

God made men and women in His image. God infused his creation with His *likeness* – for His glory and our good.

Regarding the Fracture of God's Good Creation: In an act of prideful rebellion, humankind ignored God's rule and law – fracturing the shalom of God's Creation.

(Genesis 3, Isaiah 53:6, Romans 3:9-23, 5:12 & 18-21, 1 Corinthians 15:22)

Sin fractured our humanity. *(Genesis 3:10-13, Romans 1:18-32)*

Sin has corrupted creation. *(Romans 5:12-21)*

Sin ushered in suffering, pain, and heartache. *(1 Corinthians 15:21a)*

Regarding Rescue, Redemption, and Restoration of humanity: While the sin-generated fracture of creation may be the backdrop, it is not the point of the story. Where sin multiplied – grace multiplied even more. (Romans 5:20-21)

God, through His Son Jesus Christ, ushered in a way of rescue, redemption and restoration. On the cross, Jesus bore the Wrath of God deserved by humanity, so that men and women could instead receive the gift of righteousness and heavenly adoption – which belonged to Jesus.

Regarding the future restoration of all things: "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!" At the consummation of all things, Christ will usher in a New Heaven and New Earth. Every broken thing will be restored – *including our bodies, minds, and souls!*

(Psalm 24:1-2, Isaiah 65:17-25, Revelation 21:1-5 & 22-27, 2 Peter 3:10-13)

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