

The Genesis Rift

- The Divinely Dysfunctional Relationship
 - Tree of Life = Jesus = Knowing God Intimately
 - Nakedness • Intimacy in Relationship • Belonging
 - Genesis 2:22-25 – “Unashamed”
 - Genesis 3:7-10 – “I was afraid because I was naked”
 - Genesis 1:26 - We were made *for* God
 - Finding our Names
 - Dominion • Name • Glory
 - Gen 1:26, Gen 2:19, Gen 3:20, Rev 2:17, Rev 22:4
 - We were made to receive our Name, Glory from God
 - Now we seek our Names from others
 - Name • Identity • Value • Relationship

Revealing the God of Love

- We were made for a love relationship w/God
 - Not an abusive relationship (1 Joh 4:16)
 - *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God* – Edwards
 - An unhealthy focus/preoccupation with Hell
 - Jesus talked far more about *Heaven* than Hell
 - Healthy relationship cannot be based on guilt & fear
 - 1 John 4:18
 - The Person/Life of Jesus (Heb 1:1-4)
 - In Christ, God shows his love for humanity
 - The Cross: scandalous love (1 Cor 1:23, 2 Cor 5:21)
 - Jesus: God’s love and grace over justice and wrath

Corrupted Relationships

- We don't understand love relationships
- All of our relationships are corrupted by SIN
 - Products of the Fall: Fear, Jealousy, Competition, Hurt
- Friends (John 15:12-15)
 - Corrupt: Betrayal | Jealousy | Anger
 - Perfect: Faithfulness | Generosity | Peacefulness
- Children (John 1:11-12)
 - Corrupt: Punishment | Condescension | Control
 - Perfect: Longsuffering | Respect, | Freedom

Corrupted Relationships

- Bride (Jeremiah 2:2)
 - The Bride is *all* of redeemed humanity
 - Corrupt:
 - Subservience | Jealousy/Control | Unfaithfulness
 - Perfect:
 - Respect | Love/Freedom | Faithfulness
- Servant/Sheep (John 15:20)
 - Corrupt:
 - Abusiveness | Devaluation | Apathy
 - Perfect:
 - Protection | Respect/Value | Love

Napoleon Bonaparte

- “I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ is no mere man. Between him and every other person in the world there is no possible term of comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I founded empires. But on what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded His empire upon love; and at this hour millions of people would die for Him.”

Know Your Name

- There is One who knows your name.
- He knows you. He loves you.
- You belong to Him.
- To Him, your name is "beloved". (Rom 9:25)

Genesis 2:22-25

- And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Gen 3:7-10

- Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

Genesis 1:26

- Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Genesis 2:19

- So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

Genesis 3:20

- The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

Revelation 2:17

- He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'

Revelation 22:4

- They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

Hebrews 1:1-4

- Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

1 John 4:16-19

- So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us.

1 Corinthians 1:22-24

- For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block [scandalon] to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
- ‘*scandalon*’ – offense, stumbling block, snare

2 Corinthians 5:21

- For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

John 15:12-15

- "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

John 1:11-12

- He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

Jeremiah 2:1-2

- The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem, Thus says the LORD, "I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, how you followed me in the wilderness, in a land not sown.

John 15:20

- Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.

Romans 9:25

- As indeed he says in Hosea, "Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,' and her who was not beloved I will call 'beloved.'"