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Jesus Reunites Us from The Fall

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After the fall of mankind, we inherited original sin. Humanity was separated from God to suffer out of a relationship with God. Eric Johnson's video: "Towards a Christian Psychopathology" (2018) discussed the outcome of the fall. Some of the aspects that he talks about in his video is that psychopathology is developed by sin, how psychopathology is related to sin, and everyone will experience some type of suffering during their lives. The only antidote to release the pain and suffering that the human race is inflicted with based on sin, is through the redemption of Jesus Christ. When a person believes in Jesus, he is the atonement for their sins then they become in relationship with God and that reunites the person with God.

In the video, Eric Johnson discusses a comprehensive Christian psychopathology and discusses the four disorders, which are the biological, psychosocial, and ethical, and spiritual disorders. The biological disorder is due to malfunctions with genetics, brain damage, or issues during the prenatal period. The psychosocial disorder is due to thought or emotional issues such as anxiety or personality structural damage. At these two levels, they can be healed with medical or psychological treatment (Johnson 2018).

The other disorders; ethical and spiritual levels need to be treated with the love of Jesus Christ. The ethical disorder is when we commit sins or evil deeds. We keep committing sins we develop sin patterns. By committing violations with this disorder, we are breaking God's laws and commandments. God is far from us because of our sins. We must follow Jesus in order to be in relationship with God. The ethical disorder is when mankind is opposed to God due to original sin (Johnson). In order for mankind to be released from the slavery of sin, they must accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior (Johnson 2018). According to Bird (2016), God uproots the brokenness of human sin by the cross and restores his relationship with humanity by the cross of

Jesus. The cross is utilized to bring those that were far away from God into a reality of oneness with God through their faith in Jesus as their lord and savior.

Eric Johnson (2018) discusses how sin can be a pathology (spiritual disorder). He states that sin is a disorder of the soul. He goes into depth on how one can view human nature and what is wrong with us. He divulges that sin is the only thing that goes against God's glory. Sin is the worst form of psychopathology. Sin causes human nature to be self-centered, and orbit around ourselves instead of God. Sin is relational and effects our relationship with God. Sin causes us to have a disordered love where we love God's creation more than we love God. Sin also compromises our ability to love one another.

As humans, we are bound to sin, and it is etched in the essence of our beings. We can only overcome sin with Jesus Christ. According to Bird (2016), Jesus' death on the cross causes the following: a ransom for our sins, a cancelation of tribulation and future judgment, reunites us to God's kingdom and takes us out of darkness and presence of the current evil age, provides us with forgiveness of sins especially original, causes peace and releases hostility with God., heals our brokenness, causes our moral impurities to be clean, releases us from the bondage of slavery, and gives us a moral compass to follow. Jesus' love and devotion towards humanity provides an example to interact and love others. Once Jesus died for our sins and we believe in him we cannot be separated from our Lord and savior's love. Jesus' death on the cross causes us to have a connection and communion with God the Father, unity with God the Son, and life with the Holy Spirit.

In Eric Johnson's video (2018), he then elaborates on the suffering of children and how everyone is prone to suffer. According to the video, neurons are organized into networks during childhood, which can be integrated and disconnected. When children suffer often during

childhood, they will store these negative emotions and these negative interactions in their brain to re-experience them throughout their lives unless they receive healing. He also defines suffering as a strong sadness, psychological, physical pain. Bible teachings state that suffering is caused by sin and it also states that long suffering can be cause by righteousness such as in the book of Job. Eric Johnson also stated that when people suffer, they gain more wisdom and spiritual maturity. He also stated that when people suffer, they question if God loves and cares for them. The Bible states that God loves all his creations and since The Fall, suffering existed.

According to Wilt et al(2016), people experience a divine struggle. When they suffer, they feel anger and disappointment towards God or question if God really cares about them. Studies have revealed that many people that have a divine struggle have experienced negative mental health, anger, emotional distress, and depression. When people have negative religious coping based on their relationship with God, their depression and anxiety increases.

According to Wilt et al (2017), theodicies is when suffering is a way to reconcile the embodiment of suffering in the world based on a monotheistic viewpoint of a compassionate deity. Benevolent theodicies are associated with positive views of God and malevolent theodicies have negative views of God. Researchers have categorized religion or spiritual struggles into three parts; supernatural, interpersonal and intrapersonal. Supernatural struggles are based on malevolent interactions with supernatural or spiritual beings such as deities or demons. Interpersonal struggles are conflicting interactions with religious people or institutions in relation to religion or spirituality. Interpersonal struggles involve internal agony based on religious or spiritual issues such as doubts, alleged transgressions, questions about one's faith, and apprehensions of one's purpose, meaning, and place in their lives. Within the basis of these struggles, people may experience their faith, behavior, and emotion are connected to the divine.

People may believe that God influences in a positive or negative manner. The person may feel love or anger towards God based on the results of the struggle. The person may be closer or further away from God during the struggle.

Everyone is bound to suffer after the fall of mankind. Even Jesus, the most high God, did not escape from suffering during his lifetime. Even though we are created in the image of God we sin, and our sins separates us from God. The trinity had a plan before the foundations of the earth to get mankind the right relationship with God the father, God the son, and God the Holy Spirit. Their plan was to have Jesus die for our sins. He is the only source of salvation and relief of darkness in the present age and throughout the history of time.

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