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QUESTIONS

1. What is one benefit of Historical Theology as a discipline?
2. What is the synchronic approach in Historical Theology?
3. Besides inspiring the writing of scripture, what is another work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers that also involves scripture?
4. What is one of the other forms of theology to which Historical Theology relates?
5. What does Historical Theology offer theologians engaged in doing theology today?

Answers

1. Historical Theology helps in Christian ethics; this is often called theological ethics.
2. The synchronic approach engages in this chapter highlights “Human life must be respected and valued, and we engage in capital punishment we are only devaluing life in our culture”
3. The Holy Spirit brings our theology into God’s perspective and helps us embrace life through the lens of love and redemption.
4. Historical Theologians and ethicists have articulated numerous norms that serve Christians in making judgments.
5. Historical Theology offers the understanding in love, justice, integrity, holiness, human dignity, freedom, peace, and so on. They have also explicated various assumptions that influence moral

TERMS

Agape Love: God's agape love is unmerited, gracious, and constantly seeking the benefit of the ones He loves.

Capital Punishment: refers to the process of sentencing convicted offenders to death for the most serious crimes (capital crimes) and carrying out that sentence.

Christian Ethics: refer to the morals guide connected to the truths anchored in the Truth of life rooted in Life.

SUMMARY:

In this chapter, Hollinger, Dennis P. explores ways that Christians have historically made decisions and looks at some of the central thinkers throughout Christian history.

He focuses on Consequentialism and principal ethics have been the two primary ways of thinking about moral life over the past several centuries. But as foundations for ethics both are lacking. While we at times may appeal to consequences in the midst of complexity, and while we will be guided by moral principles, Christian ethics at its heart involves far more.