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8. Integration is affected as a noun and an adjective. It is a priority discovery we make when we explore the essential oneness that God established. However, integration is a verb as it is also something we produce as we put psychological and theological facts together and apply them. This is vital to the death of Jesus Christ because of His salvation to the world. What Jesus did for humanity was a process He had to go through for everyone to be free from sin or eternal death. His death brought everyone to know His love, bringing unity to every believer. Without Him, the world would be filled with darkness, evil, and no harmony. If someone is a Christian counselor, their goal would be not only to be practical or figure out a methodologist to use but also to have a personal relationship with their client. It is essential not only to have a boss and client relationship but have one outside of work interact as a brother or sister in Christ. The integration will help counselors or individuals of the necessity of a person. One is to determine if the client is going through a physical, emotional, or spiritual crisis. Many will disagree that psychology and Christianity don't work well together. Still, it is crucial to understand how psychology and Christianity view contemporary events from a developmental historical perspective.

9. Christian psychology is a complicated term. It can be helpful because it informs the clients that the psychologist comes from a Christian background that believes in Jesus and how

problems can be solved through the Word, prayer, and showing empathy to others. The psychologist's belief is not only in practices and methods but also in God. Also, the clients will know the views of the psychologist or counselor they are seeing. However, it is complicated when a psychologist/counselor only uses the Bible in their practice. This practice will only express spirituality and not professionally. When I use the term Christian psychology, the psychologist helps the clients in a professional and personal way. They are psychologists with degrees in counseling who want to apply spiritual principles learned from a knowledge of Christian theology to their client study and clinical work. In other words, the client will receive help from a spiritual and professional viewpoint. In my experience, people might mean different things when they use this term in a way when they hear it, and they believe it is religious and that everything is based on the Bible.

6. I'm afraid I have to disagree with the Pastor's statement because psychology studies people's minds and behavior. This has nothing to do with sinful people having sinful thoughts about other people. This statement is biased because counseling is about evil people giving sinful advice to other wicked people. Even though the Bible demonstrates the fall or the original sin of Adam and Eve, it doesn't deny we have God's grace, we are free of sin, and humans can think or act reasonably. Also, people's poor decisions that cause mental illness are not constantly the case. Numerous psychological disorders have biological roots, making them less likely to be attributed to sinful actions. Christians will agree with these statements and do believe everyone is evil, but this statement excludes God's grace. Knowing that everyone sins, the Bible demonstrates Jesus dying on the cross for the world. Jesus wanted everyone to live un sinful lives. His death is what frees us from sin and being condemned.

7. Integration is necessary because the integration of theology and psychology acknowledges that the spiritual aspect of human experience can serve as a source of motivation and power for positive change. Growing spiritually can be a great motivation and ability for positive change. Not only do you build a relationship with God, but you positively and those around you. "Our lives and experiences have been disintegrated, and part of God's restorative grace is reintegrating that which has been artificially served" (Entwistle, 17). Naturalism intrigues the integration of psychology and theology. People would agree that the causes of our problems are not only spiritual but everyday experiences in life or things/forces that are natural in human life. However, integration should be considered carefully and needs to be approached thoroughly. Experiences and understanding of nature are not based on spiritual effects but on natural sources. For instance, one might experience loneliness because they lost a friend or family member and not because they lack spiritual growth.