

### 5-3-1 Assignment Week 3: A Christian Worldview Foundation For Ethics

#### QUESTIONS

1. What three elements manifest the Christian worldview?
2. What does God as the ground and norm of Christian ethics mean?
3. What are the three major themes of “Imago Dei” found in Genesis 1:26-27?
4. According to Genesis 3 alienation is experienced in four ways. What are they?
5. Who made the statement “A recovery of Christian Doctrine is fundamental to a recovery of Christian ethics?”

#### ANSWERS

1. The narrative component, the rational component, and the ritual component. (pg.63)
2. God is the ground and norm of Christian ethics means our understanding of the moral good, right, wise, and just emanate from the nature and actions of God. God’s goodness becomes the foundation for all human goodness. According to Scripture, ethics is not blind obedience to laws, principles, or virtues but rather a response to the living, all-powerful God of the universe who is himself the foundation of those moral guidelines. (pg. 64-67)
3. First, the text is clear that part of the image involves stewardship over the created order. Only God creates ex nihilo out of nothing, yet He grants humanity a kind of cocreating and co-caring role for the rest of creation. Secondly, the image of God reflects a relational dimension to life that is to be guarded and nurtured. Finally, the image of God implies an innate dignity and worth in all men and women. (pg. 72)
4. Firstly, there is an alienation from God, the ground and norm of human goodness. Secondly, alienation concerns fellow persons, Other people are used as a means of extracting oneself from sinful proclivities and self-created circumstances. Thirdly, alienation from oneself. It is further seen in self-deception. Finally, alienation as a result of the fall is alienation from nature. (pg. 76-77)
5. Alister McGrath (pg. 63)

#### TERMS

1. Worldview – The way we put our world together. Embodies our sense of God or transcendence, our understanding of human nature, our beliefs about what is wrong within the world and how to fix that wrong, and our perception of where history is headed. (pg.61)
2. Geoffrey Bromiley –suggests that Christians think of God as the ground of ethics, the norm of ethics, and the power of ethical living. (pg. 64)
3. Transcendent- beyond us. (pg.66)

#### SUMMARY

Whether conscious or subconscious everyone has some type of worldview. Understanding the place of ethics in a worldview system is critical in understanding the system. A lack of understanding of ethics leaves people unable to deal with moral dilemmas as they arise. Thus, Christian ethics are a concrete expression of objective reality and provides a framework for ethical thinking,