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Questions

1. **Name the three components in which the Christian worldview is manifested.** The Christian worldview is manifested through the three components of narrative, rational, and ritual.
2. **What is the significance of systematic theology to ethics?** The significance of systematic theology to ethics is major because “it seeks to show the interrelationship of ideas and the relationship of those ideas to the moral life.”
3. **How does Geoffrey Bromiley suggest Christians should think of God?** According to Hollinger, Geoffrey Bromiley has suggested that Christians should think of God as the ground of ethics, the norm of ethics, and the power for ethical living.
4. **How, according to Hollinger, should the principle of love be interpreted within a biblical framework?** In the biblical framework, love is more than an abstract principle. Love, according to Hollinger, reflects the very nature and actions of God. Furthermore, love is not a nebulous notion that we determine on our own. Love, he writes, is grounded in God and must be in harmony with divine revelation.
5. **What does Hollinger cite, from a biblical perspective, as the two sources of power for ethical living?** From a biblical perspective, Hollinger states there are two main

sources of power for ethical living: God's grace and God's presence in our lives, most notably through the Holy Spirit.

Vocabulary

- **Worldview:** the way we put our world together that embodies our sense of God or transcendence, our understandings of human nature, our beliefs about what is wrong within the world and how to fix that wrong, and our perceptions about where history is headed. Hollinger states that worldview plays a significant role in ethics.
- **Ethos:** a group's tone, character, or moral style, which is never divorced from the larger perceptions of reality
- ***The Politics of Jesus:*** one of the most significant ethical works of the twentieth century by which author John Howard Yoder reminded Christians of the normativity of Christ for life within the world.

Summary

Christian Ethics is a combination of the Triune God and the Christian worldview. The Triune God is interpreted to be God's personhood as revealed through the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the Bible. Similarly, the Christian worldview is a way of seeing the world that affirms the creation, fall, and redemption of humanity. In this light, Christ "dies and rises again," reconciling us to God and renewing us morally. In Christian Ethics, goodness is more than an abstract concept. Instead, it encompasses the Christian perspective of God's character and its accompanying worldview.