QUESTIONS:

1. *For the Christian, what is the standard for good and by extension, ethics?*
2. *What are three implications of the imago dei?*
3. *What are the four ways in which humans experience alienation as a result of the fall?*
4. *What are two examples of given goods within creation according to Hollinger?*
5. *How does eschatological hope influence Christians' interaction with the world?*

ANSWERS:

1. The Triune God is the standard for good and by extension, ethics for the Christian.
2. Three implications of the *imago dei* is mankind's stewardship over creation, interdependent relationality, and inherent dignity.
3. The four ways in which humans experience alienation as a result of the fall is alienation from God, each other, themselves, and creation.
4. According to Hollinger, two examples of given goods within creation are work and marriage.
5. Eschatological hope influences Christians' interaction with the world by recognizing that perfect justice will only come with the consummation of all creation, motivating believers to behave rightly in the present, and offering guidance for Christian ethics.

TERMS

1. **Inherent dignity -** the belief that human beings are inherently worthy. From a Christian perspective, this concept is directly correlated with the imago dei, that is the belief that all humans are created in the image of God.
2. **Functional dignity -** the belief that one's worth lies in one's intellectual or relational capacity. Stands in direct contrast to inherent dignity, which stems from *imago dei*.
3. **Corporate sin -** a type of sin which is encompassed by communities and/or society at large.

SUMMARY

In Chapter 3, Hollinger lays out the foundation for Christian ethics, namely the triune God. God is not only the ground and norm, but also the force behind Christian ethics through the power of grace and redemption, as exemplified in the gospel. As such, Hollinger provides an overview of the gospel message as the foundation of the Christian worldview. The Christian worldview is rooted in the biblical story, which consists of the following four elements: goodness in creation, the fall and subsequent alienation from God, one another, and all creation, redemption, and consummation.