



Foundations Session 6 In the World vs. Out of the World



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- Where is the tension? Can it be both?
- 1 John 2:15-17- ‘hate the world’
- 2 Cor 6:16-7:1- holiness/ contaminates
- 1 Peter 2:11- foreigners and exiles
 - What does it mean to be aliens and strangers in this world as Christians?
- Satan and the demonic – control Satan has in this world



Teresa vs. Teresa



- Mother Teresa
- Key Bible text Mt 25
- "Each one of them is Jesus in disguise."

- Teresa of Avila
- Example of devotional writing - Interior Castle
- "we shall advance more by contemplating the Divinity than by keeping our eyes fixed on ourselves,"



Francis of Assisi – In the World

- Compared to other orders
- Radical ‘out of the world’ orders
- Silent retreat vs. activism/ service
- Important for showing love and evangelism



World as evil

- Gnosticism
- How do we define holiness in relation to the world?
- Use of ‘world’ in scripture
- Negative theology
- Self-denial, asceticism



Niebuhr – Christ and Culture

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God found in nature

- Celtic Spirituality
- Meditation on creation... prayer walks, etc.
- Avoiding panentheism (God in nature)
- Avoiding pantheism (God is nature)





Celtic Spirituality

- How it developed
- Glamorized in modern times
- Key people
 - Martin of Tours 316-397
 - St Patrick 390-460
 - St Columba 521-597

- Themes
 - Missionary drive
 - Asceticism
 - Education
 - Positive stance toward creation



Eco Theology

- Dispensationalism
- Continuity or discontinuity? 2 Peter 3:8-18
- Can a ‘normal’ vocation be spiritual?



Issues around truth

- How much heresy is acceptable?
- Separation to protect truth
- Post-modern Christianity
- See example from NY Times talking about a post-truth society

Overview

- Review – look over notes... best bit for your from our sessions
- Structure wasn't perfect... not what you'll find in various books... not a common structure to be found
- Gaps?- could've done more on Charismatic Spirituality
- With the course structure in mind where do the following connect?
- **Oct 10** Evangelical Spirituality vs. Sacramental Spirituality
- **Nov 14** Asceticism vs. Abundance
- **Jan 23** Icons, Incense, and the Imagination
- **Mar 13** Mystical vs. Faithful
- **May 8** Communal vs. Individual
- **July 17** In the World vs. Out of the World
- Note that the course structure used tension whereas the Bible doesn't hold these things in tension
- Whole themes that could be explored more: Holy Spirit, Prayer, Angels, Visions, Spiritual Gifts, ...

OT – part 1

- Gen 5:21-24 (Enoch)
- Gen 6:9, 8:20, and whole story (Noah)
- Gen 12:7-8, 13:3-4, 13:18, 22:8-12 (Abraham)
- Gen 26:23-25 (Isaac)
- Gen 28:16-17, 32:26-30 (Jacob- ladder and wrestling)
- Joseph's dreams and political action
- Ex 3- Moses and the burning bush, the plagues
- Ex 20:20-21 (Moses entering the darkness)
- Ex 24:3-11 (Moses and leaders see God)

OT – part 2

- The Tabernacle and the Temple
- The sacrificial system/ offerings/ tithes/ the holy of holies
- The Sabbath
- Ex 33:18-23 (Moses seeing the glory of God)
- Ex 33:7-11 (tent of meeting)
- Ex 34:33-35 (Moses' glowing face)
- Ex 40:34-35 (glory filling the tabernacle)
- Jewish Festivals
- Num 6:1-5 (Nazirite vow and vows in general)
- Deut 6:4-9 (Love the Lord... write it...)
- The law and holy living

OT – part 3

- 1 Sam 3:1-10 (Samuel hearing voice of God)
- 1 Sam 10:9-13 (Saul among the prophets)
- The Psalms
- 1 Kings 19:11-13 (Elijah on a mountain)
- Isaiah 1:15-18 (make yourselves clean)
- Isaiah 6:1-8 (Isaiah's commission)

NT – part 1

- Mt 4:1-11/ Lk 4:1-13 (Jesus' temptation)
- Example of Jesus' spirituality
- Mt 6:5-13/ Lk 11:1-4 (Lord's prayer)
- Mk 1:35 (Jesus praying early)
- Jn 7:37-39 (Spirit flowing like a river among us)
- Jn 14:15-17 (Spirit coming to live within)
- Acts 2:1-4 (Pentecost)
- Acts and 1 Cor 14 - speaking in tongues, prophecy, visions, etc.
- Romans 12:1-2 (living sacrifices)

NT – part 2

- 1 Cor 2:1-5 (preaching with the power of God)
- 2 Cor 3:17-18 (unveiled faces)
- 2 Cor 12:1-4 (man caught up to third heaven)
- Eph 1:17-21 (prayer)
- Eph 3:16-19 (prayer)
- 1 Tim 4:7-8 (training for godliness)
- 2 Tim 3:16 (scripture God-breathed)
- Heb 10:19-25 (welcomed into the holy of holies)
- James 4:4-10 (come near to God and He will come near to you)
- The whole of Revelation