

Foundations 1: Essential Teachings of the Christian Faith

December 10, 2023: Review: last week--Humanity & the Doctrine of Sin

**Today's opening question:**

What is something you are looking forward to being different/glorified/changed about YOUR BODY in heaven?

**Review/last week's Opening Discussion:**

From Two weeks ago: Attributes

Creation

- I. Creator
- II. Creation  
Orderly
- III. Rest

Humanity & Sin

Psalm 139:14

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

**Our primeval state:**

**Original: "very good"**

**Physical condition pre-fall: perfect**

**Spiritual relationship to God: perfection**

**Mutual human relationships: ideal**

Because of the fall:

Loss of image of God, No longer holy but guilty, No more innocence

Relationships changed: humans & God; humans to neighbors

Mental & physically weakened & imperfect

Sin

External	Internal
Commission	Omission
Known	Unknown
Voluntary	Involuntary
Venial	Mortal

Against conscience

Of offense

December 10: Salvation by grace alone

Devotion by Ruyan Dougherty, from The Good News of Christmas, Denver Seminary's 2023 Advent devotion book

Favor Dei

Why does this matter: Last week's topic!

Soteriology:

The Trinity & Salvation

The Attributes of Grace in Christ Jesus

Universal

Active

Serious

Sincere

Efficacious

Universal grace:

Titus 2:11

1 Timothy 2:4

1 John 1:1-2

But...Matthew 7:13-14

Active grace, God still active in salvation

Grace is efficacious for salvation

1 Thessalonian 2:13

Closing prayer