Q: Describe the inspiration, inerrancy, and authority of Scripture as well as the relationship of each one of these issues to one another.

Definitions:

Inspiration
Inerrancy
Authority

Scripture Texts:

2 Timothy 3:15-17 Matthew 12:5 Prov. 30:5
Matthew 5:17-18 Matthew 19:4
2 Peter 1:20-21 Matthew 22:31
Matthew 28:18 Mark 12:26
Jude 1:25 Acts 17:11
Matthew 7:29 2 Corinthians 10:5
John 10:35 Psalm 19
Titus 1:2 1 Thes. 2:13

Resources:

Inspiration


Inerrancy


**Authority**


Q: Describe the sufficiency of Scripture. Relate the doctrine of the sufficiency of Scripture to the practice of biblical counseling. Research and respond to the arguments of at least one integrationist or Christian Psychologist regarding the insufficiency of Scripture for counseling.

Definitions:

Sufficiency of Scripture

Scripture Texts:

2 Timothy 3:15-17
2 Peter 1:3ff
Matthew 5:18, 24:35
John 10:35, 16:12-13, 17:17
1 Corinthians 2:13
Hebrews 4:12

Resources:

Sufficiency


Critique of the “insufficiency” view

Eric Johnson, ed., *Psychology & Christianity: Five Views*, 2nd ed. (IVP, 2010), 143-147, 194-198, 245-273. In this “multiple views” book, David Powlison writes the article which articulates the biblical counseling view of counseling and its relationships to psychology (245-273). However, he also offers critiques of both integration (143-147) and Christian psychology (194-198) from a biblical counseling viewpoint.


Integrationist and Christian Psychology (potential resources for critique)

Eric Johnson, *Foundations for Soul Care* (IVP, 2007)


Mark McMinn & Clark Campbell, *Integrative Psychotherapy* (IVP, 2007)
Q: Describe your position on the nature of continuing revelation (i.e., prophecy, tongues, words of knowledge). In particular explain whether you believe prophecy is a present gift in today’s church. Explain the relationship between your understanding of the gift of prophecy and the sufficiency of Scripture.

Definitions:

Sufficiency
Inspiration
Continuing revelation
Miracles, prophecy, tongues

Scripture Texts:

2 Peter 1:3
2 Timothy 3:15-17
Rev. 22:18
Heb. 1:1-2
Hebrews 2:3-4
Jude 1:3
2 Cor. 12:12
1 Cor. 14:21-22
Revelation 22:18-19
John 14:26

Resources:


The Master’s Seminary Journal Volume 14, Number 2, Fall 2003 contains several articles relevant to this question. The articles are available at www.tms.edu/JournalIssue.aspx?year=2003
Q: Define general revelation and special revelation and describe the nature of their authority as well as their relationship to one another.

**Definitions:**

General Revelation
Special Revelation

**Scripture Texts:**

Psalm 19
Romans 1:18-21
2 Peter 1:3
2 Timothy 3:15-17

**Resources:**


Wayne Mack & John MacArthur, eds., *Introduction to Biblical Counseling* (Word, 1994), 71-78. (NOTE: this resource is out of print but used copies are available online).

Q: Explain the doctrine of common grace relating the doctrine to the ability of secular psychologists to understand true information about the human condition.

Definitions:

Common grace

Scripture Texts:

Matthew 5:45
Acts 14:17
Psalm 145:8-9
Rom. 13:1ff

Resources:

Paul Enns, Moody Handbook of Theology, rev. ed. (Moody, 2014), 346-349
Q: Explain the doctrine of the noetic effects of sin relating the doctrine to the ability of secular psychologists to understand true information about the human condition.

Definitions:

Noetic effect of sin

Scripture Texts:

Jeremiah 17:9
Romans 1:21
Romans 3:10-18
Ephesians 4:17-19

Resources:


Q: Explain the doctrine of the Trinity, and provide its biblical basis.

**Definitions:**

Trinity

**Scripture Texts:**

Deuteronomy 6:4
Isaiah 45:5-7
1 Corinthians 8:4, 6
Matthew 28:19
2 Corinthians 13:14
John 14:9, 16
Romans 8:9-11
2 Corinthians 13:14
Acts 5:3-4
Mark 12:29
John 1:1, 14
Hebrews 1:1-3, 8-10
Romans 1:7
John 10:30
Hebrews 10:15-17

**Resources:**


Q: Explain each of the following attributes of God describing the practical implications of each attribute for life and counseling: wrath, mercy, holiness, omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence.

Definitions:

Scripture Texts:

Exodus 15:11  
Exodus 32:9-10  
Exodus 34:6  
Leviticus 19:2, 1 Peter 1:15-16  
2 Samuel 24:14  
Psalm 115:3  
Psalm 139  
Psalm 147:4  
Proverbs 5:21  
Jeremiah 23:23-24  
Romans 1:18  
1 John 3:20

Resources:


Q: Explain, using biblical categories, your understanding of the image of God in man.

Definitions:

Image of God

Scripture Texts:

Genesis 1:26-28
Genesis 5:1, 5:3, 9:6
2 Cor. 4:4
Col. 1:15
John 14:8-9
Heb. 1:3
Romans 8:29
2 Cor. 3:18
Col. 3:9-10
Eph. 4:22-24
1 Cor. 15:49
1 John 3:2

Resources:


Q: Provide a biblical description of the dichotomist view of mankind. Explain the counseling implications of this doctrine with regard to the inner and outer man.

Definitions:

Dichotomist/Dichotomy

Scripture Texts:

Matthew 10:28
Luke 6:45,
Mark 7:21-23
Romans 8:10
1 Corinthians 15:51-54
2 Corinthians 4:16, 7:1

Resources:


Jay Adams, A Theology of Christian Counseling (Zondervan, 1979), 97-118. (note that Adams uses the term “duplexity” to describe the dichotomist view of man)

Q: Describe the biblical understanding of manhood and womanhood from both an egalitarian and complementarian perspective. Explain which view you embrace and outline why you believe it to be the most biblical.

Definitions:

Egalitarian
Complementarian

Scripture Texts:

Genesis 1-2
Galatians 3:28
1 Timothy 2:8-15-3:13
Titus 1
1 Corinthians 11:3-16
Ephesians 5:22-33

Resources:

The Danvers Statement – www.cbmw.org/core-beliefs


Andreas Kostenberger, Thomas Schreiner, and H. Scott Baldwin, eds., *Women in the Church* (Baker, 1995).


Q: Describe the dual natures of Jesus Christ and explain why this reality is crucial for salvation.

Definitions:

Scripture Texts:

Matthew 4:2, John 4:6, 19:28
John 1:1, 1:14
John 8:58
Philippians 2:5-8
Hebrews 1:3
Hebrews 2:17-18, 4:14-16
1 Timothy 2:5

Resources:


Q: Provide an explanation of and the biblical basis for the doctrine of substitutionary atonement, explaining the implications of this doctrine for human guilt over sin.

Definitions:

Substitutionary atonement
Guilt
False guilt

Scripture Texts:

Romans 3
2 Corinthians 5:21
Matthew 5:22
James 2:10
Romans 2:15
Romans 14
1 Corinthians 9

Resources:

Atonement:


J.I. Packer & Mark Dever, eds., *In My Place Condemned He Stood* (Crossway, 2007).


Guilt and False Guilt:

Jay Adams, *Competent to Counsel* (Zondervan, 1986), 9-14 (see especially footnote 1 on p. 14)

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Q: Explain what it means to trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

Definitions:

Trust/faith/belief

Scripture Texts:

Matthew 4:17
Luke 13:3, 5
Acts 2:38, 16:31, 17:30, 20:21
Romans 3:28, 10:9-10
Ephesians 2:8-10
2 Timothy 1:9
Titus 3:5
2 Peter 3:9
1 John 5:13

Resources:


Q: Provide an explanation and biblical defense of justification.

Definitions:
Justification

Scripture Texts:
Romans 3:20-28, 4:2-6, 5:1
Galatians 2:16, 3:11, 3:24
Ephesians 2:8-10

Resources:
See also individual volumes referenced in question 13 regarding the atonement
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Q: Define faith in biblical terms explaining its relationship to justification and sanctification.

Definitions:

Faith
Justification
Sanctification

Scripture Texts:

Romans 3:20-28, 4:2-6, 5:1
Galatians 2:16, 3:11, 3:24
Ephesians 2:8-10
1 Corinthians 1:2
Hebrews. 10:10
Romans 6:19
1 Thessalonians 4:3
Philippians 3:21
1 Corinthians 15:23
Romans 6

Resources:


J.C. Ryle, Holiness, reprint (Charles Nolan, 2001), xvi-xx, 18-40, though the whole book is helpful


In regard to faith and justification, see the individual volumes referenced in question 13 regarding the atonement
Q: Describe the role of repentance in beginning and continuing in the Christian life. Explain the importance of the doctrine of repentance for biblical counseling.

Definitions:

Repentance

Scripture Texts:

Job 42:4-6
Psalm 32:3-6
Psalm 51
Proverbs 28:13
Matthew 4:17
Luke 13:3, 5
Acts 2:38, 16:31, 17:30, 20:21
2 Corinthians 7:9-10
2 Corinthians 12:21
Revelation 2:5, 22, 3:3, 19

Resources:


C. John Miller, Repentance (CLC, 2010).


Thomas Watson, The Doctrine of Repentance, reprint (Banner of Truth, 2002).
Q: Describe the doctrine of Union with Christ explaining its biblical basis and implications for Christian living.

Definitions:

Scripture Texts:

John 15
Romans 6
Galatians 2:20
Ephesians 1-2
Phil. 2:12-13

Resources:


Millard Erickson, Christian Theology (Baker, 1983), 961-967, 987.

Bruce Demarest, “The Doctrine of Union with Christ” in The Cross and Salvation, (Crossway, 1997), 313–44.


Q: Explain the biblical categories of past, present, and future sanctification.

Definitions:
Sanctification

Scripture Texts:
Past – 1 Corinthians 1:2, Hebrews. 10:10
Present – Romans 6:19, 1 Thessalonians 4:3
Future - Philippians 3:21, 1 Corinthians 15:23

Resources:
Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology (Zondervan, 1994), 746-758; 840-847.
Q: Explain the synergistic nature of sanctification being sure to describe the relationship between God’s grace and moral effort in the Christian life.

Definitions:

Sanctification
Synergistic

Scripture Texts:

Philippians 2:12-13
Romans 6
Ephesians 4:22-24

Resources:

Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology (Zondervan, 1994), 746-758; 840-847.


Q: Explain the role of the Holy Spirit in the Christian life describing the importance of this role in the counseling process.

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Resources:


Jay Adams, Competent to Counsel (Zondervan, 1986), 20-23.

Gordon Fee, God’s Empowering Presence (Baker, 2009).
Q: Provide your understanding of how the Holy Spirit guides Christians.

**Definitions:**

**Scripture Texts:**

Proverbs 21:1  
Psalm 73:24  
Deuteronomy 29:29  
John 17:17 and Ephesians 5:26 with 2 Thessalonians 2:13 and Romans 15:16  
Colossians 3:16 with Ephesians 5:16  
John 16:8, John 17:17

**Resources:**

Q: Provide a biblical description of the church.

**Definitions:**

Church

**Scripture Texts:**

1 Cor. 12:12-13
2 Cor. 11:2, Eph. 5:23-32, Rev. 19:7-8
Eph. 1:22, 4:15, Col. 1:18
Acts 2:1ff
1 Thes. 4:13-18
Eph. 2:11-3:6
1 Cor. 10:32, Eph. 3:1-6, 5:32
Acts 14:23, 27, 2:42
Matt. 16:18

**Resources:**


Q: What role should the church play in the counseling process?

Definitions:

Scripture Texts:

Eph. 4:12ff
Heb. 13:17
Col. 1:28-29
Matthew 18:15-17

Resources:


Paul Tautges, *Counsel One Another* (Day One, 2009), 153-171.

