



the pieces of peace

a Bible Information Class

Lesson 3 : the missing peace

In a stunning way, we live in a world still God-created and still God-preserved. From you perspective, concerning the world around, here's evidence things . . .

. . . seem to be *going ok* :

. . . seem to be *going awry* :

six
minutes

isogogics : introductory study; read through *quickly*.

exegeis : exploratory study; digest everything *slowly* .

Task **1** : Take a 3-minute, *isogogical* skim through Genesis 1. Identify :

- ❖ a simple, single-truth summary :
- ❖ your favorite phrase/verse :

Task **2** : Take a 3-minute, *isogogical* skim through Genesis 2. Identify :

- ❖ a simple, single-truth summary :
- ❖ your favorite phrase/verse :

God-established:

- family
- church
- society
- government

To our Creator's credit, how do our "*going ok*" concepts align with Genesis 1 & 2?



Task 3: Take an 11-minute, *exegetical* saunter through Genesis 3. Identify :

- ❖ a simple, single-truth summary :
- ❖ your favorite phrase/verse :
- ❖ the outline of the serpent’s lie :
- ❖ the progression to transgression :
- ❖ what changed as a result :
- ❖ evidence that the Creator is serious and just :
- ❖ evidence that the Creator is loving and merciful :

	Body (atoms, molecules, limbs, physical organs)	Soul (reason, will, emotions)
In God’s image (pre-Fall; holy)	Perfect & Immortal.	In perfect harmony with God and capable of remaining sinless (<i>able not to sin</i>)
Without God’s image (post-Fall; unholy; our “going awry” evidence) [table adapted from <i>Grace Abounds: The Splendor of Christian Doctrine</i> , pg. 200)	Subject to sickness & death	Spiritually dead and incapable of anything good in God’s eyes; by nature, not able to stop sinning (<i>not able not to sin</i>). In those things subject to reason, reason, will, and emotions are free and capable of many outwardly good and constructive and useful works, but even with this freedom in outward works we remain corrupt and the works often openly demonstrate corruption.

The Bible's teaching that exposes our fallenness is sometimes called the .

Use the following passages to unveil what God's Law teaches.

- **Matthew 5:48** (also: Leviticus 19:2) : **How we are to _____.**
- **Romans 7:7** (also: Deuteronomy 5:6-21) : **What we should (not) ____.**
- **Romans 3:23** (also: Romans 5:12) : **How we _____ up.**
- **Romans 6:23** (also: Galatians 3:10) : **What sin _____ & _____.**

(*death = separation – physically, spiritually, eternally*)

Identify each of those aspects in Genesis 3.

Evaluate :

Through God's voice, revealed in his Word (Deuteronomy 5:1-22), in our world (Psalm 19), and in our consciences (Romans 2:14, 15), the LORD naturally reveals & forever maintains his sovereign justice.

To what extent will we (still) need to hear his Law? Why?

***synergism* : the belief we can use the law to cooperate in our salvation**

***antinomianism* : the belief that the law is no longer necessary for Christians.**

“Ignorance of the Law is not absence of the Law” (Heather Leck, 2009); so, instead of ignoring it, let's be educated as to how God wants us to use it.

- **Romans 3:19** (also: Romans 7:7 and Luke 18:13) : **as a _____.**
- **I Timothy 1:9, 10** (also: Romans 2:14 and Deuteronomy 4:24) : **as a _____.**
- **II Corinthians 5:15** (also: Psalm 119:105 and Romans 12:1-2) : **as a _____.**

for the week ahead:

Every religiosity acknowledges somethings wrong. Identify specific man-made attempts to deal with “what's awry.”