

# THEOLOGY GUIDE

## GUILT

## SHAME

## FEAR

### PROLEGOMENA

<b>Society</b>	Individualistic	Collectivistic	Animistic
<b>Existential Question</b>	How can my sins be forgiven to be assured of heaven?	How can I be a part of the community to be respected?	How can I access the power to control life?
<b>Christian Theology</b>	Augustinian, Reformed	Undeveloped	Pentecostal, Charismatic
<b>Principle Metaphor</b>	Courtroom (legal)	Community (relational)	Combat (military)
<b>Primary Location</b>	West (Europe, N. America)	East (Middle East, Asia)	South (Africa, tribal)
<b>Christian Status</b>	Historically Christian	Minimally Christian	Recently Christian

### GOD

<b>God</b>	Lawgiver & Judge (sinless, perfect, just)	Father & Patron (glorious, superior, faithful)	Ruler & Deliverer (sovereign, transcendent)
<b>God's Holiness</b>	He alone perfectly keeps the absolute moral standard	He alone is infinitely glorious, deserving all reverence	He alone created and stands above all things and beings
<b>God's Sovereignty</b>	Forgives transgressors and enacts our future salvation	Honors lowly mortals and humbles the falsely proud	Defeats spiritual opposition and rules the world
<b>God's Righteousness</b>	Punitive justice	Covenantal Faithfulness	Cosmic Power

### SIN

<b>Sin</b>	Transgression & Lawbreaking	Disloyalty & Rebellion	Usurpation & Idolatry
<b>Sinfulness</b>	Total depravity	Complete unacceptability	Utter vulnerability
<b>Violation</b>	God's laws and justice	God's face and glory	God's power and authority
<b>Sinners</b>	Condemned	Rejected	Cursed
<b>Consequences of Sin</b>	Judgment and punishment	Disgrace and humiliation	Domination and bondage
<b>Emotions of Sin</b>	Regret	Unworthiness	Anxiety
<b>The Fall (Gen. 3)</b>	Shifted blame	Covered nakedness	Hid in fear
<b>Cultural Solutions</b>	Justify, confess, restitution	Cover, flee, abandon	Animism, black magic
<b>False Hope</b>	Morality, works, merit	Identity, connections, name	Rituals, knowledge
<b>The OT laws reveals</b>	Our moral failure	Our defilement/separation	Our idolatry

### JESUS

<b>Christ</b>	Substitute & Sacrifice	Mediator & Brother	Conqueror & Liberator
<b>Incarnation</b>	Jesus becomes fully human to pay our debt	Jesus leaves glory to glorify the Father and us	Jesus arrives to destroy the works of the devil.
<b>Jesus' Life</b>	Lived sinlessly	Healed the impure, ate with outcasts, welcomed Gentiles	Cast out demons, worked miracles, signs & wonders
<b>Jesus' Death</b>	Bears the punishment for our moral transgressions	Removes our shame and restores God's face/honor	Defeats spirits and powers
<b>The Cross</b>	Appeases God's wrath	Changes God's evaluation	Establishes God's power
<b>Atonement Theory</b>	Penal Substitution	Satisfaction (Anselm)	Christus Victor
<b>Jesus' Resurrection</b>	Assurance of future salvation	Divine honor for the shamed	Victory over Satan and death

SALVATION			
<b>Salvation</b>	Innocence & Forgiveness	Honor & Face	Power & Freedom
<b>Sphere</b>	Next world	This world	Unseen world
<b>Repentance</b>	From works-righteousness (stop trying to please God with perfection deeds)	From boasting (resist using cultural systems to promote your status)	From idolatry (abandon false powers and magical rituals)
<b>Grace (overcomes)</b>	Wickedness	Worthlessness	Weakness
<b>Forgiveness</b>	Pardons wrongs	Reconciles relationships	Removes strongholds
<b>At God's Right Hand</b>	Acceptance and intimacy	Prestige and status	Power and authority
<b>Reconciliation w/ God leads to peace w/</b>	Self (soul, conscience)	People (family, community)	Creation (nature, spirits)
<b>Discipleship</b>	Obedience	Loyalty	Submission
<b>Holy Spirit</b>	Guidance for behavior	Communion with Trinity	Empowerment for battle
<b>Ethics</b>	Loving Others	Honoring Others	Blessings Others
<b>Assurance</b>	Am I saved and morally acceptable?	Am I a part of the right community?	Do I have enough power to overcome dark powers?
<b>Missiology</b>	Truth encounter	Community Encounter	Power encounter
<b>Ephesians</b>	2:1-10	2:11-22	6:10-17

**EVANGELISTIC SUMMARY**

<b>The intention of God</b>	God loves us and has a wonderful plan for our life	God created us as children with his honor and glory	God is sovereign and offers spiritual authority to us
<b>The human problem</b>	Our personal sin creates a barrier between us and God/God's plan for our life	Our disloyalty dishonors God, so we are shamefully orphaned.	Our idolatry separates us from divine power and places us under the curse of darkness
<b>The solution of Jesus</b>	As a perfect sacrifice for our sins, Jesus bore the wrath of God's punishment	As our mediator, Jesus bore our shame, rose to glory, and restored glory to God's name	Jesus conquered death and evil powers so we could access God's power and blessings.
<b>Salvific Response</b>	Accept Jesus as our personal Savior and pray for forgiveness, turn from human morality	Give allegiance to God, receive adoption into His family, turn from false face & status	Trust in Jesus' alone for protection and power, turn from magic & syncretism

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<b>Metaphor</b>	Courtroom	Community	Combat
<b>God</b>	Lawgiver & Judge	Father & Patron	Ruler & Creator
<b>Sin</b>	Lawbreaking	Disloyalty	Idolatry
<b>Christ</b>	Sacrifice	Mediator	Conqueror
<b>Salvation</b>	Forgiveness	Honor/Face	Peace/Freedom
<b>Mission</b>	Truth	Community	Power

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