

Ten Great Themes of the Bible

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God is sovereign!

We are weak

The hope of God: His grace.

We must be continually alert and careful for the dangers that surround and threaten to attack and destroy us.

God has given us many very great and precious promises . . .

Love – the great sign of authentic Christian faith.

Forever is a long time!

Life is war!

The *Bible* recognizes only 2 people – the righteous and the wicked.

Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Jn 14:6

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Lk 4:18-19

Important Implications

A person’s view of the sovereignty of God largely determines and limits their faith in Him – in other words, our faith cannot be greater than our belief in what the One we trust in can do.

Our grasp of our need of God’s grace is largely limited by our appreciation of how weak and helpless we really are!

With God’s grace we are saved – without it we are lost now and forever.

All that God offers us can be forfeited by negligence and carelessness.

so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. We won’t, however, have both His and the world’s promises – we must choose between the two and take one or the other!

Genuine love is so contrary to human nature that its presence bears witness to an extraordinary power. John Piper

The Christian hope is consistent in proclaiming the purpose of now is to serve and improve the sure coming forever. Our investment in forever is made here and now!

War, in life, is not an option, but a continuing reality. We either focus on and do all we can to minimize its negative impact, here and now, or accept this certainty and do all we can to win the war and, in the end, benefit from it eternally!

Christianity is the only religion that believes Jesus is the way and the only way, truth and life to God the Father! Moreover, grace (as defined in the *Bible*) is unique to Christianity.

Christianity is the only non-works based religion.