

# Embrace the EXTREMES

Some of the Doctrinal Distinctives of FBC 2019 Chris Mueller

## Introduction:

**Romans 11:33-36** *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.*

**Acts 17:11** *Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.*

## #1 Your \_\_\_\_\_ and God's \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 2:1** *And you were **dead** in your trespasses and sin.*

**John 15:16** *You did not **choose** Me, but I chose you.*

**Romans 5:12** *Just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.*

**2 Chronicles 6:36** *For there is no man who does not sin.*

**Ecclesiastes 7:20** *There is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins.*

**Romans 3:10-12** *There is none righteous, not even one; There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God; All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, There is not even one.*

**John 10:10b** *I came that they might have **life**, and might have it abundantly.*

**1 Corinthians 2:14** *But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.*

**John 6:44** *No one can come to Me, **unless** the Father who sent Me **draws** him; and I will raise him up on the last day.*

**James 2:6b** *Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally **drag** you into court?*

**Acts 16:19** *They seized Paul and Silas and **dragged** them into the market place before the authorities.*

**Martin Luther** *Free will without God's grace is not free will at all, but [free will] is the permanent prisoner and bond-slave of evil, since it cannot turn itself to good.*

## #2 Your embrace of God's \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of a world of \_\_\_\_\_

**John 8:44-45** *You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a **liar** and the father of lies. But because I speak the **truth**, you do not believe Me.*

**John 17:17** *Sanctify them in the truth; **Your word is truth.***

**1 Corinthians 10:20** *No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.*

**1 Timothy 4:1** *But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons.*

**Romans 1:25** *For they exchanged the truth of God for a **lie**, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.*

**1 Timothy 3:15** *...the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the **truth.***

### Evolution

**Only two sexes** **Genesis 1:27** God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. **Genesis 2:24** For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

**Homosexuality** **Leviticus 18:22** You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination.

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11** Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor **homosexuals**,...will inherit the kingdom of God. Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

**The LIE of possessions** **Matthew 6:19-21** Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## #3 Your \_\_\_\_\_ for your actions and God's \_\_\_\_\_ over everything

**Philippians 2:12-13** So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your salvation** with fear and trembling; for it is **God who is at work** in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

**Acts 2:23** this Man, delivered over by the **predetermined** plan and foreknowledge of God, **you nailed** to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

**John 16:8** And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and **judgment**.

## #4 Your hope in \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of a world headed to \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 5:22** But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, "You good-for-nothing," shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, "You fool," shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.

**Matthew 10:28** Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

**Matthew 23:33** You serpents, you brood of vipers, how will you escape the sentence of hell?

**Mark 9:43** If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than, having your two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire.

**Revelation 14:9-11** If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.

**Matthew 25:41** He will also say to those on His left, "Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels."

**Revelation 20:15** And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

**2 Corinthians 12:2-4** I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a man was caught up to the third heaven. And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.

**2 Peter 3:13** According to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

**Colossians 3:1** Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

### TAKE HOME:

#### QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Why do people try to make people less sinful and God less righteous?
2. What happens to Christians when they forget that the enemy fills this world with lies?
3. How can God be sovereign yet people be responsible before God?
4. Why don't believers think more about HELL and more about HEAVEN?
5. Which point of the sermon impacted you the most and why? What steps will you take to apply this sermon?

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