

4 - Christianity and Critical Theory: Two Opposing Religions

And Elijah came to all the people, and said,
"How long will you falter between two opinions?
If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him."
But the people answered him not a word.
~ 1 Kings 18:21 ~

I. Prolegomena

A. Christianity: Objective and Knowable

1. Source of Truth

2. Fact of Truth

B. Critical Theory: Subjective and Unknowable

1. Radical Subjectivity

2. Standpoint Epistemology

II. Theology

A. Christianity: The Triune God of Glory

B. Critical Theory: god is Dead

III. Anthropology

A. Christianity: Image of God

1. God created man male and female, after His own image

2. Man rebelled against God and plunged himself into an estate of sin and misery

B. Critical Theory: Identity of Man

1. Gender Identity

2. Group Identity

IV. Christology

A. Christianity: the God-man

B. Critical Theory: Man is god

V. Soteriology

A. Christianity: Salvation by Grace through Faith

B. Critical Theory: Education of Groups through Force

VI. Ecclesiology

A. Christianity: The Church, the Bride of Christ

B. Critical Theory: The State, the Harlot Babylon

VII. Eschatology

A. Christianity: City of God, Coming New Heavens and New Earth

B. Critical Theory: City of Man, Earthly Utopia

VIII. Ethic

A. Critical Theory: Legally Enforced Compliance

B. Christianity: Grace Enabled Obedience

IX. Summary

	Christianity	Critical Theory
Prolegomena	Source of Truth: God and His Word	Source of Truth: Mind of man
Theology	The Triune God of Glory: For from Him and through Him, and to Him are all things, to Him be glory forever. Amen	god is dead. Man is god. 'Religion' must be removed from public sphere.
Anthropology	Man: created in the image of God, fallen through sin, redeemed by grace	Man: (hate that word), Either oppressed or oppressor, group identity determines fallenness or uprightness, no redemption
Christology	Incarnate Eternal Son	Omnipotent, all-knowing State
Soteriology	Deliverance by the Blood of the Lamb by grace through faith	All struggle for power. If deliverance needed, comes through re-education of group through force
Ecclesiology	The Church is the Bride of Christ, the society of the Redeemed	The World is all there is (Harlot Babylon), society needing revolution
Eschatology	Looking for that city which has foundations, whose builder and make is God	Lusting for that city (Babel), the glorious earthly utopia
Ethic	Grace enabled and motivated obedience	Legally required compliance