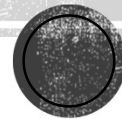


# PEACEMAKING AND PRESUPPOSITIONS

Resolving Conflict in the Run of the Life with Gospel Wisdom



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## A TWO-TIERED PROCESS

### **Transacted Forgiveness: Relational Restoration**

- Requires the offender asking for forgiveness (Matt. 18:26-27)
- Completes the cancellation of a relational debt provided genuine forgiveness (1 John 1:9)
- Transacted forgiveness cannot happen without attitudinal forgiveness



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## WHAT IS A PRESUPPOSITION?

- An unstated or unargued for belief or commitment
  - o What are some examples of things we assume about ourselves and the way we see the world?
  - o What are some things we presuppose about others?
  - o What are some things we presuppose in conflict, ideological or personal?



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## WHY THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT PRESUPPOSITIONS?

- We all have them
  - o We should either know how to defend them *or* be prepared to articulate why they don't *require* defense
- Conceptual foundations and presuppositions have an overwhelming influence on one's conclusions about particular issues
  - o Theological
  - o Social
  - o Ethical
  - o Psychological
  - o Anthropological
  - o Political
  - o Economic



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## FOUNDATIONS OF EPISTEMOLOGY

- What are our foundational sources of knowledge?
  - o Sensory perception
  - o Memory
  - o Testimony
  - o Reason
  - o Consciousness
  
- How reliable are our foundational sources of knowledge? Are any infallible?
  - o Sensory perception
    - Alvin Plantinga's evolutionary argument against naturalism/proper functionalism
  - o Memory
  - o Testimony
  - o Reason
    - Logic/Math (infallible?)
  - o Consciousness
    - Incorrigible mental states?
    - *De dicto* vs *de re*

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## FOUNDATIONS OF EPISTEMOLOGY CONT.

- Basic vs non-basic belief
- Non-basic beliefs: multi-tiered beliefs—beliefs formed on the basis of other beliefs
- Basic belief: beliefs not based on other beliefs
- Properly basic belief: *justified* belief not based on other beliefs, often justified by direct experience/awareness
  - o Plantinga's letter example

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