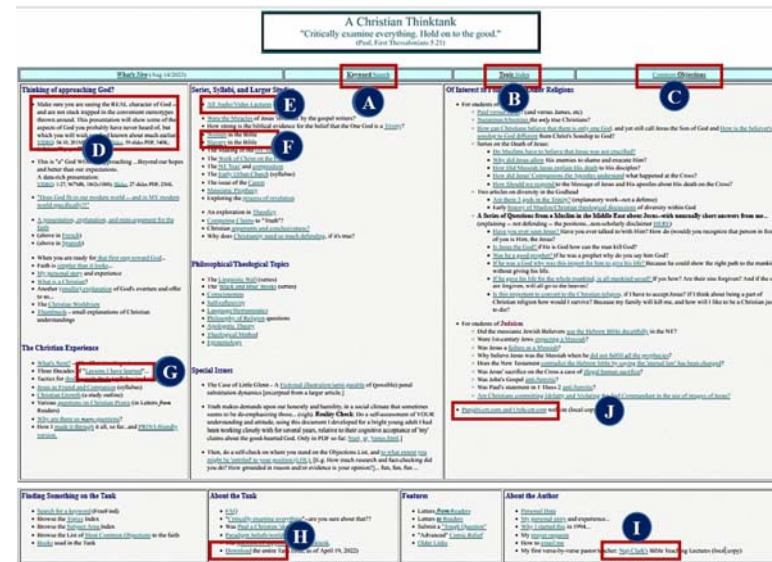


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- Women (500+ pages, a couple of different questions)
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- Nature is Cruel, so the Designer must be cruel (120pp)
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[Mod Oct 26/2018...I hope to keep filling this out over time]

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There are alternative reasons to believe such a God exists

Why didn't God create a better world?

The Jews of the New Testament is not worthy of my respect (peace, work, or joy)

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And even if it were all over:



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They can help 'reset' people's view of God's heart and character.

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Audio/Video Lectures Page

[Reminder: These are not apologetics lectures, but were given in more-or-less explicitly evangelical community contexts.]

This version is sorted by CONTENT - TYPE. [I will be creating some MP4 versions of the MP3 items, by merging with the syllabus or slide PDF decks.]

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These are mostly for believers and disciples of our Lord.

Life Issues

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Summary: In the OT we have NO REASON to believe that God condoned chattel slavery, and indeed, we have substantial bodies of data and argument to support the contrary--that God desired the freedom of all men and women within the covenant community ruled by Him.



- Summary and conclusions:
1. The slave-system described in the NT period is very dissimilar to New world slavery, especially in regards to the more horrific and troubling aspects: lifetime slavery, forced/violent enslavement, no chance for improvement in conditions, no legal recourses against owners, bad living conditions, lowest possible social and economic status.
 2. As such, its ethical character relative to New World slave is *very* different.
 3. It was a much more neutral, flexible, varied, and ambiguous institution--blanket ethical pronouncements *against* it or *for* it would have been inaccurate.
 4. Accordingly, the institution itself could not be considered 'inconsistent with' the gospel of freedom, and the NT clearly denies the idea that a master "owns" a servant (only the Lord owns them both)!
 5. I have to conclude that the NT-period "slavery" in the Roman Empire is not similar enough to New World slavery for this objection to have its customary force.
 6. Given this character of the institution, the NT teachings address obvious problems with the praxis and role enactments.
 7. The general Christian principle of 'freedom' creates several passages that encourage the church to move away from (and avoid) the practice.
 8. The general view of the NT that change should be instituted from "the inside outward" and should be a matter of individual moral decision explains the phenomena within the book of Philemon.
 9. The complexity of the historical situation also argues against the feasibility of any 'unilateral abolition'.
 10. Accordingly, we cannot correctly accuse the NT of "condoning slavery" in any traditional sense.
 11. The use of the servant-heart of Jesus as a goal did NOT legitimize the institution in any way; the anti-slavery injunctions clearly show that.
 12. The NT does not expect unconditional obedience to masters; indeed it *required* disobedience in cases of moral wrongdoing (similar to cases of required civil disobedience).
 13. The NT literature is too 'occasional' and too early to be expected to deal with ALL social implications of the good news of God's action in Jesus Christ, but we do have strong pro-freedom elements and instructions therein anyway.
 14. The early church saw the institution itself as neutral/useful for raising funds for social relief, yet demonstrated a decided preference for manumission.

So, it is incorrect to say that the bible "condones slavery" (in the modern connotation of that phrase).



The Christian Experience

- What's Next? -- The Christian Experience
- Three Decades of "Lessons I have learned" ...

(Some of these are also in the audio/video presentations.)

Two+ Decades of Lessons...

I keep a journal of the 'bigger' or more vivid things I have learned about a life with God...I intend to write these up over the next year/decade to maybe help others learn them 'earlier' and 'less painfully' than I did! Hope you enjoy...

The Mini-Lessons:

1. [A Flower in the Rain forest \(1/31/95\)](#)
2. [A REAL promotion \(1/31/95\)](#)
3. [Key to the Christian Life \(1/31/95\)](#)
4. [What I want to be... \(1/31/95\)](#)
5. [The Problem of Pain \(2/2/95\)](#)
6. [Feeling 'little' \(3/7/95\)](#)
7. [Giving up on the "Why" \[sometimes :-\)\] \(3/7/95\)](#)
8. [A slightly longer piece--an interaction with a dear brother--in which I get rather open about the challenges/losses of my life... \(6/11/95\)](#)
9. [Bottomless Introspection \(10/22/95\)](#)
10. [Contentment vs. Complacency \(10/22/95\)](#)
11. [A Category-Busting God \(10/22/95\)](#)
12. [How much adversity can a believer suffer?--a question and answer \(11/1/95\)](#)
13. [The Father's Greatest Love--the Son \(10/18/96\)](#)
14. [The Social Character of Humanity \(10/18/96\)](#)
15. [Living "as unto the Lord" \(10/18/96\)](#)
16. [The Holy and the Common \(10/18/96\)](#)
17. [A God of Color and Music \(May 8/2001\)](#)
18. [Holding up the Rock... \(May 8/2001\)](#)
19. [Giving God the benefit of the doubt \(May 8/2001\)](#)
20. [Christlikeness does not meaning learning carpentry! \(May 8/2001\)](#)
21. [Patience with yourself \(May 8/2001\)](#)
22. [The Notion of Growth \(May 8/2001\)](#)
23. [Theology as clear as the stratosphere \(and twice as cold\) \(May 8/2001\)](#)
24. [A Quiet and Glorious God? \(May 8/2001\)](#)
25. [Dealing with praise \(Mar 30/2005\)](#)
26. [The God of Truth \(Mar 30/2005\)](#)
27. [Pour out your heart... \(Mar 30/2005\)](#)
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29. [Commitment--sometimes cold, sometimes warm \(Mar 30/2005\)](#)
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 (Paul: First Thessalonians 5:21)

The screenshot shows the website's navigation and content areas. Key elements include:

- Header:** "A Christian Thinktank" and the motto "Critically examine everything. Hold on to the good." with a reference to 1 Thessalonians 5:21.
- Navigation Tabs:** Home, About, Contact, and a search bar.
- Main Content Area:**
 - Section A:** "The Question of the Resurrection" (highlighted in red).
 - Section B:** "The Resurrection of Jesus" (highlighted in red).
 - Section C:** "The Resurrection of the Dead" (highlighted in red).
 - Section D:** "The Resurrection of the Body" (highlighted in red).
 - Section E:** "The Resurrection of the Soul" (highlighted in red).
 - Section F:** "The Resurrection of the Mind" (highlighted in red).
 - Section G:** "The Resurrection of the Heart" (highlighted in red).
 - Section H:** "The Resurrection of the Spirit" (highlighted in red).
- Footer:** "About the Tank" section with a red box around the text: "Download the entire Tank (free/current, as of July 23, 2023)".

The "About the Tank" page includes the following content:

- FAQ**
- "Critically examine everything"--are you sure about that??**
- Was Paul a Christian 'skeptic'?**
- Paradigm beliefs/worldview**
- The question of supporting the Thinktank.**
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Download the entire Thinktank as a ZIP file (for use when you are not on-line)...

At the time of this writing, the Tank (non-Audio) is approximately 350 MB of files (without the audio).
 I have created a ZIP file with these files, minus (1) the main audio files, (2) the NAP CLARK website (mostly audio files--too big), and (3) the PUNJABI/URDU files (mostly audio files--too big).
 It can be downloaded FOR FREE from https://Christianthinktank.com/ctt_2023_06_03_noAUDIO.zip
 To download, just click on the above link, and tell your browser where to store the file (remember where you told it to put it, obviously!). Once the download is complete, navigate to the file, and run it (double-click on it, generally). It will ask you where to put the unzipped-files, and be sure to remember WHERE you told it to put the unpacked files.

The download file is around 280MB, BUT will extract 350MB of files--so be sure you have that much space available in that directory.

Once it is finished 'unpacking everything', you can then launch the Tank front page screen by either double-clicking on the file named 'index.html' (in the directory you told it to put the unzipped files), or by navigating to that file with your browser.

I cannot give technical support for this stuff--I don't even have the time to write, currently. You're on your own...sorry...

- limitations of this zip-version include:
- The keyword search function doesn't work(since it uses a Web server for that).
 - The few external links throughout the site will not work unless you are online at the time; they will probably try to get you to establish an internet connection, if you are not on-line.
 - The download is not 'updatable'--it won't reflect later additions of new material, nor modifications/deletions of older articles.
 - As mentioned above, none of the main audio-video files fit in here (they are multi-gigabytes of material)
 - It will STILL require a web-browser on the system, to be able to access the information.

It currently only includes the files up through July 3/2023.

Hope it helps,
 Glenn Miller

Does NOT include most of the audio/visual files.

- My first verse-by-verse pastor/teacher: [Nap Clark's Bible Teaching Lectures](#) (local copy)

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Verse-by-Verse teaching – from the pulpit.

Galatians

- Gal 1:1-9 (MP3)
- Gal 1:10-24 (MP3)
- Gal 2:1-10 (MP3)
- Gal 2:11-21 (MP3)
- Gal 3:1-5 (MP3)
- Gal 3:6-12 (MP3)
- Gal 3:13-24 (MP3)
- Gal 3:24-4:7 (MP3)
- Gal 4:8-19 (MP3)
- Gal 5:1-15 (MP3)
- Gal 5:16-26 (MP3)
- Gal 6:1-6 (MP3)
- Gal 6:7-end (MP3)

Ephesians

[some missing, unusable]

- *Special: Easter Message, 1982* (MP3)
- Eph 1:1-4 (MP3)
- Eph 1:5-7 (MP3)
- Eph 1:7-12 (MP3)
- Eph 1:13 [start] (MP3)
- Eph 1:13 [continued] (MP3)
- Eph 1:19-23 (MP3)
- Eph [rest of Chapter 1] (MP3)
- Eph 2:1-3 (MP3)
- Eph 2:4-10 (MP3)
- Eph 2:11-14 (MP3)
- Eph 2:14-22 (MP3)
- Eph 3:1-6 (MP3)
- Eph 3:13-21 (MP3)
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- Eph 6:18 [on Prayer, part 3 - TAPE UNUSABLE]
- Eph 6:18-24 (MP3)

Romans

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- Romans 1:5-1:16 (MP3)
- Romans 1:17-1:23 (MP3)
- Romans 1:24-1:32 (MP3)
- Romans 2:1-2:16 (MP3)
- Romans 2:17-3:8 (MP3)
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- Romans 14:11-14:23 (MP3)
- Romans 15:1-15:13 (MP3)
- Romans 15:14-15:25 (MP3)
- Romans 15:25-15:32 (MP3)
- Romans 16:1-16:27 (MP3)

Hebrews, 2 Thess, and Philemon

- Heb 1:1-4 (MP3)
- Heb 1:4-14 (MP3)
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- Heb 2:9-18 (MP3)
- Heb 3:1-6 (MP3)
- Heb 3:7-12 (MP3)
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- Heb 4:15-5:1(?) (MP3)
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- Heb 5:11-6:2 (MP3)
- Heb 6:1-6:12 (MP3)
- Heb 6:4-6:20 (MP3)
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- Heb 7:10-8:5 (MP3)
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I Corinthians

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- 1COR1001_1006Bx.mp3
- 1COR1007_1013.mp3
- 1COR1007_1015.mp3
- 1COR1013_1023.mp3
- 1COR1016_1024.mp3
- 1COR1023_1033.mp3
- 1COR1101_1106.mp3
- 1COR1117_1134.mp3
- 1COR1201_1207.mp3
- 1COR1201_1211.mp3
- 1COR1204_1218.mp3
- 1COR1212_1231.mp3
- 1COR1301_1307.mp3
- 1COR1313_1403.mp3
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- 1COR1424_1440.mp3
- 1COR1433_1435.mp3
- 1COR1435gifts.mp3
- 1COR1501_1510.mp3
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- 1COR1535_1604.mp3
- 1COR1542_1556.mp3
- 1COR1558_1602.mp3
- 1COR1601_1624.mp3
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