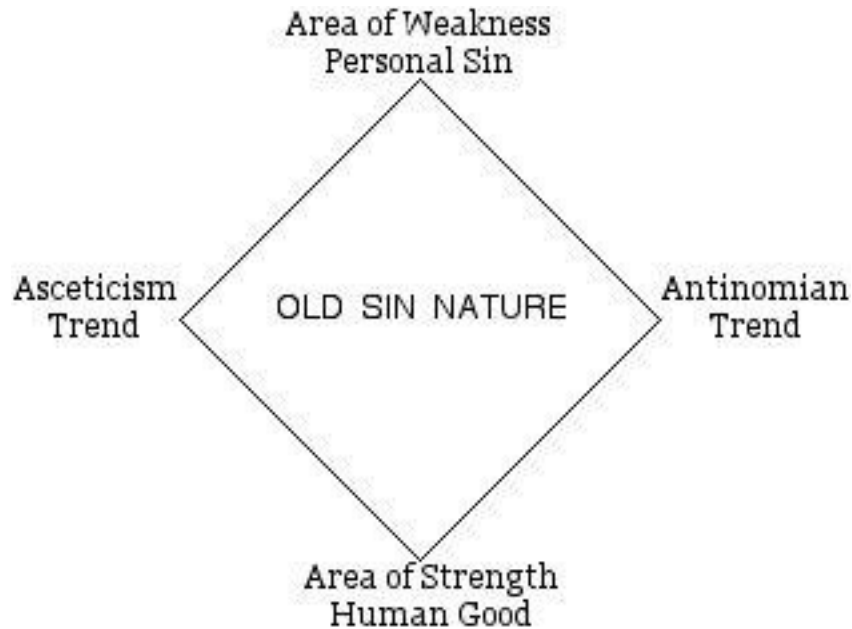


Doctrine of Human Good

1. Human good is any production performed while there is unconfessed sin in the life of a believer and/or the production is not motivated by Bible doctrine. All production performed by an unbeliever is human good. An unbeliever cannot perform divine good.

1.1 Human good is a product of a believer's old sin nature and more often than not, human good comes from the believer's area of strength. An ascetic is more likely to produce human good than an antinomian.



2. The overt manifestations of human good may in fact appear very legitimate. For example

- tithing
- becoming a missionary
- witnessing
- all sorts of social benevolence
- cleaning the church volunteer work at the hospital
- political activism

3. Human good is dead to God's plan and called in Scripture dead works.

Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

4. Human good is never acceptable to God. Human good is also said to be “filthy rags in the eyes of the Lord.”

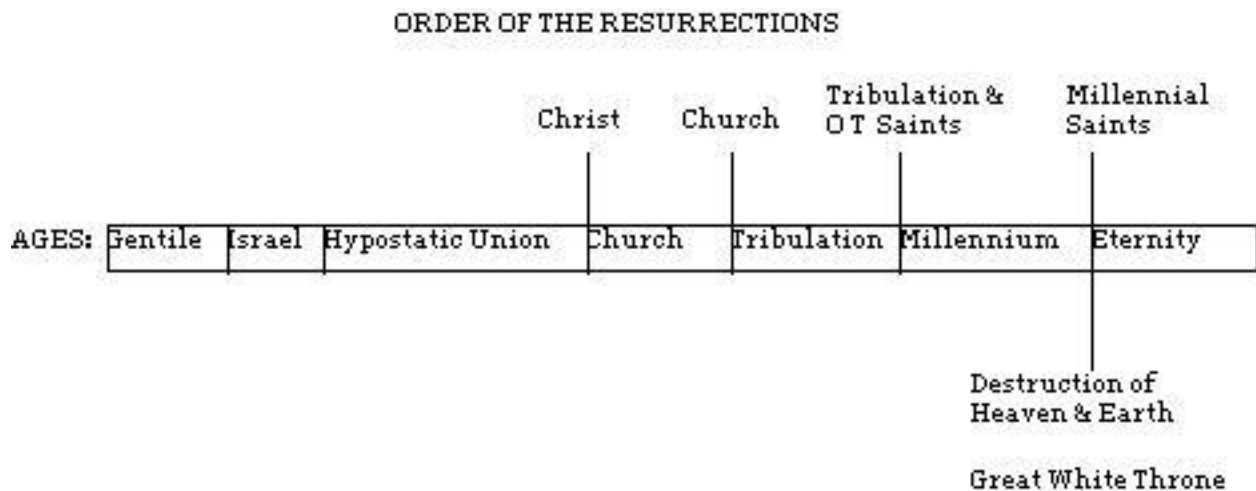
Isa 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

5. Human good is often moral conduct and important in the proper functioning of a national entity. We must never step on the toes of morality. Morality in many cases may be human good but useful in the proper functioning of society.

Rom 13:5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

Rom 13:6 For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

6. An unbeliever, for example, who is an establishment man, is a valuable asset to his country although his works may in fact be just human good that will later indict him at the Great White Throne.



7. Human good cannot save mankind.

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Rom 4:4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

Rom 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Rom 4:6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

Rom 4:7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Rom 4:8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

8. All human good and divine good, performed by a believer, will be revealed at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Divine good will be rewarded and human good will be burned.

1Co 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

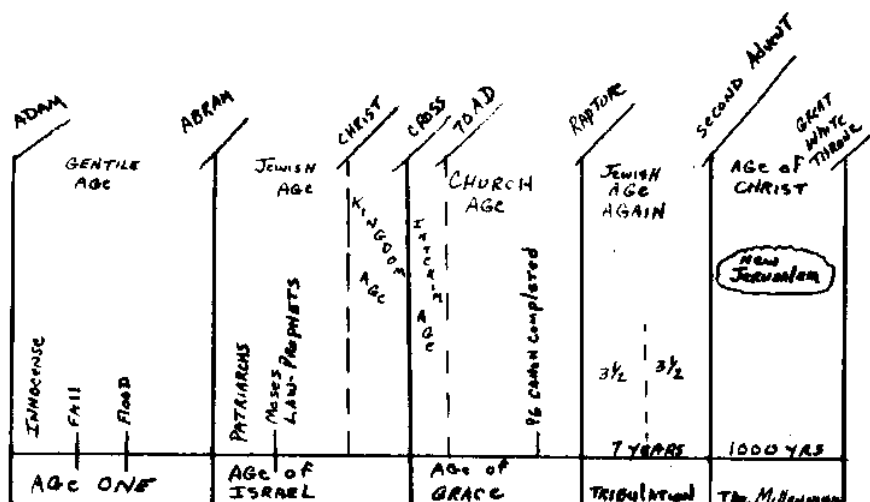
1Co 3:12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

1Co 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

1Co 3:14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

1Co 3:15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

9. Human good is the basis for the unbeliever's indictment at the last judgment. The last judgment for the unbeliever is commonly called the "Great White Throne."



Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

10. At the Great White Throne sins are not mentioned because of the unlimited atonement for all sin at the cross.

1Jo 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

11. Human good can only produce boasting.

12. Human good was not judged at the cross but rejected.

12.1 Choices in time regarding human good and evil are evidence against the devil in the appeal phase of the angelic conflict.

13. Since Christ was perfect He performed no human good.

14. One thing mankind did not need in the perfect environment of the garden was the knowledge of good and evil. It was at the Fall that human good became an issue. Certainly Eve thought she could help God, and in her mind the best way to assist God was by producing human good.

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die ...

15. Perfect environment has been the goal of the natural and carnal man ever since the Fall. Even when such perfection exists a spiritually unregulated man cannot handle it.

15.1 Examples

- The Garden of Eden
- The perfect environment of the Millennium.

16. In closing, and before I begin teaching the Doctrine of Divine Good, I want to provide a dispensation chart which shows the Church Age as an intercalation between two Jewish ages--the Kingdom Age and the Tribulation. As we move to our study of Divine Good, keep in mind the Bema or judgment of Church Age believers takes place after the Rapture, and the Last Judgment or Great White Throne occurs at the end of the Millennium.

