

Week Three: The Divine Dilemma, Part One

6. What's the dilemma?

- a. Humankind was degenerating into nothingness
- b. It was unfitting for God to allow his own image to perish

7. God cannot contradict himself

- a. Humankind was sentenced to die for disobedience, so humankind had to die
- b. Human repentance alone could not restore creation due to subsequent corruption
- c. The Word had to restore creation because he was the one by whom all things were made

8. What drove him to come?

9. Reversing corruption

- a. Christ took on a body capable of death in order to die in our place
- b. The union of the Word with human flesh undid the corruption

10. "For by the sacrifice of His own body He did two things: He put an end to the law of death which barred our way; and He made a new beginning of life for us, by giving us the hope of resurrection. By man death has gained its power over men ; by the Word made Man death has been destroyed and life raised up anew."