

A. The Relationship between God's Word and God's World

1. We use God's world to better understand God's Word.

e.g., Ps. 93:1—the earth shall not be moved.

2. We use God's Word to better understand God's world.

e.g., The Fall and Flood must influence our interpretations of science and history.

3. God's Word trumps what anyone claims to have learned from God's world.

- a. Conservative (traditional): Scripture authoritatively interprets culture.

- b. Liberal (progressive): culture authoritatively interprets Scripture.

Examples: Science (miracles, evolution, human genome project), Homosexuality, Gender issues, Hell

B. The Interpretation of Hell in *Love Wins*

1. Revelation 20:11-15 and Luke 16:19-31?

2. Hell is here and now (cf. Matt. 5:29-30)

3. Hell is temporary—you can leave if you want (functional universalism).

### C. The Slippery Slope of Liberalism

1. Hell: is God unjust and unloving?
2. Sin: do finite people deserve infinite punishment?
3. Cross: why did Jesus die?
4. Jesus: is he divine?
5. God: is he a separate being (panentheism)?