

UNIVERSALISM

Older said all will be saved after a period of punishment. New says all now saved--only need to be told that they are. "Universal Homecoming." "God's love pursues all men until all are saved."

Script. Jn 12:32 will draw all men to me. 1 Cor 15:22 in X all made alive. Phil 2:10-11 every tongue shall confess. 1 Tim 2:4 who will have all men to be saved. See Jn 12:48. All Xn raised. All will acknowledge, not rec. X. Wishes all to be saved.

Script. Matt 25:46. Jn 3:36. 2 Thess 1:8-9, 1 Cor 1:18 all men are either saved or lost.

Arg from theol. God is love so how could punish anyone. But also righteous, holy. If true then no need to preach, pary, give, go. Light is on and it would be nice if people knew it but not nec. Form of old lie, Thou shalt not surely die.

Theol of Hope, Liberation, Black Theol.

Latin theol. "To be converted is to commit oneself to the process of the liberation of the poor and oppressed, to commit oneself lucidly, realistically, and concretely." Gutierrez, p. 205. Social system made people poor (=capitalism), so overthrow it. "But in order for this liberation to be authentic and complete, it has to be undertaken by the oppressed people themselves" p. 91. Poor are God's chosen people. "The goal is not only a social revolution but a permanent cultural rev." p. 32. Nec to respond in kind. "It is under this light that painful acts like the kidnapping of foreign ambassadors and national personalities by truly revolutionary groups should be understood. Counter-violence of this type depends on the violence executed previously by reactionary groups in power." Fals-Borda.

Criticisms. Liberty is not the central theme of Xnty. Exod 8:1 Let me people go that they might serve me. Equality and liberty are contradictory. If all are free then inequalities will soon show up. God no respecter of persons--poor nor rich are not specially privileged. Rom 13 says obey, not revolt. Faith teaches how to live under adversity.

James Cone. "God-talk is not Christian-talk unless it is directly related to the liberation of the oppressed." 115. "Knowing God means being on the side of the oppressed, becoming one with them and participating in the goal of liberation. We must become black with God." 124. "God comes to us in his blackness which is wholly unlike whiteness, and to receive his revelation is to become black with him by joining him in his work of liberation." 125. "The real ch of X is that grouping which identifies with the suffering of the poor by becoming one with them." 80. "And in 20th century America, X means Black Power." 112. "Revolution always involves coercion." 138. "We cannot solve ethical questions of the 20th century (dealing with violence) by looking at what Jesus did in the first." 139. "The Xn does not decide between violence and nonviolence, evil and good. He decides between the less and the greater evil. He must ponder whether revolutionary violence is less or more deplorable than the violence perpetuated by the system." 143.