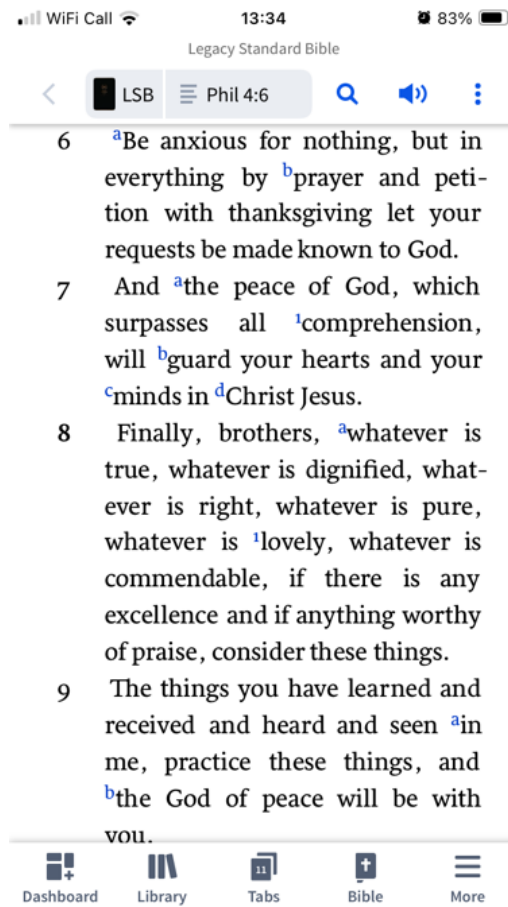


## God and our screens



Where are we starting from?

How can it help?

How can it harm?

What are our emotional responses?

## 1. Screens are neutral

## 2. Humans are fallen

*Romans 3 <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God'*

From the beginning<sup>1</sup>

*Romans 5 <sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned'*

## 3. Companies are not neutral

"You will own nothing. And you will be happy."<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Since Genesis 3

<sup>2</sup> Whilst this is not quite the intention behind the statement, it is ironically more truthful than they mean c.f. Caiaphas

#### 4. We are restored\*

Romans 3 <sup>24</sup>*and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.'*

Romans 6 <sup>6</sup>*For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – <sup>7</sup>because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.*

**So we have a new creation ethic!**

**Where do we need to show most wisdom?**

For us

For children & loved ones

## What related things to watch out for in the future?

Work

AI

Scams

### Extra resources

#### **Articles:**

The Gospel Coalition - lots

e.g. <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/limiting-phone-view-god/>

Christ Over All - <https://christoverall.com/article/concise/parenting-and-technology/>

#### **Listening:**

Clearly Reformed - <https://clearlyreformed.org/podcast/technology-is-neither-good-nor-bad-nor-neutral-with-tony-reinke-and-samuel-james/>

Christ Over All – recent podcasts on humanity

On AI: Series of lectures <https://riveroakschurch.com/ai-and-the-church/>

#### **Reading:**

Tony Reinke – God, technology, and the Christian Life

\*WARNING, BIG READ\* Oliver O'Donovan – Resurrection and Moral Order