



Good News!

But Good News for What?



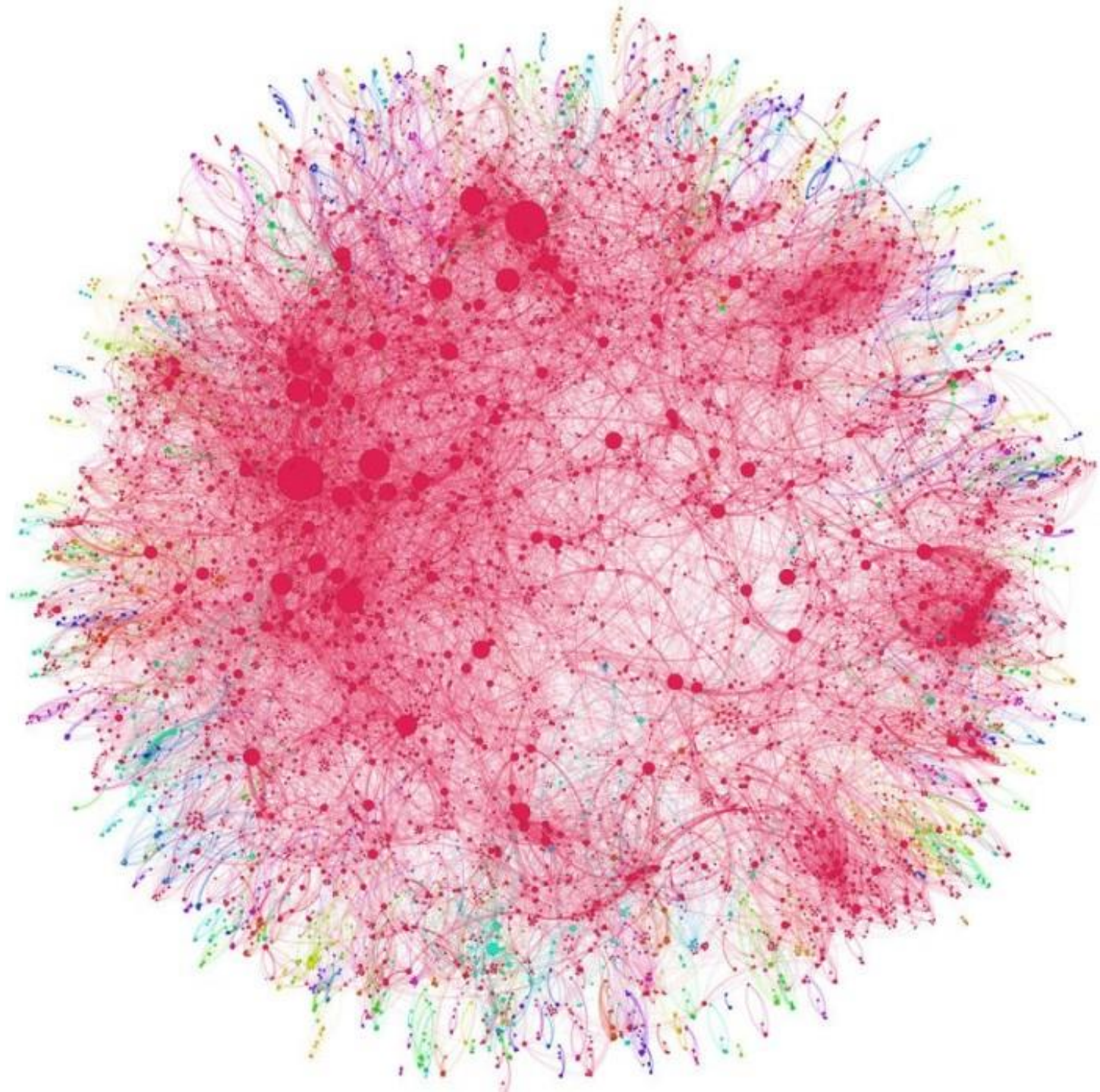
Sin

- Universal (a condition of all humans)
- Inescapable
- Failure or refusal to live in right relationship

Sin = Hamartia (Gk)



Sin is multi-
dimensional



God's Intention - Rightness

God's intentions for humankind were for us to be a community of peace that ***reflected*** and ***participated*** in the nature of God-in-relationship.



Sin, therefore, is simply anything that breaks peace and tears the relational fabric between created beings, their God, their fellows and their environment. It is a willing rejection of God and his will for all relationships.

Sin in Summary



Now for
Some Good
News

I bring you good news
that will cause

great joy

for all the people.

Luke 2:10

Justice

“the intention of God to set the whole world right” or “the right order of the universe. Tom Wright, Surprised by Hope.

Justice is about healing: the healing of lives, of communities, of structures and systems and of the environment



Justice,
Salvation,
Freedom

Freedom to enter into peace with God
through Christ

Freedom to enter into peace within a
community of believers

Mandate to declare, demonstrate,
exemplify this peace to the world

The Mission of The Church?



A ***thin*** view of Sin, the Gospel, and Mission

Justice & Community

It is **within** a transformed community that God's justice will be exemplified, and it is **from** a transformed community that justice will be brought about in the world.



How should Justice be done?

- In our theology
- In our planning
- In our discipleship
- In our public witness
- In our action



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Full View of Sin, the Gospel, and Mission

