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Theses

1. Postmodernity is increasingly influential in our thinking. Postmodernity is a very harsh stance against modernity overemphasizing modernity's claim for universality.
2. According to postmodernity the relevance of metanarratives is gone. In contradistinction to this we affirm, that the grand narratives can be viewed as the source of understanding human life and as an integrating power. Thus modernity is not over yet.
3. The doctrine of justification can be considered as a *grand narrative* which describes the relationship between God and humanity. Its relational character stands in its Christ-centeredness, anti-totalitarianism and the emphasis on 'person in relation'.
4. The dialogue between the doctrine of justification and postmodernity as the relational model of internal and external reality of human life is the possible source of public theology.
5. The public theological relevance of the dialogue between postmodernity and the doctrine of justification may be summed up meaning the acknowledgement of relationship as the triangle of God-self-other, the fact that values are the result of a communicative process, the rediscovery of otherness, and the ability to face the challenge of relating 'freedom from' and 'freedom to'.