

CALL to PRAYER -

Pray for schools, teachers and students

Biblical Worldview (pt. 1) - **Romans 12:2** - *Special Creation*

Intro - Troubling polls about the perspective of Christians/pastors. 48% of evangelicals believe that God changes/learns... 65% - humans born innocent... 56% - God accepts all religions ... 43% - Jesus is not God... 37% - gender is a choice... 38% - religion is opinion not truth... Yet ironically 95% - bible is 100% accurate in what it teaches (???). % of pastors who hold a biblical worldview... 41% - senior pastors... 28% - associate pastors... 12% - youth pastors (even saved ???). Only 21% of evangelicals have a biblical worldview. Only 1 in 5 Christians think like Christians Series on Worldview (Creation/Fall/Law) 1] we live in a *Created World*. 2] we live in a *Fallen World* 3] we live in *Moral World* (*truth/right/wrong*). None of this should be controversial in church- but it is

ROMANS 12:2

- The sin-stained world we live in has a perverted perspective that permeates our society
 - There is a worldly mindset the Christian must be set against
 - We are to have the *mind of Christ* not the mind of culture. (1 Cor. 2:16)
 - We breathe the worlds air but must not absorb the worlds atmosphere
 - Epoxy on breath (does our breath smell like/sound like the world?)
- We are called to have a Christian perspective as we live in a pagan collective
 - We are to have a different mindset....a transformed mind....a Christian mind
 - Eph. 4:17-24 (belief dictates behavior) 2 Cor. 6:14,17

CHRISTIANS BELIEVE IN SPECIAL CREATION

1. We live in a created world Gen. 1:1
 - a. Creation did not happen by accident or evolution - it was purposefully made
 - b. All of creation testifies to its Creator Ps. 19:1-4
 - i. All people know this Rom. 1:18-22
 - c. There is nothing more obvious about existence than that we do actually exist.
 - i. We (cosmos) didn't and could make ourselves (itself)Someone had to
 1. Must be an *uncaused Cause*. Because there is something there must be a *Someone*
 - ii. The idea of nothing making everything is the most absurd thinking
 - d. "what came first - chicken or egg?" God made the chicken the day before...man
2. Mankind is God's special creation
 - a. Mankind is not just a combination of meaningless molecules
 - i. We have been given a purposeful and a privileged existence
 - b. Made in the image of God Gen. 1:27
 - i. capacity to reflect the character of our Creator
 1. Creative work....knowledge....righteousness...holiness
 - c. Every human being deserves dignity
 - i. evolution separates man into different "*races*" - (favored races/fittest/more evolved)

- ii. Christianity teaches only one human race. Acts 17:26 1 Cor. 15:39
 - iii. The abortion debate - Clump of meaningless cells -vs- Made in IOG?
 - iv. Medical ethics - documentary on end of WWII - race to Berlin to acquire medical data learned in Nazi experiments (which was unethical for us...back then)
 - v. Nowadays we harvest aborted baby parts in our land following this same demonic worldview....all for advancement in medical knowledge
- d. Humans have the highest dignity on earth and are given dominion over earth
 - i. Gen. 1:26 the religion of environmentalism upends this Rom. 1:25
- 3. Mankind is made Male & Female
 - a. Gen. 1:27 Jesus confirms this - Matt. 19:4 (Jesus should know for His is the Creator)
 - b. 37% of evangelicals believe gender is a choice but Jesus says it is of His creation
 - i. It's amazing that male/female is a matter of debate in our evil age.
 - c. Schools/Docs ask my kids what gender they were "*assigned at birth*"
 - i. It was given at conception....and recognized in utero....and upon birth
 - d. Masculinity is a good thing Femininity is a good thing Deut. 22:5
 - e. God made the 2 sexes to complement each other not to compete with each other.
 - i. Male & female are the complete humanity
 - ii. Male & female reflects Gods glory as individual persons and when joined in pairs
- 4. Marriage is God's institution for mankind's benefit
 - a. Marriage is not a societal construct. Marriage is what God constructs for society
 - i. Gen. 2:24
 - b. The created order is always under attack by demonic forces and ideas
 - i. "Evolved not created - an accident in a monkeys image not made Gods image"
 - ii. "Male & female are interchangeable not immutable"
 - c. Marriage is under attack from all sides (separate...eliminate...avoid...re-define...pervert)
 - i. Heb. 13:4 - honored by all Mark 10:9
- 5. Children are a blessing
 - a. The original great commission Gen. 1:28
 - b. Male/female/marriage/ability to reproduce are amazing miracles and blessings
 - c. The prevailing mindset of the day is that kids:.... are a burden....avoid them.... postpone them....abort them....neglect them....corrupt them...
 - d. When we were expecting #6 a kid asked, "*why would you have another one of those?*"
 - i. this young kid at church has gotten the message - "*babies are not a blessing*"
- 6. When we teach kids that they are a burden... are but a bunch of random meaningless molecules that accidentally came into existence...they descended from the animal kingdom...there is no purpose to life.... they are a cosmic accident....that might have been accidentally born in the wrong body....
 - a. These evil ideas are detrimental to individuals and to society
- 7. Christians are not to embrace the evil ideas of our age....we are to combat them
 - a. 2 Cor. 10:3-5
 - b. Bonhoeffer "*Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act. God will not hold us guiltless*"
 - c. Are you a Christian? Do you think like a Christian?
 - i. Join the 1 in 5 evangelicals who do #362 #265