

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

Worldview at its simplest, is a person's lens through which they view the world. It's one's framework for understanding and navigating reality and answering the big questions about life. It's like a jigsaw puzzle box top; it gives you the big picture so that you can make sense of the individual pieces and arrange them in place. The Biblical Worldview is not simply another worldview one can have but is the truth and clarifies life in this world.

CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE

Who or what is the center of the universe? As humans, we like to think we are center of the universe (or center of all things) but when we face reality, we realize that is not true. The one true God is the center of the universe. (Romans 11:33-36)

ACCOUNT OF HISTORY

What is the overarching narrative of history? Creation, Corruption, Covenant, Christ, Cross, Church, Consummation. (Gen 1-3,15:1-6; Matthew 1:18-25; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Acts 2; 1 Tim 3:15; 2 Pet 3:10-13; Rev 21)

ORIGIN

Where do we come from? Our world and everyone and everything in it was created by the one true God. (Gen 1-2)

IDENTITY

Who are we? All people are beings that God made, male or female, in His image to act as His managers of this world. That we cannot change and thus who we are (our identities) cannot be properly understood apart from the One who made us. God has given us the Bible, His Word, to help us understand who He is, which in turn helps to clarify who we are. What we know from God's Word is that all people are born in sin and thus guilty before a holy God. However, if one repents of their sin, believes in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and follows Him, their destiny and identity are changed. If "in Christ" one is no longer guilty before God. If "in Christ" we are forgiven, free, adopted, accepted, secure, significant and so much more. (Gen 1-2; Psalm 51:5; Rmns 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9-10, 5:1, 8:1, 14; Eph 1)

PURPOSE

What is our purpose? To know God through Jesus, enjoy Him, make the name of Jesus famous for all the right reasons and multiply disciples of Jesus. One could sum that up with our purpose being: relationship, representation and multiplication. (Gen 1:26-28; Proverbs 1:7; Habakkuk 3:18; Matt 28:18-20; John 14:15; Colossians 1:28)

MORALITY

How should we live? Our world is broken due to sin but even in a broken world, we can acknowledge that what God says in His Word is right and true and our world works best when we live according to His way. (Psalm 19:7-11; Titus 2:11-13)

DESTINY

What happens when we die? Heaven and Hell are real. We are either with God or apart from Him for eternity based on whether we have rejected Jesus or repented of sin, believed in and followed Him. This explains why our decisions on earth matter. (Revelation 20:12-15)

SOURCE OF TRUTH

What is the true source of truth? The Bible is the inspired, infallible, inerrant, authoritative Word of God and is therefore the true source of truth. (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21)