

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.

SOURCE OF TRUTH

Who or what is the true source of truth? The Bible (God's Word) is the inspired, infallible, inerrant, authoritative Word of God and is therefore the true source of truth. The Bible is called God's Word because God - the one, true, ultimate authority, eternal, uncaused, holy, self-existent, immaterial, infinite, transcendent, personal, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient God - is the true author of it. Romans 11:33-36; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21

NATURE OF REALITY

What is really real? The physical, seen world is real. At the same time, there is an invisible, unseen realm that is very real. The things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. Genesis 1-2; 2 Kings 6:17; Job 38:4-7; Romans 1:19-20; 2 Corinthians 4:7-18; Colossians 1:15-16

NARRATIVE OF HISTORY

What is the overarching narrative of history? The overarching narrative of history surrounds the coming of the Deliverer, the Son of God come to earth, Jesus Christ. History can be summarized in this way: Creation, Corruption, Covenant, Christ, Cross, Church, Consummation. Genesis 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? The physical, seen world and everything and everyone in it, as well as the invisible, unseen realm was created by the one true God. Genesis 1-2, Job 38:4-7

IDENTITY

Who are we? Who we are or our true identity does not surround what we do or what we feel but is made up of two things - 1. Creation by God and 2. Standing before God.

1. Creation by God - What we know from God's Word (the Bible) is that all people are finite beings that God lovingly made, male or female (that cannot change), in His image to be in relationship with Him and to represent Him on earth for His glory. Humans were to multiply through the marriage of one man and one woman in that identity. Through the first humans actions, sin came into the world and broke everything. Relationship with God was lost thus human identity was corrupted and became confusing. Genesis 1-2; Romans 8:20-21
2. Standing before God - Ever since sin came into the world, all people are born in sin and thus separated from God and guilty and condemned before Him as He is holy. However, if one, through faith, repents of their sin, believes in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and follows Him, relationship with God is gloriously restored which means identity is changed; they are made new. They move from guilty and condemned before God to forgiven, free, adopted, accepted, secure, significant and so much more. Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:1, 5:8, 8:1, 10:9-10; Eph 1

PURPOSE

What is our purpose? Whether it is acknowledged or not, our purpose in this broken world is to enjoy God (which implies relationship) and make the name of Jesus famous for all the right reasons (representation). That primarily happens by being champions of making disciples of Jesus (multiplication). This purpose can be done by ones self, but we are meant to carry it out along side of others. Genesis 1:26-28; Proverbs 1:7; Habakkuk 3:18; Matt 28:18-20; John 14:15; Colossians 1:28

MORALITY

How should we live? Even in a broken world, there is an objective right and wrong way to live that God defines in His Word (the Bible). Our world works best and peace and goodness are experienced when we live according to His way. Psalm 19:7-11; Rmns 1; Titus 2:11-13

DESTINY

What happens when we die? Heaven and Hell are real. We are either with God in heaven or apart from Him for in Hell for all eternity based on whether or not we have a relationship with Him (refer to Identity). This helps us to understand that our decisions on earth matter eternally. Revelation 20:12-15; Revelation 21-22

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