

The Gospel Worldview

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Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

2 Timothy 3:5

The Biblical Worldview vs. The Gospel Worldview

Thou Shalt Not Sin . . .

BW - The Bible declares the righteous standard of God. We should not commit adultery.

GW - If I'm in Christ and Christ is in me, then I am supplied the power to love my spouse as Christ loves the Church and NOT commit adultery.

Prayer is Important . . .

BW - The Bible declares that prayer is of great value in the Christian life and we should all be doing it without ceasing.

GW - If I'm in Christ and Christ is in me, then I am supplied the power to actually participate in the prayer life of Jesus Christ Himself, praying out the burdens that are currently burdening His Almighty heart and thusly see His Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven.

Evangelize the Lost . . .

BW - The Bible declares that we must actively engage in the world in which we live to influence it for Truth and Righteousness.

GW - If I'm in Christ and Christ is in me, then I am supplied the power to change the world by becoming a vessel infilled with the Holy Life of God Almighty, demonstrating His boldness, His courage, His daring, His forthrightness, His heroism, His compassion, His justice, and His love.

Visit the Orphan and the Widow in their Distress . . .

BW - The Bible declares that we must rescue the orphan, the widow, the poor, the dying, and the lost.

GW - If I'm in Christ and Christ is in me, then I am supplied the power to actually feel what God feels for the weak and vulnerable. I'm given the energy, the supply, and the courage to risk my life for the sake of the needy. God supplies me with the soul muscle to expend on behalf of those I wouldn't naturally care about, but that now, due to the fact that I'm in Christ, I sincerely love with the very love of Calvary.

The Map for Buried Treasure

BW - The Map is without fault, without error, and is perfect in its measurements. The Map has been preserved for ages and generations and is God's authorized Map for reaching the buried Treasure. Value it. Protect it. Don't let it ever be compromised.

GW - The Map leads me to the Treasure. I study the Map to reach the Treasure, to know the Treasure, to be found in the Treasure, to forever be inextricably tied to the destiny of the Great Treasure, Jesus Christ.

Politics vs. Prayer

What is the church's primary means of impacting a withering American governmental order?

BW - Get involved, get out and vote, make your voice heard, vote pro-life, run for office, join the rally at Capitol Hill.

GW - Get on your knees, petition the Throne of Grace for a movement of heavenly unction, seek the realities of the Authority of Jesus Christ to be brought to earth, spiritually bind the dark powers that oppose Truth in this generation, spiritually release the powers of Light that will establish the Lordship of Jesus Christ in this natural realm.

The End Game

A Biblical Worldview makes Republican Conservative activists that fight to end abortion, limit the powers of the federal government, and define marriage as the sacred union between a man and a woman.

A Gospel Worldview makes Christians - men and women clothed in the righteousness of Christ and endued with the power of Almighty God in their inner man, who are therefore able to turn the world upside down.

Cause vs. Christ

The Doctrine of Humanitarianism

1. The doctrine that humanity's obligations are concerned wholly with the welfare of the human race.
2. The doctrine that humankind may become perfect without divine aid.

The Doctrine of Christianity

1. The doctrine that humanity's obligations are concerned wholly with the welfare of God's Glory.

2. The doctrine that humankind may become perfect only through the divine aid of the Cross of Christ.

The BW vs. GW in America

BW - Agenda: Get the right man on the throne here in America

GW - Agenda: Get the Righteous Man on the Throne within the Church in America

BW - Know the candidates

GW - Know Jesus Christ

BW - Get out and vote

GW - Get on your knees and pray

BW - Hold your candidate accountable to his promises

GW - Hold your God accountable to His Exceeding Great and Precious Promises

Room 213 - The Initial Grace Work

The power and importance of going under the stage

We refuse to so strive and should not be surprised at the lack of God's mighty stirrings. Is it not amazing that we have no problem with people wearing themselves out in sports for pleasure, work for money, politics for power, and programs for charity, but think it fanatical to so pray for souls? We would die for national freedom, but never for progress in the Kingdom of God. Is it any wonder we see so little of God's great working? Nash would pray until he had to "go to bed absolutely sick, for weakness and faintness, under the pressure." The world would have no problem with such dedication except that it was due to prayer for souls. Why should it be such a strange thing to the Church?

J. Oswald Smith

Reconciling the BW and the GW

Remember: Though the BW is of lesser prominence, it nonetheless, is still imperative

Mysterious vs. Mechanical

We have to recognize that we are one-half mechanical and one-half mysterious. To live in either domain and ignore the other is to be a fool or a fanatic. To believe in the mysterious work of God's grace but then ignore the fact that we have to work it out in our mechanical life produces spiritual humbugs; those who make a divorce between the mysterious life and the practical life.

Oswald Chambers

Fresh-Squeezed Orange Juice

We mustn't super-spiritualize the creation of orange juice

Engaging the Google

Proving the dexterity of the sons of Issachar

... of the sons of Issachar who had **understanding of the times**, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command;

1 Chronicles 12:32

Reasoning Like a Founding Father

Engaging in the formation (or reformation) of government

1. Jurisdiction

2. Equality
3. Liberty
4. Freedom of conscience
5. Every life matters
6. Representation
7. Posterity

The 7 Principle Reasoning Points of the Founding Fathers

1. Jurisdiction

a God-entrusted, authorized judging territory

Key Question: Whose jurisdiction is it?

2. Equality

no one, no matter their position, is above the rules - all are judged according to the same standard of righteousness

Key Question: What does the law say?

3. Liberty

freedom to do what the law permits - freedom from unnecessary restraint

Key Question: Does it violate someone else's liberty?

4. Freedom of conscience

allowance for a man to live out the dictates of his own conscience

Key Question: Does it force someone to sully their conscience?

5. Every life matters

God created all men, no matter their skin color, no matter their aptitude or ability.

Key Question: Are we advocating for the smallest in our midst?

6. Representation

every voice must be heard, every singular life must have weight and importance

Key Question: Are we supplying opportunity for the small ones to speak?

7. Posterity

every decision of ours must take into consideration the generations that follow

Key Question: Are we helping our children's children or hurting them?

Reasoning Like a Heavenly Father

Engaging in the formation (or reformation) of self-government

The Seven Reasoning Points of our Heavenly Father

1. Jurisdiction

Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Key Question: Whose body is it anyway?

2. Equality

We all are judged by the exact same God, under the exact same requirements of perfection. There is no one who is justified before His bar of justice and who can be approved for entry into His Kingdom and His tri-Holy Presence. That is, except One.

Key Question: What spiritual clothing are you wearing?

3. Liberty

We are set at liberty from the Old Covenant of Sin and Death and have been enabled to now walk in the Liberty of the Spirit without entanglement and obstruction from the Flesh.

Key Question: Do you know that the prison door is unlocked?

4. Freedom of Conscience

Our conscience is purged by the Blood of Jesus, and no more must we endure the tortured life of a soiled and guilty conscience.

Key Question: Do you know the forgiveness made available at the Cross?

5. Every life matters

Every thought matters - every movement of soul counts. There is no thought too small to not measure and weigh, no attitude too insignificant to pass over, and no behavior too minor to not consider.

Key Question: Do you know the Grace for help in time of need?

6. Representative

We have a Great High Priest who represents us before the Father. He ever lives to make intercession for us and He will save us to the uttermost. We daily ratify His Lordly preeminence in our life.

Key Question: Where are you seated?

7. Posterity

We will be known by our love, our good fruit, our good works. When we tend to the root and maintain health in the vine (the sap of the Spirit life) then the fruit that comes forth will be pleasing to God and will change this world.

Key Question: Is there fruit?

First Comes the Praying, Then Comes the Practical