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THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS WORLDVIEW

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Introduction to the Text:

Acts 17:28

Acts 17:28-31

:28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, **:29** Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising. **:30** Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, **but now commands all men everywhere to repent,** **:31** (why?) because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

The Church is a Living, Spiritual Body.

It is made up of individuals who have come to believe that; **(1)** Jesus Christ is LORD. **(2)** That He alone is our salvation. **(3)** That we are individually indwelt by God the Holy Spirit **(4)** That we are God’s purchased possession by the blood of Christ and that **(5)** We are His hands and feet in this world until He returns.

OUR BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW AND THE CHURCH

DEVELOPING A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

1.) What Is The Church?

The First Mention of the Church in its Greek Context is Here:

Matthew 16:18

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build **My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Church: grk: ejkklhsi÷a ekklesia, ek-klay-see´-ah;

The gathering together. The meeting up of those called out of and away from the world. A congregation engaged in convocation. A Jewish synagogue, or Christian church community comprising of those trusting in Christ Jesus here on earth or the gathering of the saints either in heaven or on earth or where Christ is. The assembly of souls.

OUR BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW AND WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

1a.) Church is a God-Centered Citizenship

It's a Divine, Spiritual Life We Now Live.

1b.) Church is a God-Ordained Family of Fellowship

That It's a God-Birthered Family of Believers

1c.) Church is a God-Created Relationship of Faith

That Faith-Exploits Should Distinguish Us Apart

1d.) Church is a God-Protected Gathering of Saints

Jude 1

Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, **To those who are called, sanctified by God** the Father, and **preserved** in Jesus Christ:

But Sadly – Many Have Been Derailed

There are far too many “headless” Christians running around today.

Colossians 1:18-19

And **He is the head of the body**, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. :19 For it pleased *the Father* **that in Him all the fullness should dwell**,

“You Lost Me”

Maybe because I didn't make every effort to pursue God with all of my heart.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

“You Lost Me”

Maybe because I didn't like what the rest of the Bible had to say about my lifestyle.

Luke 6:46

“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ **and not do** the things which I say?”

“You Lost Me”

Maybe because I thought Christianity was some sort of an association or membership and failed to maintain a relationship with Jesus.

2 Peter 1:10

Therefore, brethren, **be even more diligent** to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

Jude 21

Keep yourselves in the love of God, **looking** for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

O' they're religious. They know what the Bible says. They've tasted of the power of God, but they have only been near the Head – and in time prove that they are not of the body.

Rather than blessing and edifying the church

of believers, they have ridiculed and criticized the church – like the nicolaitans of revelation chapter 2, they've put themselves up as the authority on church life.

**We Must Be Very Careful Friends That We Do Not Become Like Them.
But Rather – We are to be connected to the body of believers.
Not butchers or slashers of the Body.**

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. :18 Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, :19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. :20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

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DEVELOPING A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

2.) What is the Church to Be Doing?

1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

2a.) Proclaiming the Gospel

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. :19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, :20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*" Amen.

But What Can I Do About This?

Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And **they realized that they had been with Jesus.**

But Jesus had already ascended back to heaven.

Every True Christian Has Been Commissioned
to be either a sender or a goer.

Missionaries are to be sent out, both short term and long. But there must always be those who send them.

Romans 10:15

And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: *“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”*

The **preaching** and **proclaiming** of the gospel of salvation, the gospel of grace; must also be expressed in ministries beyond words – deeds must be close behind.

First century church did what the disciples did, because that’s what Jesus did.

Acts 8:4

Therefore those who were scattered (persecution) went everywhere preaching the word.

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2b.) Living Faithfully for Jesus

This world is filled with scandals and improprieties. Husbands and wives, politicians and judges – and Christians!!!

There’s something fundamentally wrong when we hear of a Christian off or astray. There is a sense that – **“Look they are no different than me so I must be o.k.”**

Mark 1:16-18

And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. :17 Then Jesus said to them, **“Follow Me**, and I will make you become fishers of men.” :18 They immediately left their nets and **followed** Him.

Following Leads to Separation from the World While in the World.

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all people, and **holiness**,
without which no one will see the Lord:

We are strange people because

we willingly bind ourselves to a law of love.

Legalism, rules, oaths, pledges are as grass that fades away and we know it.

The Christian is bound by a greater law and it is the law of love for God.

2 Corinthians 5:14

For the love of Christ compels (*arrested. seized, captured*) us,

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2c.) Serving One Another

Galatians 6:10

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all,
especially to those who are of the household of faith.

But How Do We Do That?

This verse presupposes that we mingle and meet and introduce ourselves to one another.

We become “welded” together by our joint ventures
and experiences.

When we serve together – we become bonded, glued together.

This is why tragedies often unite people for life.

**The Book of Nehemiah is an Excellent Church Leadership
Training Manual.**

The value of serving alongside others in church - The greater the battles you go through with others to glorify Christ, **the closer to them you become.**

“How Can I Serve You”

Flight attendants ask us, waiters ask us, department store associates ask us.

The Church Should Lead The Way On This.

(But don't wait for a flyer or a video announcement or a group)

Mark 6:34-37

And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things. **:35** When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, “This is a deserted place, and already the hour *is* late. **:36** Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat.” **:37** But He answered and said to them, “You give them something to eat.” -

1 John 3:17-18

But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? **:18** My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

John 13:12-15

So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? **:13** You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. **:14** If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **:15** For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

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2d.) Worshipping God for Real-sies

John 4:23-24

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. **:24** God *is* Spirit, and ***those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.***”

Those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth

What Does That Look Like?

Those who worship Him must worship in spirit

To worship God in spirit is to worship from my total life.
Your total life is collectively represented by your spirit life.

So then – is my worship, spiritual worship?
(Is it always and everywhere 24/7 total)

Remember Acts 17:28

Those who worship Him must worship in truth

We become like the things, people or god we worship.

If you run around looking to blow things up then your god is known for blowing things up. If your god is known for being a god of nature then you will worship nature. If your God is the LORD – then you cannot escape the fact that He is True and Righteous.

As Christians, we worship **YAH**, the God of the Bible. That's His name.

YAH – YHWH = God is Salvation.

With that Name is expressed the fullness of God. Salvation = love, hope, mercy, peace, justice, judgment, righteousness, holiness, etc.....

Worshipping in Truth means we know Him
and His attributes enough to fall down before Him in awe.

2 Timothy 1:12b

...nevertheless I am not ashamed, **for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded** that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

persuaded grk: **pei÷qw peitho**, pi'-tho;

to be convinced by logic and argument, to cut through the true and the false. To analyze or to test. To apply, determine and conclude.

Romans 12:1-2 ESV

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your **spiritual worship**. :2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

My Biblical Worldview is Universal.

What I mean by this is – I cannot find anywhere in scripture where I am not to be a Christian.

There are people who see their Christianity as being limited and localized. They can go to church and they can gamble in Vegas. They read their Bibles but they keep it to themselves. They keep themselves away from the issues of this life in the name of “Christianity.” I do not know that version of Christianity. My worship is in and thru every bit of our fabric.

Many Need to Grow Up and Join The Team

That Jesus Christ is LORD and you need to (1) repent of your bitterness. (2) Ask Him to forgive you for your rebellion against Him. (3) Ask for forgiveness for having gossiped about other people. (4) Actually, literally – start physically reading your Bible all by yourself and learn how to listen to God instead of all the noise in your life.

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The
Call <<<<

Come Forward for Prayer Tonight

_____ *End of Study* _____

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