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## “OUR BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW AND THE CHURCH” – PART 3

*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, Breathing 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 that **(4)** 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.

**1 Peter 2:4-5**

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, **:5** you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

# OUR BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW AND THE CHURCH

## DEVELOPING A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

### 1.) What (Who) 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

That It's a God-Birthed Family of Believers

1c.) Church is a God-Created Relationship

1d.) Church is a God-Protected Gathering

##### Matthew 16:18

“... I will build **My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

He means exactly that – Jesus never fails.

“I love my **Mormon** friends, *but Jesus never fails.*

“I love my **Jehovah's Witness** visitors, *but Jesus never fails.*

“I love my **Roman Catholic** friends, *but Jesus never fails.*

*(For the record – if you're a Baptist, Methodist, AG, or Presbyterian – if you're not born again, Jesus said you're not going to heaven)*

***Hell and the Kitchen Sink will not conquer the church – ever!***

# OUR BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW AND THE CHURCH

## DEVELOPING A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

2.) What is the Church to be Doing?

2a.) Proclaiming the Gospel

2b.) Living Faithfully for Jesus

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.**

2d.) Worshipping God for Real-sies

3.) Where is the Church's Place in the World?

### **You and I are living in some pretty amazing times**

as we witness and will no doubt become part of an age that is increasingly hostile toward Jesus Christ, the Bible and Christians.

### **It makes you wonder, just who were those guys**

a decade ago crying "tolerance. We must be tolerant"? – since then the world has become almost totally Intolerant toward Jesus Christ.

**BUT AT THE SAME TIME – PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS ARE REPRODUCING IN HUGE NUMBERS – possibly like never before**

## The Church Went Viral Before Technology

And I do not mean via media, satellite or t.v. or technologies, these things are luxuries – I mean by the sheer power and work of the Holy Spirit using the Word of God, the Bible among the nations.

## WHERE IS THE CHURCH'S PLACE?

### 3a.) Where the Lost Are

According to God — the lost are everywhere and the Christian is to go tell them that there's hope and salvation in Christ.

#### **Matthew 28:19**

**Go** therefore and **make** disciples of all the nations,

#### **Matthew 4:17-23**

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." :18 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. :19 Then He said to them, "**Follow Me**, and I will make you **fishers of men**." :20 They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him. :21 Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. **He called them**, :22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. :23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, **teaching** in their synagogues, **preaching** the gospel of the kingdom,

Jesus Invited His Followers to do what He did.

And we're to do what they did...

### **THIS ANTI-CHRISTIAN AGE IS SAYING THINGS LIKE:**

1. "We will tell you where you can be a Christian"
2. "We will tell you where you can be a church"
3. "We will tell you what is ok and not ok for you to say to the culture"

"Why aren't Christians in more trouble these days?"

This means everywhere – just as Jesus said.

### **A secular world will refuse us the right**

To help the **lost** in Jesus' name. Just because the world says "No!" what is the church to do about the **lost**?

Here we are in the 21<sup>st</sup> century learning about and worshipping the LORD Jesus Christ. With no internet, twitter or facebook – without e-mail, Jesus Christ, who never traveled more than 200 miles in His entire earthly lifetime - got His message out to the world, why?

**Luke 19:10**

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

**WHERE IS THE CHURCH’S PLACE?**

**3b.) Where the Hurting Are**

To the inner city, inner town, inner street  
(Adopt a highway? Why not adopt your neighborhood. Your street)

**A secular world will refuse us the right**

To help the **hurting** in Jesus’ name. Just because the world says “No!” what is the church to do about the **hurting**?

People want to talk about church – this church, that church, small church, big church, white church, black church - - **that must make God very sad to hear.**

Pre-trib vs. post-trib. Calvinist vs, Armenian. Pentecostal vs. Baptist - **that must make God very sad to hear.**

**We Need to Go Get the Lost or *Get Out of the Way***

**Luke 14:15-23**

Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, “Blessed *is* he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!” **:16** Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, **:17** and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, “Come, for all things are now ready.’ **:18**

But they all with one *accord* began to make excuses. The first said to him, “I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.’ **:19** And another said, “I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.’ **:20** Still another said, “I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ **:21** So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, “Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here *the* poor and *the* maimed and *the* lame and *the* blind.’ **:22** And the servant said, “Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.’ **:23** Then the master said to the servant, “Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.

## WHERE IS THE CHURCH'S PLACE?

### 3c.) Where the Issues are Being Decided

#### IN THE HOME

##### **Ephesians 5:23**

For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

#### AT THE COMPANY

##### **Colossians 4:1**

Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

#### ON THE SCHOOL BOARD OR CITY COUNCIL

##### **Proverbs 31:23**

Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.

#### AT THE STATE CAPITOL & IN WASHINGTON D.C.

##### **Proverbs 29:2**

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;  
But when a wicked *man* rules, the people groan.

#### IN THE VOTING BOOTH

##### **Exodus 18:20-22**

And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do. :21 Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. :22 And let them judge the people at all times. Then it will be that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. So it will be easier for you, for they will bear the burden with you.

##### **Acts 6:3**

Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;

## WHERE IS THE CHURCH'S PLACE?

### 3d.) Where the Power is Wielded

#### Daniel

##### Daniel 2:14-15

Then with counsel and wisdom Daniel answered Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise *men* of Babylon; :15 he answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, "Why is the decree from the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made the decision known to Daniel.

#### Joseph

##### Genesis 41:41-44

And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." :42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. :43 And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, "Bow the knee!" So he set him over all the land of Egypt. :44 Pharaoh also said to Joseph, "I *am* Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."

#### Nehemiah

##### Nehemiah 1:11

O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name; and let Your servant prosper this day, I pray, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man."

***For I was the king's cupbearer.***

#### ***Benjamin Franklin***

*Mr. President, The small progress we have made after 4 or five weeks close attendance & continual reasonings with each other -- our different sentiments on almost every question, several of the last producing as many noes as ays, is methinks a melancholy proof of the imperfection of the Human Understanding. We indeed seem to feel our own want of political wisdom, since we have been running about in search of it. We have gone back to ancient history for models of government, and examined the different forms of those Republics which having been formed with the seeds of their own dissolution now no longer exist. And we have viewed Modern States all round Europe, but find none of their Constitutions suitable to our circumstances.*

*In this situation of this Assembly groping as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when to us, how has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of lights to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the contest with G. Britain, when we were sensible of danger we had daily prayer in this room for the Divine Protection. -- Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a Superintending providence in*

*our favor. To that kind providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten that powerful friend? or do we imagine that we no longer need His assistance.*

*I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth -- that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings that "except the Lord build, they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a bye word down to future ages. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing Governments by Human Wisdom, and leave it to chance, war, and conquest.*

*I therefore beg leave to move -- that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the Clergy of this City be requested to officiate in that service.*

What of John the Baptist, St. Paul, Jonathan Edwards,  
Jonathan Witherspoon, Jonas Clark, and Christian Minister &  
20<sup>th</sup> President of the U.S. James Garfield.

**John 19:7-11**

The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." :8 Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, :9 and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. :10 Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" :11 Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above."

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

***Come Forward for Prayer Tonight***

*End of Study*

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