

Biblical Theology and Christian Worldview (Part 1)
Selected Scriptures
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Introduction

As a church, we must have a healthy Biblical theology and a healthy Christian worldview. In fact, I believe these two issues go hand-in-hand. To have a Christian worldview, one must have a good grasp of Biblical theology. This world is increasingly hostile to the Christian worldview. Pretty soon, the world is going to make our Christian thoughts a crime and they will persecute us for our beliefs. It is important that we know what we believe and why we believe those things from the Bible. We have to take a stand against the world and not waver in our belief. Our Lord will reward us for our perseverance in standing against the world.

What is a worldview? A worldview is simply a viewpoint that answers most or all of these questions:

Where did we come from?

Why are we here?

Is there a God?

If there is a God, what does He want?

What happens to us after we die?

Did we evolve or were we created?

Is morality absolute or subjective?

We behave according to what we believe. If we believe in the Bible, then our behavior reflects what the Bible teaches. If we are atheist, then our behavior reflects that we deny God. Having a Christian worldview is grounded in Biblical theology. I want us to look at some of the theology in the Bible that shapes our worldview.

I. Creation

Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.*

- Importance of **Genesis 1:1**
 - If we deny **Gen 1:1**, then whole Scripture gets tossed out
- God is the Creator
 - Moses identifies God as the sole Creator
 - God created time and space (God is above time and space)
 - All of creation comes from God

Colossians 1:16 *For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.*

Psalms 90:2 *Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.*

- Jesus Christ is also the Creator

John 1:1-3 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.*

- Because God is Creator, we worship God alone (Trinity)
- Creation has a beginning
 - Heaven and earth – refers to the universe
 - Only one universe (not multiverse)
 - God created universe *ex nihilo* (out of nothing)
 - And all of creation was very good!

Genesis 1:31 *And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good.*

- Creation was created in 6 literal days
 - Earth created recently (when—we do not know)
 - Earth was not created 4 to 6 billion years ago
 - Earth did not take a long time to get created
 - Everything was created fully formed on the specific days (plants, animals, mountains, etc)
- Human Beings
 - Were created in His own image
 - Man did not evolve from some lower form of being
 - Evolutionary worldview—simple to more complex life with evolutionary steps in between; survival of the fittest (natural selection)
 - Man was created instantly self-aware, with knowledge, and with relationship
 - Were created to interact with creation (a real thing—it has matter)
 - God told man to take charge of creation and rule it

Genesis 1:28 *God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."*

- Man should not live for created things but for the Creator
- Human beings were created with a purpose

Ecclesiastes 12:13 *Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.*

- Abortion is murder of life that God created with a purpose
 - Life starts at conception—joining of sperm and egg

Psalms 139:13-17 *For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be. 17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!*

- Abortion is wrong on **ALL** levels—regardless if mother's life is in danger
- Gender
 - God created male and female

- Male and female are distinct from one another
 - There is no confusion of gender in the Bible
- There is also no confusion of headship in the Bible
- Woman was made to be the helpmeet of man

Genesis 2:18 *The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."*

- Headship of man

1 Corinthians 11:7-9 *[Man] is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man. 8 For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; 9 neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.*

- **V 7**—Man is reflection of the glory of God
 - Reflect God's authority
 - God gave man dominion over creation (because he was created from dust of the ground)
 - Man bears the role of ruler in this world
- **V 7**—woman was made to reflect man's authority
 - She rules in the place of man and carries out man's will
 - Man rules in the place of God and carries out God's will
 - Man is the image and glory of God
 - Woman is the image of God but the glory of man

Note: Spiritually, a woman is made equally as man in the image of God and equally restored through faith in Jesus Christ. She is made to have relationship with God as deeply as a man. She is made to receive an eternal reward as a man. A woman is intellectually, morally, spiritually equal of a man. However, she is unique and gloriously so as a man is unique and gloriously so!

- **V 8-9**—man was made from dust of ground—not from woman
 - Woman was taken from man (his rib when he was asleep)
 - This is the only time that woman comes from man (from that point on, all women and men come from woman)
- This is creation order and the ideal
 - This is true for family leadership
 - This is true for church leadership

- Marriage

- God establishes the sexual conduct of man and woman

Genesis 1:27-28 *So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it."*

Genesis 2:24 *For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.*

- Only in marriage between man and woman
- All sexual conduct outside of marriage is sin

- Marriage is a covenant between man and woman and God
- Man and woman
 - Only one allowed by God
 - Man-man or woman-woman either are not marriages or self marriage (Houston woman marries self!)
 - Perversion of God's design
- Establishment of order
 - First and most important societal unit
 - Man + woman in marriage as family
 - Along with children
 - God's design for stability and strength
- Christian worldview
 - We celebrate and protect marriage
 - World—marriage is outmoded and not needed
 - Very destructive

Upcoming points (Part 2, etc)

II. Sin and Its Consequences

III. Redemption

IV. End that is the Beginning!