

Worldview: For the Glory of God

Colossians 1:15-23

Last week, we began our look at the primary worldviews that are both clashing and shaping our culture. A worldview is the underlying assumptions that you rely upon to interpret reality. Those underlying assumptions are called presuppositions. You presuppose something to be true. These are the basis or foundations of how you view the world.

Your worldview says to you, “This is what things are supposed to be like.” Or “This is how things are supposed to work.”

Beginning last week, we began our examination the three most promenade worldview shaping our culture: secular humanism, Neo-Marxism, and Biblical Christianity.

We are using the four ultimate life questions to examine these worldviews:

-Who am I or what is man?

-Why am I here or what is my purpose?

-What’s wrong with the world?

-How can what is wrong be made right?

Today we will examine the last two—What’s wrong with the world? And, How can what is wrong be made right?

Secular humanism

What’s wrong with the world?

Secular humanism declares that people are either insufficiently educated or insufficiently governed.

How can what is wrong be made right?

More education and more governance is what the world needs. Someone needs to educate the people, and someone needs to govern them. (And who would that be? And what do the people need to know?)

Since people are a product of evolutionary processes, they have no idea why they are here. Therefore, they need to be educated concerning their purpose and their behavior. What is their purpose?

Consumption and procreation; materialism and sex.

Since there are no morals and values in the evolutionary process, consume as much as you want, and have as much sex as you want.

We also need to be governed more. What is appropriate governance? Why, more laws, more control. The people don’t know what appropriate behavior is so the government must tell them. So, who is the government? Who does the governance? Who makes the laws and who does the controlling? Why, the secular humanist.

Neo-Marxism

What is wrong with the world?

The hegemonic oppressors are in power. The groups who have the power are the problem. That’s what’s wrong.

The neo-Marxist defines wrong by *disparity*. So, if there's any kind of disparity, it needs to go.

We Christians need to be careful with disparity too, because we also don’t like disparities. We don’t like injustices, nor should we. Our God is a God of justice, but justice based on who He is and on His word.

The neo-Marxist will say that they have a problem with all disparities, ...but they don't mean that. What they mean is that we have a problem with disparities that we don't like, and particularly we have a problem with disparities until they don't fit our narrative.

How can what is wrong be made right?

The oppressor must be forced to yield his/her power to those who are oppressed. When that happens, it will usher in Utopia. It will be a perfect world.

It won't happen like that, because once the oppressor is gone those oppressed groups will become the oppressor groups. Remember, this is all about power.

Biblical Worldview

What is wrong with the world?

Colossians 1:21 - *Once you were alienated from God and were enemies (hostile) in your minds because of your evil behavior.* This is what is wrong with the world. In other words, *I exist for His glory, but I'm living for mine.* This is known as sin. Sin is being alienated from God; hostile to God and doing evil deeds. The human heart is wicked. Look at your own heart.

How often have you ever heard this question, *why, if God is good, does He allow bad stuff to happen to innocent people? If God is all-powerful and all good, then why would he allow tragedies to happen to innocent people?*

This is not a fair question, because it presupposes that the questioner has the moral authority to decide what is right and wrong and therefore, to condemn other people, including God and His motivations and actions. People are not being honest when they ask this question. To ask the question with honesty and integrity, here is how the question should be asked, *"If God is all goodness and all powerful and just, then why did He not kill me in my sleep last night because of what I thought, said, and did yesterday?"*

That's the appropriate question.

When you blame someone else, when you point outside of yourself and act like the only sin that a just and righteous and all-powerful God should handle, is the sin of *those* people, then you're arrogant or blind or both. And if you are accusing God of sinning, what is that saying about your heart?

How can what is wrong be made right?

Colossians 1:19-22 - Paul is arguing that Christ is the son of God. He's the God-man. He's God In the Flesh; the fullness of God dwelled in bodily form and that in his body He reconciled men to God through the blood of his cross.

1 Peter 3:18; Isaiah 53:6

It's amazing. that the perfect, spotless, sinless Lamb of God would live a perfect life so He could obey where we could not. He lived this life so that his righteousness could be imputed to us, and then die a death that he did not deserve, so that our sin could be punished in Him. Paul says in Romans 3:25-26 that God exercised His justice by pouring out His wrath against sin upon Christ. Thereby, He could justify (declare not guilty) those who place their faith in Jesus, in Who He is and what He has done for them.

So, how can what is wrong be made right?

Through the person and work of Jesus Christ. That is, through our sin being atoned for us and we then being transformed and conformed to the image of God's righteous son, Jesus Christ.

We come to faith by admitting that we are sinners; repenting of our sins; and receiving Jesus Christ into our hearts. We then live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ and Christ alone.

That's how Christians answers those four ultimate questions of life.

This is the only worldview that works, because it is the only worldview that works.