

Biblical World View

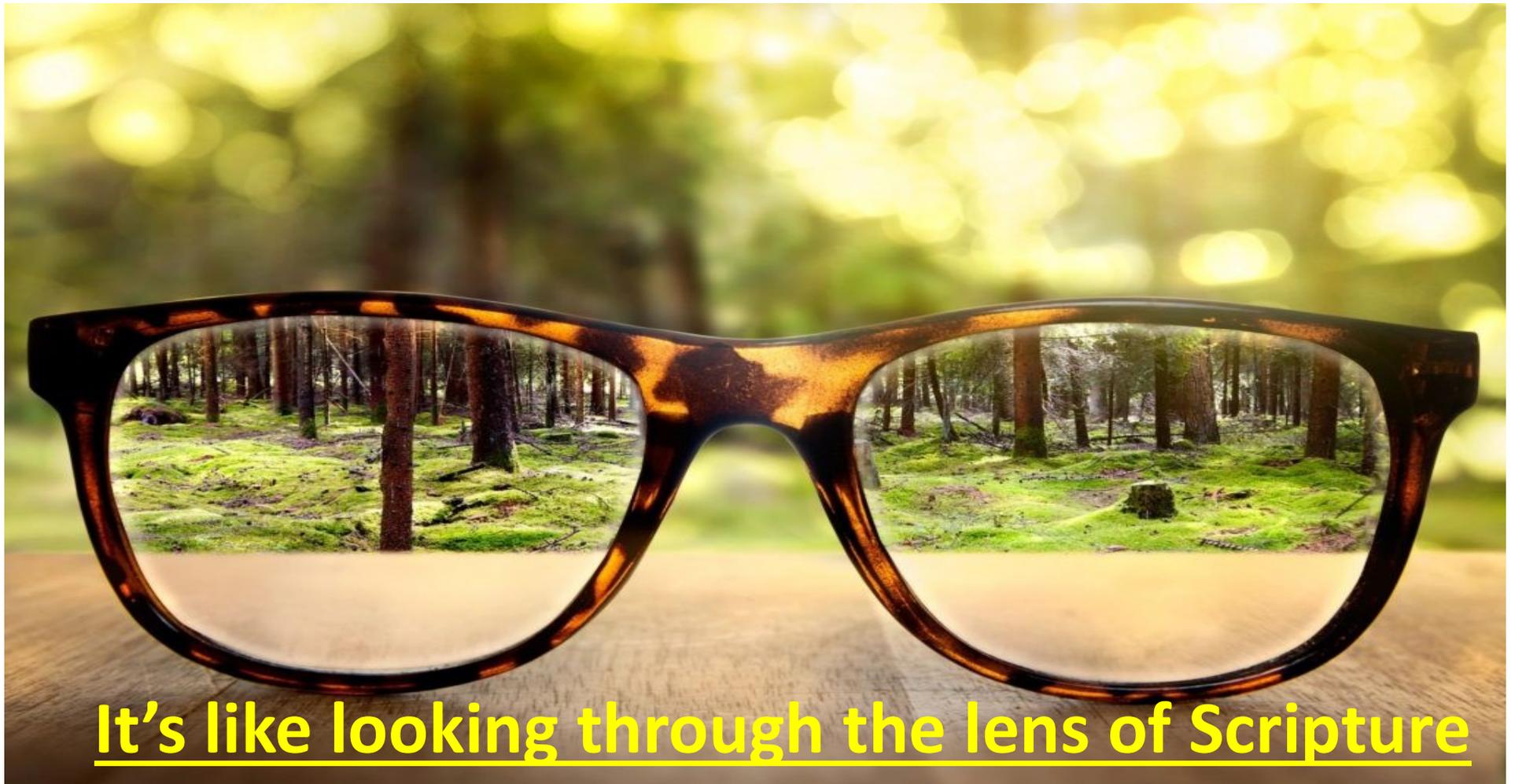
Contending for the Faith.



Biblical vs Nonbiblical Worldview

- ⊕ Creation= order, purpose, image of God/value of life
- ⊕ The Fall = God's image in man is marred, he needs a redeemer
- ⊕ Redemption = God's revelation of himself in Christ/scriptures
- ⊕ Reconciliation is coming from God
- ⊕ Evolution = random chance, survival of the fittest
- ⊕ Man is basically good and can earn eternity by acts of goodness
- ⊕ There are many sources of truth; truth is evolving
- ⊕ Mankind is becoming better and better

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It's like looking through the lens of Scripture



Our lens

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- 1. Explains the cause of the Universe.
(Creation)**
- 2. The purpose and fall of mankind.**
- 3. The inability for man to save himself.**
- 4. The mission of Jesus Christ to redeem mankind.**
- 5. Repentance, confession and faith in Christ's completed mission on that cross in order for man to be reconnected to God.**

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- **The Bible illuminates God's purposes for our lives and gives us understanding about why the world is in the mess it is.**
 - 1. Escalating violence**
 - 2. Increasing natural catastrophes**
 - 3. Growing sexual immorality and sin**
 - 4. Threats of war and annihilation**

10 common objections to a Biblical worldview?

- 1. What about all the contradictions?**
- 2. God is just a crutch. Religion was invented by man.**
- 3. Jesus was just a man.**
- 4. The Bible we have today is not the same as when it was written 2000 years ago.**
- 5. I don't believe in what I can't see.**

- 6. Evolution has proven Christianity to be wrong.**
- 7. The Bible is a myth full of fairy tales.**
- 8. How did Noah get all of the animals on the Ark?**
- 9. There are no such things as miracles.**
- 10. Do you really believe in the story of Adam and Eve?**

Six Important Components Of a Biblical Worldview

- 1. God is Creator of the world and rules this universe. (Gen 1:1)**
- 2. The bible is God's Word for mankind and is completely accurate including matters of life and it's origin. (2Timothy 3:16)**

- 3. Because of God and His Word, absolute moral truth exists! (Psalms 102:25-27)**

- 4. Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God and He lived a sinless life, died for our sins, was buried and rose again from the grave three days later. (1Corinthians 15:3-4).**

5. Satan is a real being (not symbolic) and seeks to defeat God's plan for man! (1Peter 5:8)

6. Salvation is obtained solely by faith in Christ's work on the cross and cannot be earned. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

10 Common Worldview Objections to Christianity.

- 1. If God exists, why is there evil?**
- 2. The Inquisition and the Crusades show that Christianity is oppressive.**
- 3. Christianity is *a* way to God but not the *only* way.**
- 4. Christianity is arrogant and exclusive.**
- 5. How do you know that your Bible is better than other religious writings?**

- 6. Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?**
- 7. What about those who have never heard?**
- 8. The church is full of hypocrites.**
- 9. Why would God send anyone to Hell?**
- 10. The God of the OT is cruel, partial, and unjust.**

Three Dangers Facing Biblical Worldview

- 1. Not viewing all of life through the bible.**
- 2. Viewing opposing worldviews as enemies rather than opportunities.**
- 3. Not believing that your worldview is absolute.**

On Mars Hill Paul preached to:

- **Pantheists. (People who believe in many gods and not one God).**
- **The elite, high class, smart folk. (Poets, historians, educators, culture shapers).**
- **Idol-worshippers.**
- **Mockers**
- **Unbelievers.**
- **Evolutionists**
- **Racists.**

- **We cannot change a culture that we are not willing to engage. (Escapist Theology).**

- **Acts 17:16-20 NIV** 16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. 18 A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to dispute with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbler trying to say?" Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. 19 Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?"

- **Acts 17:20-23** 20 You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears, and we want to know what they mean." 21 (All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.) 22 Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

Acts 17:24-28 24 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. 27 God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 28 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

- **Acts 17:29-33** 29 "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone — an image made by man's design and skill. 30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead." 32 When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject." 33 At that, Paul left the Council.

