

“WHY A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW MATTERS - PART 6”

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REVIEW/INTRO: Our worldview largely determines what we believe and how we live. A biblical worldview is based on the Bible (it’s inspiration and absolute truth).

A SECULAR WORLDVIEW VS. A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

1. Was Jesus a really good teacher, but not God?

- A. Jesus was and is God (Jn. 1:1-3, 14; Col. 2:9; 1Jn. 5:20 ISV).
- B. Jesus was Immanuel – God with us (Mat. 1:22-23; Isa. 7:14).
- C. Jesus claimed to be equal to God (Jn. 5:18; 10:33).
- D. Jesus affirmed Thomas calling Him God (Jn. 20:27-29).
- E. Jesus is either liar, lunatic or Lord! [C.S. Lewis]

2. Is the marriage of one man to one woman God’s plan for humanity, across all cultures?

- A. God created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1).
- B. God created human beings in His image (Gen. 1:26).
- C. God created two distinct genders – male & female (Gen. 1:27). This never changes throughout the entire Bible!
- D. God blessed them so the male & female could naturally be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth (Gen. 1:28, 31).
- E. God made male & female as suitable companions (Gen. 2:18, 21-23).
- F. God designed marriage to be between a biological male & female (Gen. 2:24-25). The Hebrew word for “*woman*” and “*wife*” are the same and refers to the female gender.

WHAT ABOUT THE NEW TESTAMENT?

- A. Jesus quoted Gen. 2:24 in Matt. 19:4-6 and Mk. 10:6-9.
 - 1) Jesus added that man isn’t to separate what God has joined (Matt. 19:6; Mk. 10:9). Is this being violated?
- B. New Testament instructions regarding marriage only mention marriage between biological male and female (Eph. 5:22-23; Col. 3:18-19; 1Cor. 7:2-3; 1Pet. 3:1-7).
- C. N.T. qualifications for leaders (1Tim. 3:1-12; Titus 1:5-9).
- D. N.T. passages regarding homosexuality (Rom. 1:18-32; 1Cor. 6:9-11). Paul doesn’t single this out!

CONCLUSION: We’re called to love & respect all people regardless, while not compromising biblical truth.