

## **Week 2. Christianity as a Worldview – key text John 1:14**

### **I. Does Christianity meet the WV tests?**

#### **Is it articulated?**

8 words: G\_\_\_\_\_, M\_\_\_\_\_, S\_\_\_\_\_, D\_\_\_\_\_, C\_\_\_\_\_, C\_\_\_\_\_, F\_\_\_\_\_, L\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Is it rational?**

#### **Is it comprehensive?**

*"seeing that His divine power has granted to us \_\_\_\_\_ pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence (I Peter 1:3)".*

#### **Does it agree with the evidence and reality?**

It's the most historically f\_\_\_\_\_ WV out there. "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead" I Corinthians 15:20

#### **Do Christianity's claims ring true?**

#### **Does it lead to a livable life?**

Does your worldview give you the tools to survive and thrive in a lost and broken world and have a sure and certain hope for eternity? II Cor 1:20. *"Yes in Him!"*

Does a Christian faith and worldview offer a way to fit into what God is doing?

Christianity is:

- simple and P\_\_\_\_\_
- personal and u\_\_\_\_\_
- now and f\_\_\_\_\_
- life and d\_\_\_\_\_
- not culture bound but culturally a\_\_\_\_\_
- Allows room to move within faith - let's cut each other slack.
- Enormously exhaustive in scope.
- good and e\_\_\_\_\_
- head and h\_\_\_\_\_
- objective and s\_\_\_\_\_
- not relative but re\_\_\_\_\_

### **II. The Gift we call John 1.**

God's transcendent (outside of time and space) existence – John 1:1

God's authoritative creation – John 1:3.

L\_\_\_\_ in the light of Christ John 1:4, a light that darkness does not overcome John 1:5.

God's ultimate r\_\_\_\_\_ – The true light, which enlightens everyone John 1:9 he [the Word] has made him [God] known John 1:18.

God's wonderful provision for re\_\_\_\_\_ John 1:12) & e\_\_\_\_\_ w/Him

God's immanent (involved in time and space and our lives) incarnation, life, sacrifice, and resurrection. John 1:4, 1:13, 1:16).

Who is He? The one of which John says, "grace and truth came through Jesus Christ". John 1:17 and, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes \_\_\_\_\_ the sin of the world". John 1:29.

**III. A Christian worldview is rooted in C\_\_\_\_\_.** The living word, the glory of God, the light of the world, life. In John 1 there are two meanings of the word, "word", that are foundational to a Christian WV.

The living word, Christ's incarnation lets us see God - we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth (14), he [the Word] has made him [the Father] known (18).

"**Word**" = *logos*. the idea of a controlling principal of the universe suggestive of the c\_\_\_\_\_ and s\_\_\_\_\_ of the universe. This "word" is big!

The G\_\_\_\_\_ – the living Word's birth, life, death, resurrection and kingship has to always be a touchstone of your truly Christian worldview. The Gospel is your filter, your fact-checker, your interpreter, your humility and glory, and your only hope!

**IV. A Christian worldview is rooted in the Written Word**, Christ's wrapping paper!

To build a robust Christian worldview:

**A. You need to know Jesus** – and become God's child (John 1:12-13), partakers of God's Spirit (John 1:32-33)

**B. You need to appropriate his written word.** What does that mean?

You have to give it a\_\_\_\_\_ How do you do that?

1. Definition and integrity:

Inspiration – how does God write a book through human authors?

Trustworthiness & Preservation – is the book we have today really an accurate record of what was originally written?

Canonicity - do all these books really represent all that God wanted written to us?

2. You work on your posture by:

-Prayerfully permit the Scripture's authority to do spiritual surgical reconstruction.

-Asking the Holy Spirit to inhabit your relationship with Scripture.

-Commit yourself to applying what Scripture reveals to your life.

**-Read it.**

- Ask, "What is this saying about God and His purposes?"

- Ask, "What is this saying about what God wants from and for me within His kingdom purposes?"

3. You determine your method: **Hermeneutics**. But don't let the big word scare you. Reading Scripture often with a submissive heart will help grow your ability to "get" what it is saying. So **read it!**

And the more you read it, meditate on it – the more it grows in wisdom, the more you are able to grant it the authority that show you God's heart, will change your life, will give you the strength to live a full life in a broken world.