



Saving the Souls of Our Sons and Daughters

Lesson Six

The Present View Of The World Toward Christianity

- “Organized religion is a sham and a crutch for weak-minded people who need strength in numbers.” (*Jesse Ventura in Playboy*)
- “Religion has caused more harm than any other idea since the beginning of time. There's nothing good I can say about it. People use it as a crutch.” (*Larry Flynt in Hustler*)
- “Religion is something left over from the infancy of our intelligence; it will fade away as we adopt reason and science as our guidelines.” (*Bertrand Russell*)

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- “Religion is just mind control.” (*George Carlin*)
- “Your belief in God is merely an escape from your monotonous, stupid and cruel life” (*Jiddu Krishnamurti [Indian Theosophist Philosopher, author of The Future of Humanity, 1895-1986]*)
- “Religion is as helpful as throwing a drowning man both ends of a rope.” (*Richard Dawkins [evolutionary theorist at Oxford]*)

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- Their destiny will catch up with them, and with everyone who believes their vain philosophy
 - Jude 14-15 - “Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

Humankind Needs Jesus Christ

- The circumstances of life do not determine whether or not a person needs Jesus
 - Deut. 8:11-20
- Jesus said we would need Him
 - Mark 2:17 - “When Jesus heard it, He said to them, Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

We Need Jesus To Save Us From Our Sins

- Every accountable person sins
 - Rom. 3:23 - “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”
 - 1John 1:8, 10 - “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us... 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.”

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- We sin by doing what is wrong
 - 1John 3:4 - “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.”
 - 1John 5:17 - “All unrighteousness is sin...”

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- We also sin by not doing what is right
 - James 4:17 - “Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”
- Obeying the Gospel is right; not obeying the Gospel is sin
 - 2Thes. 1:8 - “In flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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- Every accountable person is in danger
 - Rom. 6:23 - “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
 - 2Thes. 1:8-9 - “In flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power”

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- Jesus Christ came to save us from our sins
 - Matt. 20:28 - “The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many”
 - Heb. 10:10 - “By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”

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- He cleansed and redeemed us
 - 1Peter 1:18-19 - “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”
 - Eph. 1:7 - “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace”
 - Col. 1:14 - “In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

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- He is not a savior; He is the Savior
 - John 14:6 - “Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”
 - Acts 4:12 - “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved”

We Need Jesus As Our Intercessor

- Even after becoming Christians, there will be times when we fall prey to temptation and sin
 - Gal. 6:1 - “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.”
 - 2Tim. 2:25-26 - “in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.”
 - James 5:19-20 - “Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.”

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- When that happens, we will need Jesus
 - 1John 2:1-2 - “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”
 - Heb. 7:25 - “Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”
 - Heb. 4:15-16 - “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need”

We Need Jesus As A Guiding Example

- God has always known that there is great power in examples
 - 1Cor. 10:6 - “Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted”
 - 1Cor. 11:1 - “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.”
 - Eph. 5:1 - “Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.”

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- 1Thes. 1:6 - “And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit”
- Titus 2:7 - “In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works”
- Heb. 13:7 - “Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.”

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- Jesus is the perfect example from Whom we can learn to live.
- Resisting temptation - Matt. 4:1-11
- Bearing with suffering
 - Matt. 26:39 - “He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will”

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- Willingness to forgive
 - 1Peter 2:21-22 - “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps”
 - Luke 23:34 - “Then Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”
- When making moral choices, we should ask, “What did Jesus do?”

We Need Jesus To Give Meaning To Life

- “They have everything in this life and nothing to live for.”
 - Ecc. 1:14 - “I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind.”
- Jesus gives meaning and purpose to life and makes it fulfilling.

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- We are here because we were created by God. He has a purpose for us.
- Gifted with free will, we can choose to bring our lives into subjection to Christ or into rebellion against God

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- 2Cor. 5:10-11 - “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.”
- Ecc. 12:13-14 - “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. 14 For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.”

We Need Jesus To Give Meaning To Life

- Jesus fills the void in our lives
 - Matt. 5:6 - “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.”
 - John 4:13-14 - “Jesus answered and said to her, Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”
 - John 6:35 - “And Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.”

We Need Jesus For Daily Strength

- Some things in this life are difficult to face alone
 - Phil. 4:13 - “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”
 - 2Tim. 4:16-17 - “At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them. 17 But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.”

We Need Jesus For Daily Strength

- God is our refuge in trouble
 - Psalm 56:3-4 - “Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. 4 In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?”
 - Psalm 46:1-2 - “God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea”
 - 1Peter 5:6-7 - “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”

We Need Jesus For Victory Over Death

- Fear of dying is a universal human experience
 - Heb. 2:14-15 - “Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

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- Jesus brought life and immortality through the Gospel
 - 2Tim. 1:10 - “But has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel”
- There will be a resurrection
 - John 11:25 - “Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.”

We Need Jesus For Victory Over Death

- There is hope for Christians
 - John 14:1-3 - “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

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- 1Peter 1:3-5 - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”