

WEEK 3 MAN'S PREDICAMENT

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According to Barna Research Group only four percent of Americans have a biblical worldview and only nine percent of born-again believers have a Christian worldview.

According to Chuck Colson a person's world answers three question:

1. Where did we come from?
2. Who are we?
3. What has gone wrong?
4. How do we fix it?

Text: Ephesians 2:4-9

God has established His church to proclaim the Truth and to live the truth so that the world would know and receive the truth. We are here to be salt and light. We are here to make known God's best. We are here to point people to the truth and hope that is found in God's plan of salvation.

MAN WAS CREATED BY GOD IN HIS IMAGE FOR A LOVE RELATIONSHIP

TO BE CONNECTED TO HIM IS A CONNECTION OF COMPLETION

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. Psalm 62:5 (NIV)

A CONNECTION OF PEACE

You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV)

THIS WAS THE CONNECTION THAT ADAM AND EVE HAD

WHEN SIN ENTERED THE CONNECTION TO GOD WAS SEVERED

SIN→REBELLION→SEPARATION→FUTILITY

For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now²³ Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. Romans 8:20-23 (NKJV)

THE FIRST GOSPEL

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel." Genesis 3:15 (NKJV)

ONLY GOD CAN REPAIR THE BROKEN RELATIONSHIP

OUR ATTEMPTS TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT ARE JUST JUNK

But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. Isaiah 64:6 (NKJV)

THE ONLY HOPE IS FOUND IN THE SAVING WORK OF THE GOD WHO MADE US

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. Ephesians 2:4-9 (NKJV)

WE ARE ON MISSION WITH HIM TO MAKE KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLE HIS SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEM

