

A Biblical Worldview

Creation: God made the world good (Gen. 1:1).

- God is the sole source of all things (Col. 1:16).
- God created everything for his glory and our enjoyment.
- Where did the world come from? What is my purpose in life? What does it mean to be human? What is God's design for manhood and womanhood? What is marriage?

As the creator, God is sovereign.

He determines what is right and wrong.

The world suffers because it operates outside of God's statutes.

Rebellion: Sin made the world groan (Rom. 3:23).

- There was a great rebellion against the Creator resulting in sin, which distorts our ability to understand the world apart from God's restoring grace (Gen. 3; Rom. 3:23).
- Sin makes us blind and deaf. Sin brought the entire world under a curse, separates us from God, and results in eternal punishment for those who reject Christ.
- What is true? What is sin? What is wrong with the world? Why do I suffer?

Salvation: Jesus paid the penalty for sin (John 3:16).

- Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for sin.
- Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He reversed the effects of the fall.
- We are called to walk in obedience and not to be conformed to the world but be transformed by the renewing of the mind (Rom. 12:1–2).
- Our goal is Christlike maturity (Col. 1:28–29) and training for godliness (1 Tim. 4:7).
- What is the solution to the world's problems? What is the gospel? Who is Jesus? What must a person do to be saved? What is discipleship? How do I make wise choices? How should I live?

Restoration: God will make the world new (2 Cor. 5:17).

- Jesus conquered sin and death. We have hope in the living God who will restore all things and create a new heaven and earth where he reigns forever with no more pain or sadness (Rev. 21:5).
- God didn't just save us from something, he also saved us for something—to resume the task for which we were originally created.
- We serve God by using the gifts he gave us.
- We bring him glory when we reflect his character to others.
- Living in light of eternity reminds us that life has a greater purpose than our own happiness.
- Joy is found when we love and obey Jesus.
- How can I be happy? Where do I find hope and joy? What happens after death? Is there anything worth living for? How should I use my time, talents, and treasures?

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