

“Christ & Culture”

“Where Does Christ Fit in the City of Man? Part II”

I Kings 22, Acts, & other texts

Living in the City of God and the City of Man...cf. Jeremiah 29:1-14

From past sermons

- Ideas always have c_____. If there is no God and life developed by random chance, then right and wrong ARE m_____ terms, and human life has no true significance. But if God is real and we were made *by* Him and *for* Him, then right and wrong DO exist and our lives matter, both now and forever. Ideas DO have huge c_____!
- Last week we visited Daniel’s world – a Jewish man living as an exile in ancient Babylon, a culture that is at odds with his faith. We see him interact w_____ AND be “o_____ of s_____” with culture at precisely the same time.

Five Keys to Living for Christ in a Post-Christian World

- A. Speak the u_____ Truth. I Kings 22.
- In Micaiah’s day truth is s_____ and people use r_____ for personal advantage.
 - T_____ is not always found through the m_____ opinion.
- B. Interact with culture wisely. Acts 17 & Acts 13.
- Paul does not just preach against c_____; he preaches C_____.
 - Paul is wise enough to address different cultures in different ways.
- C. Use the law I_____. Paul is a Jewish man and a follower of Christ. He is also a natural-born citizen of the Roman Empire with full rights under Roman law. How does he use those rights?
- Acts 22:22-29 (He uses the law to avoid a good b_____)
 - Acts 25:9-12 (He a_____ to a “higher court”)
- D. Be g_____ with unbelieving people. Paul knows that followers of Christ must live *in* the world, and that means rubbing shoulders with all kinds of people. Listen to his advice:
- I Corinthians 5:9-13
- E. Do not be silent. Acts 18:9
- “Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act”* (Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, hanged by the Nazis in WWII).

THINK and ACT!

- In what areas can I influence culture and people around me *toward* Christ?
- Have I embraced my God-given responsibilities within the “City of Man”?