

“Christ & Culture”

“What Does Love Look Like in a Diverse World?”

Isaiah 61:1-2a & other texts

Christianity is by its very nature “propositional” – it is based on truth claims. We live in a world, however, that is less concerned about *details* of faith, and *more* concerned about actions.

From past sermons

- In discussing right & wrong, we saw that “Something is RIGHT when it is in h_____ with what God is like, and it is WRONG when it is not in h_____ with what God is like.”
- We saw last week that not only did Paul interact with culture w_____, he used the law l_____, for personal protection and ultimately to advance the g_____.

Believe it: The God of the Bible LOVES and CARES FOR this lost & dying world! (John 3:17)

- A. Modern Culture 101. Acts 17:21 records Paul’s visit to Athens, Greece. The Areopagus was well-known for a specific purpose that many in today’s generation would *not* appreciate. Why not?
- B. The Definition of “True Religion”. James, the half-brother of Jesus, gives a very practical definition of “p_____ & u_____ religion.” How does his definition reflect the entire Bible?
- James 1:27
- C. A Visit with the Prophets. When God spoke through the prophets He got very specific about HOW He wants His people to live. What do these texts reveal about God’s h_____?
- Isaiah 1:16-17
 - Isaiah 58:7-12
 - Isaiah 61:1-2a
 - Micah 6:6-8
- D. The Vital Role of Good Doctrine. But Truth *does* matter! An emphasis on action must not diminish “sound (h_____) doctrine.” Truth forms the f_____ for biblical c_____.
- I Timothy 1:3-7
 - II Timothy 3:14-4:5
 - Titus 2:1
- E. Refusing to Accept the “Either/Or”: Pastor & writer David Platt says, “*The gospel that saves us f_____ work also saves us t_____ work*” (Radical Together, 28). What does he mean?
- Ephesians 2:10

THINK and ACT!

- Matthew 5:16 gives a very specific purpose for acts of compassion. What is that purpose?
- Acts of compassion *do* reflect the heart of Christ. But why are *gospel words* still needed?