

## ***How To Think Like A Christian***

### ***1 Peter 3:13-17***

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**1 Peter 3:13-17.** *Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” <sup>15</sup>But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup>keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup>For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.*

**What Is A Worldview?** “...a core set of values and principles through which the world is understood.”

**Why Is A Worldview Important?** “A person's worldview impacts virtually every decision they make in life.”

**What Is A Christian Worldview?** “A Christian worldview views reality through a distinctively Christian/biblical lens. A Christian worldview is one in which the Bible is foundational.”

### **Why Do Many Christians Not Have A Christian/Biblical Worldview?**

- **Some Are More CONCERNED With What The WORLD Thinks About Them Than What God Thinks About Them.**  
**Proverbs 29:25.** *Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.*
- **Some Are DECEIVED By The Lies Of The WORLD.**  
**2 Corinthians 11:3.** *But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.*

- **Some Are Swayed By Their CIRCUMSTANCES.**  
**Matthew 14:30.** *But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out...*
- **Some Simply DON'T KNOW What The Bible Says.**  
**2 Timothy 2:15.** *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*

## **What Does The Bible Say About The Four Basic Worldview Questions?**

### **Q 1: Where Did We Come From And Why Are We Here?** (Genesis 1:27-29; Matthew 23:34-40)

**Genesis 1:27-29.** *So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” <sup>29</sup>Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.*  
**Matthew 22:34-40.** *Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. <sup>35</sup>One of them, an expert in the law, tested Him with this question: <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

### **Q 2: Why Does All This Evil And Wrong Exist In The World?**

(Genesis 2:15-17; Romans 5:12)

**Genesis 2:15-17**, *The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup>but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”*

**Romans 5:12**, *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—*

**Q 3:**    **How Do I Know Right From Wrong, ie “Truth”?**

(Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 4:2)

**Psalm 119:105**, *Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*

**2 Timothy 4:2**, *Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction.*

**Q 4:**    **When And How Will All The Evil Be Fixed?**

(John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 2 Peter 3:9; Revelation 21:1-5)

**John 3:16**, *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**2 Corinthians 5:21**, *God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*

**2 Peter 3:9**, *The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

**Revelation 21:1**, *Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away... <sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” <sup>5</sup>He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”*