

## Foundations 1

### Christian Worldview

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**Introduction:** Today we begin a sermon series entitled Foundations. We are going to be studying foundational teachings of Christianity. I am going from time to time tackle a question from the audience for next week's sermon. So if you have a question, that you would like answered; email me, write it down on the prayer request or send it in a bottle, if I like the question it will be one of 09 sermons.

Foundations is at the center of how we live. It determines the decisions we make, how we treat the people we love, the emotions we experience throughout the day, and the eternal impact we make. I am talking about our World View, the set of beliefs that form the glasses through which we see the world.

There are four classic worldview questions that we must grapple with: 1. Who am I? 2. Where Am I? 3. What's Wrong? 4. What's the Remedy?

To Get us Started, let's start with a simple example-the color red-and have some fun in the process. I am going to divide you into four groups, each holding a different world view related to the color red. Those on my left and at the front, your worldview is that you hate the color red. On my right and at the front, , the driving force of your world view is that you love the color red. On my left half-way and back your world view your most cherished belief is that there is no such thing as a red apple. And on my right halfway and back your world view is that we should all get along with each other regardless of what we think of the color red.

Now, with these worldviews in mind, let me ask you a question. How would you like to have red apple? Quick! Shout out your answers!

Can you feel the energy that a worldview creates? If I'd asked that question before I outlined your different views, you would have answered it based on whether you were hungry or whether you \

like apples. But now we are all focused on the color of the apple. Whether you recognize it or not, whatever is at the center of your worldview becomes the basis for the way you feel about issues and the basis for the decisions you make.

That's why we are doing this series, because your worldview is the most important thing about you. And yet most of us have haphazardly put together our world view. Things we were taught as we grew up, the opinions we hear, truths we have been taught from the bible-they all get thrown together into a worldview stew. Often the result is a view that is more ours than God's. The good news is that God does not want it to stay that way. God will not leave us in the dark. God has a plan to give us his knowledge, insight and teaching of the Holy Spirit. That Plan is Jesus Christ and the Word of God. God wants us to know him, like he really is.

Look at Philippians 1:9,10 NIV: ***And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,<sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ.***

In fact this is this weeks memory verse. Circle the words "knowledge and depth of Insight" Our love and our ability to choose what is best are not ultimately a matter of feelings or even experiences. They grow out of the knowledge and insight we have about life: our world view. So let's begin by looking at. . .

#### ***4 World Views that impact our world***

##### ***1. Pagan***

Who am I?

A human Being who is live in harmony with all of the Natural World.

Where Am I?

In a Physical World, with only Physical Realities.

What's Wrong?

Innovations

What's the Remedy?

**2. Traditionilst**

Who am I?

Where Am I?

What's Wrong?

What's the Remedy?

**1. Secular Humanist**

2. 1. Who am I? 2. Where

3. Am I? 3. What's Wrong? 4. What's the Remedy?

**4. Christian World View**

5. 1. Who am I? 2. Where

6. Am I? 3. What's Wrong? 4. What's the Remedy?