

Title: Relevant Christianity
Scripture: Colossians 4:5-6
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“Christianity will go. It will vanish and shrink. I needn’t argue about that; I’m right and I’ll be proved right. We’re more popular than Jesus now.”

Is Christianity relevant to our culture today?

Justice

1. Truth
2. Death
3. Love

2 Samuel 12

1 And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds, 3 but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms,[a] and it was like a daughter to him. 4 Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” 5 Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die!

Romans 12:19

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

“The function of propaganda is ... not to weigh and ponder the rights of different people, but exclusively to _____ which it has set out to argue for. Its task is _____, in so far as it favors the enemy, and then set it before the masses with academic fairness; _____, always and unflinchingly.”

Proverbs 6:16-19

16 There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: 17 haughty eyes, _____, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, 19 _____ who breathes out lies, and _____.

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

Luke 16:27-31

27 "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' 29 "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' 30 "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' 31 "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Heaven and hell are real literal places.

Once we die, we cannot change our decision about God.

Even if people have irrefutable evidence that heaven exists, they will still reject God.

Romans 5:8

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Deuteronomy 6:5

5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

1 John 4:19

19 We love because he first loved us.

The first Christians conquered the ancient world just by being Christian. It was their love for one another and their type of life that made such an impact upon that pagan world, and there is no question but that this is the greatest need of the hour—the Christian quality of life being demonstrated among men and women. That is something to which we are all called and something which we can all do. — D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

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Getting to know you Questions

- 1. Tell about a lie that you believed that ended up impacting your life in a funny or profound way.**
- 2. What is your most bizarre story about sharing the gospel?**

Into the Bible Questions

Read Colossians 4:5-6

1. Why do you think Paul emphasizes being “wise toward outsiders” (Col. 4:5)?
2. What was something from the passage or sermon that surprised you, helped you, confused you, or bothered you?
3. What does this passage tell us about God? People? Living to please God?
4. Revisit the sermon’s reasons for Christianity being counter-cultural. Can you come up with other ways it is counter-cultural?
5. Besides love, justice, truth, and death, what are some other ways you can say Christianity is relevant to today’s culture?
6. Why is it so hard to wait for God’s justice?
7. Tell a time where you have been hurt by a lie or not knowing the real truth.
8. Why is “truth” such a controversial concept in today’s culture?
9. What are some ways to be wise in the way you act towards outsiders?
10. What makes Christian love different from worldly definitions of love?
11. Christians usually hear that we shouldn’t fear death. Even though we know we are going to heaven, is it ok to fear death?
12. Knowing that God fully knows and loves us, what things have you done or experienced where you have felt closest to God. Or when have you felt closest to God?

Application Questions:

1. What's one area in your life where you could "make the most of every opportunity" with outsiders?
2. How can you practice speaking words that are "full of grace" this week?
3. What's one conversation you've been avoiding that God might want you to season with salt?
4. What step could you take to anchor your decisions more in God's truth rather than culture's "truth"?
5. When was the last time you caught yourself believing a "lie" that shaped your choices? How can you replace it with biblical truth?
6. What does it look like for you personally to show Christ-like love to someone difficult this week?
7. What can you do this week to identify your most favorite/effective way to share the Gospel?
8. What does it look like to practice it enough where you will be comfortable in sharing the Gospel?
9. How do you make sure that your conversations are full of grace?
10. What does seasoned with salt mean, and how do we make sure our conversations are so.