

## A Word To Those Following Jesus In A Hateful, Permissive, Selfish, Intolerant, and Arrogant Culture (It's Not Easy)

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These are challenging times because our culture preaches one consistent and compelling sermon that says, “You can do life on your terms and do what you want without any restrictions. You can determine what is true for you based on what feels right to you.”

God’s truth has always clashed with the culture’s worldview and the result is anger directed toward those who hold to a distinctively Christian worldview.

The Biblical Worldview: *Moral reality is found in the nature and character of the eternal God. Absolute truth is known by the authority of the revealed mind of God in Scripture.*

The Progressive Worldview: *It refers to a worldview that generally assumes there is no absolute truth or morality. Moral truth comes from an individual and a person determines their own truth.*

Biblical worldview - begins with God’s opinions on all matters.

Progressive/Humanistic worldview – begins with the person’s opinions on all matters.

### 1 CORINTHIANS 6.9-11

Don’t fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, who are idol worshippers, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals, <sup>10</sup> thieves, greedy people, drunkards, abusers, and swindlers—none of these will have a share in the Kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> There was a time when some of you WERE just like that, but now your sins have been washed away, and you have been set apart for God. You have been made right with God because of what the Lord Jesus Christ and the Spirit of our God have done for you.

#### CVC Mission Statement

*Inviting the lost and broken into our Christ-centered world from empty religion to generational life change.*

## **2 CORINTHIANS 5.16,17**

So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know Him now! <sup>17</sup> This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

## **(REF) 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5**

One specific measure of our church is:

***Sharing the journey: Who am I inviting to the Gospel?***

## **JOHN 15.18**

When the world hates you, remember it hated Me before it hated you.

## **MATTHEW 7.13**

You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. . .

*"If I please God, it doesn't matter who I displease, if I displease God then it doesn't matter who I please."*

1. All people matter to God therefore all people must matter to us.
2. One invaluable characteristic that should prevail as Christ followers is grace.

## **EPHESIANS 2.8**

For by grace you have been saved.

## **DEAR GOD,**

I know that I am on the wrong path. I admit that I am a sinner on the road headed away from You. I want to turn around and journey with You on the road to eternal life. I know that I cannot do that by myself. I know that You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to die for my sins. Right now, I trust in Jesus as the only One who can provide true life, the life that is found in You. I trust in Jesus as the One who did for me what I cannot do for myself. I trust in Jesus as the only One who can place me in an eternal relationship with You. In Jesus' name. Amen.