

Acting out 2022: The hope of the world

I. Introduction-

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Jn 8:31

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Jn 14:6

Acting out as a Christian= to behave as Jesus would in our lives, our trials, failures and in our relationships with others.

Preach= to proclaim something which has been done announcing the gospel of Jesus

Truth= the body of real things, events, and facts

II. The warning- The war over truth-

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Eph 6:11

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. II Cor 4:3

The Dominant Worldview Embraced by American adults in 2021

Biblical Worldview 6%

Secular Humanism 2%

Moralistic Therapeutic Deism 1%

Postmodernism, Nihilism, Eastern Mysticism 1%

Syncretism 88%

Biblical Christianity 2%

Syncretism: the combination of different forms of belief or practice

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When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. Acts 26:14

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. Gal 6:7

III. Jesus is still the truth and the hope in 2022- the title today

"The claim of salvation by Jesus Christ is that the Spirit of God can satisfy the last aching abyss of the human soul, not only hereafter, but here and now."

Oswald Chambers, Biblical Psychology, 1917

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Mat 11:28
I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." Jn 16:33

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A. God's plan for the body of Jesus Christ in the world today

He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. Eph 4:10

B. See the world and life as God sees it-

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Rom 12:2

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

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Transformed= o change into another form, to transform, to transfigure, (Gr- metamorphōō)

Scoffer= an expression of scorn, derision, or contempt

IV. The sources of truth-

A. The Word of God is the truth-

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. II Tim 3:16

The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever. Ps 119:16

Inspired= breathed by the Spirit of God

Inerrant= free from error

Immutable= not capable or subject to change

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The divinity of scripture the quality or state of being [divine](#)

B. Jesus is the truth-

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Jn 14:6
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Jn 1:1 & 14

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." Jn 18:36

I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. **The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.**" Jn 8:46

C. The Holy Spirit is the truth-

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. Jn 16:13

D. God reveals His truth by revelation-

1. The truth, the wisdom, the power of God are revealed in Creation-

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. Rom 1:18

2. The truth of God is revealed in our conscience-

For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them 16 on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus. Rom 2:14

E. Do the truth-

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great." Lk 6:46