

## Critical Theory and Progressive Christianity

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### Critical Theory

- Formally developed in the 1920's and 1930's
- A reaction against Traditional Theory
  - Traditional Theory sought to understand and describe the world from a neutral and \_\_\_\_\_ perspective
- Critical Theory
- Critical Theory's approach to apprehending truth is through \_\_\_\_\_
  - Prioritizes \_\_\_\_\_ rather than rationality in discovering what is true
  - Claim that their \_\_\_\_\_ status gives them greater discernment and a more complete view of the world
- The Privileged are the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Considered to have \_\_\_\_\_ spots when it comes to understand the world and discerning truth
  - Look to the marginalized to discover the \_\_\_\_\_
- Colossians 2:1-4
  - Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ for the churches
  - Want them to have complete \_\_\_\_\_ that they understand God's mysterious plan
  - In \_\_\_\_\_ lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge
  - So no one will \_\_\_\_\_ you with well-crafted arguments
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
  - Strongholds of \_\_\_\_\_ reasoning
  - False \_\_\_\_\_
  - Proud \_\_\_\_\_
  - Rebellious \_\_\_\_\_
- Christians need to face the \_\_\_\_\_ of oppression, racism, poverty, and exploitation that exists in the world
  - The answers to these issues come from a \_\_\_\_\_ worldview
    - Who are we?
    - Why are we here?
    - What is wrong with the world?

- How can this problem be fixed?
- What is the meaning of life?

### The Development of a Biblical Worldview vs. Cultural Worldview

- Eroding the Biblical Worldview with ideas of Critical Theory
  - Taking eyes off the fundamental \_\_\_\_\_ of who God is and how he works in the world
  - It excuses a person from upholding biblical \_\_\_\_\_
  - Considers the historic Christian \_\_\_\_\_ ethic to be oppressive
  - Leads people into "Progressive Christianity" – \_\_\_\_\_ the historic Biblical answers to these worldview questions.
- Jude 3-4
- 2 Peter 3:16
- Romans 12:2
- 2 Peter 2:1-2
- Matthew 18:5-6
- John 3:17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to \_\_\_\_\_ the world through him.
- 2 Corinthians 5:19 (NLT) — 19 For God was in Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ the world to himself
- 1 Peter 2:23 (NLT) — 23 He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten \_\_\_\_\_ when he suffered.
- Proverbs 1:23-31 ...30 They \_\_\_\_\_ my advice and paid no attention when I corrected them. 31 Therefore, they must eat the bitter \_\_\_\_\_ of living their own way, choking on their own schemes.