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2 Timothy 4:1,8 (NIV) – “In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, I give you this charge” – “Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing”.

1 Corinthians 5:1-2 (NIV) – “It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father’s wife. And you are proud! Shouldn’t you rather have gone into mourning and have put out of your fellowship the man who has been doing this?”

1 Corinthians 5:11-12 (NIV) – “But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people. What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside?”

“Most Americans blend their beliefs to create a ‘customized worldview’” –
George Barna

“In other words, the dominant worldview in America (and really the West) today is syncretism; a little of this and a little of that, blended into a worldview that’s custom-made by each person. With such a worldview there’s no ultimate authority – ‘truth’ is determined by whatever seems right to each person. And sadly, this isn’t unique to just those outside the church” – **Ken Ham**

Source: Ligonier Ministries [“State of Theology”](#)

- 56% believe that “God accepts the worship of all religions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.”
- Nearly half believe “God learns and adapts to different circumstances” (i.e., God changes).
- 70% “strongly agree” that “Jesus is the first and greatest being created by God” (a heresy long condemned by the church!).
- 38% see Jesus as “a great teacher, but he was not God.”
- 60% say “The Holy Spirit is a force but is not a personal being.” (Between this answer and the previous one, we see a denial of the Trinity—even though, earlier in the survey, 97% agree that “There is one true God in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit”; clearly, people are very confused about doctrine and theology and don’t really know what they believe!)
- 27% think “The Holy Spirit can tell me to do something which is forbidden in the Bible” and yet 94% agree that “The Bible has the authority to tell us what we must do.”
- 57% believe “Everyone sins a little, but most people are good by nature” and 65% think “Everyone is born innocent in the eyes of God.”
- 37% agree that “Religious belief is a matter of personal opinion; it is not about objective truth.”

Matthew 5:17-18 (NIV) – “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished”.

“fulfill” = Greek *pleroo* – “to make full; complete”

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Hebrews 10:11-14 (NIV) - “Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time He waits for His enemies to be made His footstool. For by one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy”.

Matthew 5:18 (NKJV) – “For assuredly I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled”.

“Though all earth and hell should join together to hinder the accomplishment of the great designs of the Most High, yet it shall all be in vain – even the sense of a single letter shall not be lost. The words of God, which point out His designs, are as unchangeable as His nature itself” –

Adam Clarke

Matthew 5:19-20 (NIV) – “Therefore, anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven”.

Galatians 2:21b (NIV) – “For if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing”.

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Galatians 5:1-4 (NIV) – “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace”.

Isaiah 64:6a (NIV) – “All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags”.

Philippians 3:6b-9 (NKJV) – “Concerning the righteousness which is in the law, [I was] blameless. But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith”.

“The law sends us to Jesus to be justified, because it shows our inability to please God in ourselves. But after we come to Jesus, He sends us back to the law to learn the heart of God for our conduct and sanctification” – **David Guzik**