

A Gospel Worldview – Lesson 13

Therefore...So What Now?

Romans 12: 1-2

Question: What tends to influence how we believe and act? The region we live in, Our generation, our nationality.... What else?

A. Therefore...

This “Therefore” is not just referring to the previous chapter or passage. It is referring to chapters 1 – 11.

- Therefore... Based on the fact that everyone has a sin problem. No matter your nationality, religious group, or ethnic background.
- Therefore.... There is nothing you can do to earn your salvation nor your righteousness.
- Therefore... The only way to be in a right relationship with God is through faith.
- Therefore... Only a faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior can provide salvation.
- Therefore... As a result of our faith in Jesus Christ, you have Hope and Peace in your life.
- Therefore... All people are allowed to become a part of God’s people that began with the covenant made with Abraham.
- Based on all these facts, this is how you need to live.

B. Steps toward a Gospel Worldview.

Verse 1

1. Be Thankful for the Forgiveness that God has given you. Self-righteousness is a sin.
2. Obedience is required. To offer your body is an act of obedience.
Are you living the way that God desires you to live?
3. To live in a manner that pleases God is Worship.
 - Many people in Paul’s day would live life as they desire and then they would offer up a sacrifice that they believed would make it all good. Paul is saying that we need to live each day in an attempt to please God. Our ethics need to match what pleases God.

Verse 2

4. Seek God's will and not the will of your culture.

Are you able to recognize how culture has influenced your faith?

Nationality, Region, Ethnic, family...

- Society's list of right and wrong will change over time. God's list will never change.
- Legalistic churches will try to develop a list for you. But, they will either emphasis some sins and ignore others or they will make up sins to fit their mentality.
- All Churches on the left and the right and in the middle will also tend to emphasis certain sins over others.
- Honestly evaluate how your culture, politics, and media choices influence your worldview.
- Is your Gospel worldview based on your general belief of what God would want without knowing the scripture? Ex. God is love therefore because God loves me, he would want me to experience this, have this, etc.... Does your general belief actually go against scripture found throughout the scriptures?

Conclusion:

Is following God's Will more important than your self-will and desires? As followers of Christ, our behaviors, beliefs and actions should follow God's Will. Instead, we tend to treat God as a source of support, but not to the degree that it would change how we act and behave.