

Biblical Worldview Series! **Part 1: "The Badness of Good!"**

How do you see it? If you see the world with your eyes, you will make the best of it... If you see it with God's eyes, you will do your best while in it!

We see... A blue marble full of sights, sounds, and *once-in-a-lifetime* adventures! Mountains to climb, seas to dive, skies to fly, space to explore! A place where we set up a space to leave our mark and extend our name... Multiple lands and cultures, traditions and religions to sample... A world full of unique people who all make up one big happy family of man!

God sees... A world gone dark under the weight of sin, groaning for its redemption alongside of man! **Rom 8.22,23** A paradise broken up from the core, ravaged by waters, shrouded beneath Heaven! **Gen 6.17-7.24** Perfectly formed man and crafted woman, hiding from Him in shame, for their works are continually evil! **Gen 6.5** A gathering of mankind, united in the pride of life, withholding nothing they imagine! **Gen 11.1-6**

God sees... Lost sheep, who have a Shepherd that they can't see and hear! **Is 53.6 Mt 9.36** The unsaved; hobbled, savaged and devoured... The saved sheep, gone astray, sheared, ignoring His Voice! A dark ruler sitting in the place of His beloved creation... **Eph 2.2 6.12** Deceiving, deluding and distracting mankind... "*Best life now???*" Taking pleasure in marring the objects of God's beloved sons and daughters!

God sees... A world full of poor, brokenhearted, captives, blind, beaten, bruised and hopeless! **Luke 4 (Sends Jesus!)** A world full of beggars (poor)... A mass of grieving humanity (mourning)... people pressed into the background (humbled)... people starving and empty (hungry and thirsty) of rightness... judgmental... immoral...angry... people struggling to remain upright... the rejected and reviled... **Matthew 5 (Sends us!)**

God sees... A collection of broken, consumed and discarded junk where He planted a park... that people want to worship and preserve and extend their stay! A force to be reckoned with, that is neutralized and whiling away time... while He is preparing places for redeemed mankind! People employing creative imaginations to see two images... instead of engaging transformation!

The Natural Depravity of Man... means that man's moral, mental and spiritual natures have been perverted and distorted by the fall. Instead of loving holiness, unregenerate man has a vicious bent toward sin and evil, and only the grace of God can overcome this evil nature by making him a new creature in Christ. This depravity affects man's soulish nature so that they have become vain in their imaginations and their foolish hearts have been darkened.

World-view Question... Do you believe that people are basically good? Average of all ages, 45%, said, "Yes!" I believe people are basically good... They want to do more good than bad... Are capable of doing some really good things for one another/world... "I'm OK. You're OK!" life position... Only reasonable way to feel good about self/each other and accept and interact with others!

The Badness Of 'Good...' If you think people are basically good... then you must deal with "degrees!" How good are they? Are they as good as...? Who is better? Who sets the standard? Where is 'bad?' At

which degree of good do they tip the scales for salvation? Or is it a certain balance? Or 'value?' **AND WHAT ABOUT THOSE PERSONAL "DEBTS" THAT GO UNFORGIVEN?** That "weight" must affect the scale!

The Badness Of 'Good...' It disagrees with God! "As it is written, 'There is none righteous, no not one... they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether unprofitable, there is none that does good, not one... their throat is an open tomb, their tongues employ deceit, the poison of asps is on their lips, their mouths are filled with cursing and bitterness, they are swift to shed blood, ruin and misery are in their ways, and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God in their eyes.'" **Romans 3.10ff**
Psalms 14.1-3 53.1-3

It disagrees with God's Word! "What I want to do, I don't. What I hate to do, I do. In my flesh dwells no good thing. For the will to do good is present but to do what is good escapes me. I see in my body a law warring against my mind and bringing me into captivity to sin. Oh, wretched man that I am who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God salvation is through Jesus!" **Romans 7.15ff** "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great and that every form of the mind and heart was constantly evil!" **Gen 6.5**

It disagrees with world-wide experience! A quick look at the headlines tells us that man is at war for their own lusts! **Jam 4.1** The mirror at home tells us that we are susceptible to vain imaginations about God, ourselves and others! **Rom 1.18ff** A look at a child beginning to experience the world around them! **Pr 22.15** Apart from God in the world, we will find darkness and shadows for our deeds to be hidden! **John 3.19ff**

The Goodness Of 'Bad...' It moves us from "good and bad" to "righteous and unrighteous!" It's "yes" or "no," not sliding scale! No one can/has to work for salvation! It is a gift from outside us! It puts us all on equal footing! "None righteous, not one!" **R3.10** "If we say we have no sin we lie..." **1Jo1.8** "Only One good, that is God!" **Mt 19.17**

All, then, require a Savior! "No remission of sin without the shedding of blood..." **Heb 9.22 Lev 17.11** "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" **John 1.29**

The Result of the Cross... God, who is holy, can meet with people, formerly unholy because we have been made righteous by Jesus payment, His blood, for our sins! "Righteousness has no fellowship with unrighteousness..." **2Cor 6.14** "But we are washed, sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God!" **1Cor 6.11** "We have been made righteous and justified by the redemption in Jesus who God set up as the satisfaction, thru faith in His blood, for the remission of our sin..." **Rom 3.24,25 5.1**

The Result of the Cross... "God has made Jesus, who knew no sin of His own, to be sin for us *that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him!*" **2Cor 5.21** "So we want to be found in Him, *not in our own righteousness, which is the scale of works,* but in the righteousness of God which is by faith!" **Phil 3.9** "And this is so no flesh can glory in His presence because *it is in Christ that God made us righteous, right with Him, to be reconciled with Him...*" **1Cor 1.29,30**