

Christian Ambassador Training

The Culture – Week 6

Know the nature, language, and culture of those to whom you are a representative

The Nature -- _____ - _____ of the truth in unrighteousness/_____ in sin

(ref. Rom 1:18-20; Eph 2:1-3)

Postmodernism - The current version of worldliness

Bill Kynes video
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtGrf7I5SIQ>

(ref. 2 Tim 3:1-7; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

A word about Spiritual Warfare: Though our battle is usually not physical or meta-physical, it is very real. It is primarily fought in the domain of _____ of _____.

Exercise/Discussion I - Who's More Dangerous...

- *The self professing satanic rock star who bites the heads off bats (or doves) or the high profile religious leader or preacher who mislead people?*

Quick History of Worldly Thought*

Pre-modern (~2500 yrs)	Modern (~250 yrs)	Postmodern (25 yrs?)

*From Phil Johnson's Teaching: *You Can't Handle the Truth – Addressing the Tolerance of Postmodernism*

What's next?

Taylor Mali video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTSKU0FgZts>

Four Essentials of the Christian Worldview that postmodernists cannot stomach:

- _____ --postmodernists believe *all truth is subjective*, relative
 - Objective Truth – always true no matter who believes it (multiplication tables ...)
 - Subjective Truth – depends on the person (personal taste... etc.)
- _____ -postmodernists believe meaning is determined by reader/hearer rather than author. It's completely self-absorbed, the author's intent is irrelevant. (*can you see danger here for a church influenced by this culture? – Ouiji Bible hermeneutics*)
- _____ -postmodernists insist there are no foundations for knowledge, all opinions are equally valid.
- _____ -post modernists believe you can't know anything for sure and consider you arrogant if you claim to know anything for sure.

Culture--Affecting the Church

Modernism → theological liberalism → “Christianity and Liberalism” by J. Gresham Machen.

Postmodernism is also affecting the church. -“Emerging church movement” ran its course, but the attitudes and ideology live on. (basically the name fell out of favor)

- Rejection of the doctrine and theology for “ _____ or _____ ”
 - Ouija Hermeneutics → Biblical _____
 - Rejection of Biblical _____ / _____
 - Rejection of Biblical _____ in *decision making
- *We have a 3 week seminar on this topic posted on *objectivegospel.org*. Training -> Decision Making

Scaling the Language Barrier

- Truth -
objective--
subjective--
- Faith -
- Humility-
- Argue[ment] and Debate -

- Salvation -
- Wrath -
- Justification -
- Justice -
- Mercy -
- Grace -
- Tolerance & Inclusiveness - *The chief virtues of postmodernism*

Scripture on tolerance:

- Appropriate intolerance is praised: (ref. Rev 2:2)
- Inappropriate tolerance is rebuked (false teaching). (ref. Rev 2:20; 2 Cor 11:4)
- Inappropriate tolerance is rebuked (immorality). (ref. 1 Cor 5:1)

Exercise/Discussion II - The Big Two... Tolerance and Inclusiveness

Where in Scripture can we find a description of virtuous tolerance?

Do the fruits of the Spirit adequately capture it?

The Gospel--Inclusive or Exclusive?

^{ESV} **Acts 17:30** The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

^{ESV} **John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

^{ESV} **1 Timothy 2:5** For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

^{ESV} **Luke 12:8** "And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God,⁹ but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

^{ESV} **1 John 2:23** No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.

^{ESV} **1 John 5:11** And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

^{ESV} **Luke 10:16** "The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

^{ESV} **1 Corinthians 6:9-11** Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

^{ESV} **Acts 4:11** This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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