

“Jesus and the World”

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Outline

What is our relationship with the “world?”

Five Historic Approaches

1. Oppose the world because it is totally corrupt.
2. Embrace the world and use the “best of Jesus” to improve the world.
3. See ourselves as above the world and its dealings. The Church’s calling is a spiritual calling.
4. Be good citizens of both this world and the next and struggle with the tension between the two.
5. See the world as being partly good and partly corrupt and seek to transform what needs to be transformed and affirm the parts that need to be affirmed.

After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want^[a] to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill him. ² But when the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, ³ Jesus’ brothers said to him, “Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do. ⁴ No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world.” ⁵ For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

⁶ Therefore Jesus told them, “My time is not yet here; for you any time will do. ⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that its works are evil. ⁸ You go to the festival. I am not^[b] going up to this festival, because my time has not yet fully come.” ⁹ After he had said this, he stayed in Galilee.

“The world cannot hate you, but it hates me” (vs. 7)

“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” 2 Timothy 3:12

The Role of the Church in Society

The “World” Defined

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“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

“I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.” John 12:47

“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in them.” I John 2:15

Two Uses of the Word “Cosmos”

1. Refers to the physical world. Human society.
2. Refers to a system of thinking in which the physical world is seen as an end in itself.

The Difference

The Difference in Real Life

- At the Macro Level

- At the Micro Level

It changes our perspective on immediate versus delayed gratification

It affects your attitude towards material things.

It affects what we use our money for.

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It has an effect on your degree of certainty & stability

It affects how you view people and value them.

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here’s a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? James 2:1-5

“So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.” 2 Corinthians 5:16

It affects how people view you and treat you

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Our Consolation

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven....” Matthew 5:11-12

*“No eye has seen,
No ear has heard,
It hasn't even entered into the human mind
the things God has prepared for those who love him.”* 2 Corinthians 2:9

Turning Enemies to Friends *“Love your enemies.”* Matthew 5:44