

Worldview Introduction

A worldview is a framework or set of fundamental beliefs through which we view the world and our calling and future in it.

It's your framework for understanding reality and answering the big questions about it. It's basically *a roadmap for navigating reality or like a pair of glasses*; it determines how you view the world.

What are the Big Questions?

- Origin: Where do I come from?
- Identity: Who am I?
- Meaning: What is my purpose?
- Morality: How should I live?
- Destiny: What happens when I die?

What is a Biblical Worldview?

Insofar as we gather our answers to life's biggest questions from the Christian gospel we can say that we have a biblical worldview.

Apologetics 101: Worldview 1 Overview

Through our sessions together we will have a basic biblical teaching, briefly examine a major worldview (religion) and how it differs from a Biblical worldview of Orthodox Christianity.

Finally, we will be introduced to a Gospel Tool that we can add to our Evangelism Toolbox for future Gospel conversations.

...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, - 1 Peter 3:15

Apologetics Introduction

In ALL Gospel engagements we don't seek to "win the fight" but to garden the soil of the soul of the person in front of us with the truth and hope that Jesus saves.

Always:

- Pray that God will change hearts
- Use the Bible as the bases for Gospel conversations
- Be Respectful
- Don't make assumptions
- Ask questions
- Listen
- Seek to understand so you can be understood
- Remember the Golden Rule - do unto others as you would have them do unto you. *Don't treat someone in ways you don't want to be treated.*

Judaism & Christianity

Bible Study: Follow Paul's lead in sharing the Gospel with Jewish people

Do Jewish people need Jesus? _____!

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Romans 3:9-31

What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin,...

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ***the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe***. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,...

Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith....

Jewish people need _____ just as _____ need Jesus.

3 modern expressions Judaism

1. **Orthodox** - Hebrew scriptures given great emphasis and regarded as being from God
2. **Conservative** - Hebrew scriptures given great emphasis and regarded as being from God
3. **Reform** - The Torah (first 5 books of Hebrew scriptures) has some errors, stressing that there is an ethic from which our moral code is derived. Do not regard the Talmud as authoritative.

Basic Jewish Teachings

- ❖ Man's Nature & Sin
- ❖ Reconciliation
- ❖ Life After Death

❖ Messiah

❖ Jesus

How to engage in Gospel conversations

Use OT (Hebrew Scriptures) as base of Bible references

- Isaiah 59:1-2. Sin = we miss the mark
- Leviticus 19:2. God's demand is perfection, we all fall short
- Ezekiel 18:1-4. Each is accountable for his/her sin
- Daniel 12:2. There is life after death, how do we get to God?
- Isaiah 64:6. Good deeds are insufficient to overcome our sin debt
- Leviticus 16. God's provision to cover over sin
- Leviticus 17:10-11. Without shedding of blood, no forgiveness of sin
- Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12. One wounded for our transgressions (vs 4-6)



Gospel Tool: A Bible Chain to Present the Gospel in the Old Testament

By Steve Cohen

Apple of His Eye Mission Society

Supplemental Material

Recommended websites

- www.dare2share.org/resources/worldviews
 - Dare2Share youth evangelism ministry
- www.appleofhiseye.org
 - Apple of His Eye Mission Society.
*Especially their pdf *Beginning From Jerusalem*
- www.namb.net/apologetics
 - North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

Handouts

1. *A Bible Chain to Present the Gospel in the Old Testament* by Steve Cohen of Apple of His Eye Mission Society
<https://www.appleofhiseye.org/learn/jewish-evangelism>
2. *The Promise of Messiah* by Andy Bartelt of Apple of His Eye Mission Society
<https://www.appleofhiseye.org/learn/jewish-evangelism>
3. *Major Messianic Prophecies* by Steve Cohen of Apple of His Eye Mission Society
<https://www.appleofhiseye.org/learn/jewish-evangelism>
4. *Commons Objections of Jewish People* from Apple of His Eye Mission Society
<https://www.appleofhiseye.org/learn/jewish-evangelism>
5. *How to Share the Gospel with a Jew* by Dare2Share Ministries
<https://www.dare2share.org/worldviews/jews/>
6. 6 Tough Prayers to Pray about Non-Believing Loved Ones
<http://chucklawless.com/2021/01/6-tough-prayers-to-pray-about-non-believing-loved-ones/>

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