

Bare Necessities:

Jesus – The Only Way To God

Challenge: Love God over tolerance. Love others as God loves them.

Problem: Since the fall of men, we have been constructing pantheons of idol worship, beginning with the idol of self, deceiving ourselves into thinking that there are multiple **avenues** to relationship with God and our salvation. God has throughout humanity's history, particularly in the case with the people of Israel, shown his disdain for such thinking calling himself **JEALOUS** (Exodus 20:1-6)

Point 1: Our modern culture may be **confused** about who Jesus said he is to the world, but Christ was not, nor were his early followers.

What Jesus said about his relationship to the world:

John 3:16-21; John 5:21-23; John 8:24; Luke 19:27; John 10:7-10; John 14:6; Matthew 28:18-20

This answers the question, "Why so much talk about evangelism and reaching our friends/the world?"

John Piper quote from "Let the Nations Be Glad":

Missions is not the ultimate goal of the Church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever.

What his followers said:

Acts 4:12: (Peter, a Jew, before rulers, elders and teachers of the law, including the high priest in Jerusalem)

I Timothy 2:3-7: (Paul, another Jew and Pharisee)

Point 2: The truth is the whole **world** is in need of a Savior and only Christ and his **sacrifice** provide a means for redemption (Romans 3:9-23)

Timothy Keller quote:

The universal religion of humankind is: We develop a good record and give it to God, and then he owes us. The gospel is: God develops a good record and gives it to us, then we owe him (Romans 1:17).

Practical Problem and Discussion:

When we have confusion about the nature of Christ and his **exclusivity** for the world, then it ultimately affects:

1) Our mission because we attempt to be politically correct at the cost of our own impotence and peoples' lives (Galatians 1:6-9; II Corinthians 11:1-4)

I Timothy 4:16

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

2) Our ability to walk in **Supernatural** power (Acts 19:8-20)

3) And most importantly, *the way that we live* in relationship to God (Philippians 2:5-11)

Mark Driscoll quote:

Until the day of Jesus' second coming, we are not merely to relate to people but also to command them to repent of sin and bend their knee to the

King before they are grapes crushed under his foot in the winepress of his fury.

We need both portraits, the humble, incarnated Christ and the triumphant, exalted Christ, to truly understand Jesus Christ. As we get to know the humble, incarnated Christ, we learn how to be missional and lovingly relate to people in their culture. As we get to know the glorified, exalted Christ, we learn to be confident and bold because we proclaim his victory over Satan, sin, death and hell.

I Timothy 4:9,10

This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance (and for this we labor and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe.

Reality KPIC Youth Announcements April 3, 2010:

-Bounce Back Sermon Series begins tomorrow morning at 10am at KPIC! See www.kpic.org for more details! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

-Please bring your offering for Albert next week

-Taiwan mission July 12-25. Please let us know ASAP if you are interested. Please be praying about this for our youth

-Bring your friends to Reality as we seek to go into the summer strong!!!

