

Simple Authenticity

Ephesians 2:1-10

IMPRESSIONS

*** NOTES***

Good News	Bad News	Very Bad News
<p>In the last four years, "there has been a rise in the proportion of adults who read the Bible..."</p>	<p>"... Christians spend seven times as much time on entertainment as they do on spiritual activities."</p>	<p>Although 2/3 of all teenagers say they know all the basic teachings... of the Christian faith, 2/3 reject the existence of Satan, 3/5 reject the existence of the Holy Spirit, and 1/2 believe that Jesus sinned....</p>
<p>"Among adults who are lay leaders in their church, more than nine out of ten prioritize their faith in their life goals."</p>	<p>"Desiring to have a close, personal relationship with God ranks just sixth among the 21 life goals tested, trailing such desires as 'living a comfortable lifestyle.'"</p>	<p>"A minority of born again adults (44%) and an even smaller proportion of born again teenagers (9%) are certain of the existence of absolute moral truth."</p>
<p>"Half of all unchurched and non-Christian adults admit that they are seeking meaning and purpose in their life - providing a meaningful entry point for evangelizers."</p>	<p>"In a representative nationwide survey among born again adults, none of the individuals interviewed said that the single, most important goal in their life is to be a committed follower of Jesus Christ."</p>	<p>"Large proportions of the lay leaders in Christian churches hold a range of unbiblical religious views regarding the holiness of Christ, the reality of Satan, the existence of the Holy Spirit, the reality of the resurrection, and the means to salvation."</p>

Anthropology

The uniqueness of man as one created by God in His likeness for the purpose of reflecting His character and image in relationship with Him.

Hamaratology

Nature of sin: "Sin is any want to conformity unto, or transgression of any law of God given as a rule to the reasonable creation."
Question 24 of the Larger Catechism

Soteriology

God's provision of salvation through Christ and application of it through the Holy Spirit for now and all eternity.

Eschatology

The ultimate purpose of Man beginning at the moment of salvation with anticipation of eternal fulfillment at the end of ages as we know it.

How do we simplify the basic need to simply have an authentic relationship with a personal God?

Future

Past

Present