

2nd Sunday after Pentecost, 1st Sunday after Trinity – 2022

Saturday, 6/18 at 4:00 | Sunday, 6/19 at 9:00

REALITY

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Part 1 of 2

Introduction

Dear Friend: “In a 2020 survey by the Pew Research Center, 65% of adults in the United States identified themselves as **Christians**” (Wikipedia article: [click here](#)). With that in mind, *please honestly answer these three questions:*

1. Do you believe the Bible is the word of God and contains no factual or historical errors? **Y N**
2. Do your own beliefs consistently agree with the Bible?
Y N
3. Does your own behavior consistently agree with the Bible? **Y N**

Y, Y, and Y would be best for *each person in our nation*, **but** according to the [American Worldview Inventory 2020](#), by Arizona Christian University, only **6%** of Americans said **Y, Y, and Y** (down from 12% in the year 2000)!

Reality Check: In the USA, **65% SAY** they are Christians, *BUT only 6% match what the Bible says about being a Christian!*

What is going on in the USA today? Paul warned us that a time would come – *and I believe that time has now come* – when people would have a **form of godliness but deny its power** (2 Timothy 3:5).

May the LORD use this brochure to:

- Grow up those who believe!
- Sober up the unrepentant!
- Stand up our faltering nation!
- Ready up many for judgment day!

Who is God?

- All good, no evil: ^{NAU} **1 John 1:5** ...God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.
- The eternal, tireless, all-knowing creator: ^{NAU} **Isaiah 40:28** The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable [unknowable].
- The shelter and strength of all who trust in Him: ^{NAU} **Psalms 46:1** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

What has God done?

- Created All Things: ^{NAU} **Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- Promised His Son: *God said to the devil*: ^{NAU} **Genesis 3:15** “...I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He [*My Son, the Messiah*] shall bruise you on the head, and you [*Satan*] shall bruise him on the heel.”
- Sent His Son: ^{NAU} **Galatians 4:4-5** But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

What is God doing?

- Controlling All Things: ^{NAU} **Isaiah 45:6-7** “...I am the LORD, and there is no other, the One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being, and creating calamity...”
- Sustaining All Life: ^{ESV} **Job 12:10** In [the LORD’s] hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.
- Providing All Needs: *The Psalmist prayed*: ^{NAU} **Psalms 145:16** “You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.”

What did God say?

Because of **Who** I am, **what** I have done, and **what** I am doing, *all people should* ➔ respect Me, ➔ trust Me, and ➔ obey Me!

Reality Check: What about the USA? The LORD to the Israelites: ^{NAU} **Leviticus 20:22** “You are... to keep all My statutes and all My ordinances and do them, **so that** the land to which I am bringing you to live will not spew you out.” They failed and were spewed out; *we are failing and should be spewed out!*

Since God has every right to determine right and wrong, what did He say on various topics?

The Ten Commandments: In general, the Commandments show our need for Jesus – *because we cannot fully keep them (Rom. 3:20)*, but we try to keep them – *to show our love for God!*

- **1-3: Us to God:** ▶Trust in God, ▶only use His name in honorable ways, and ▶faithfully gather for worship to focus on Jesus.
- **4-10: Us to Others:** ▶Respect your parents, ▶do not harm others, ▶follow what God says about sex, ▶do not take what belongs to others, ▶speak honestly about others, and ▶do not sinfully desire what belongs to others.

Part 2 of 2: What did God say about ▶human life, ▶marriage, ▶family, ▶appearance, and ▶sex. Then, what now? Finally, what is yet to come?

Let Us Pray: Dear F, S, and HS, You are so awesome – *far beyond our comprehension!* However, we and many have not rightly ▶respected You, ▶trusted You, and ▶obeyed You. *Please quickly lead us and our nation to repentance!*

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