

What Do You Want to be Known For? Week 2. What matters most?

The two essential doctrines that run through everything and everyone answer two questions “Who says?” and “Whose fault?” Three three-minute videos this week give a Hebraic-Christian answer to both. The third video asks, “Who saves?”

Video #1 Twin Pillars: Authority (Humanist Manifestos Story)

Authorities are given by God to maintain order, for defense, and for justice. And so, we should show our government and those in it respect. In fact, all authorities are to be shown respect. Look up the following verses to establish principles concerning any system of authority (i.e., teachers, coaches, officials, parents, pastors, etc.)

- Romans 13:1-4
- 1Peter 2:11-17
- 1Thessalonians 5:11, 12
- Hebrews 13:7, 17

There are several short videos on Warp & Woof that further the conversation.

(1) [Humanism link](#) (2) [Power link](#) (3) [Who Says? link](#)

Video #2 Twin Pillars: Humanity (French v American Declaration: 1789 v 1776)

Look up the verses below to show the origin of sin in humans.

- Psalm 51:5-7
- Jeremiah 17:9
- Mark 7:21-24
- Romans 5:12, 19
- Ephesians 2:1-4

Two excuses given for how sin is outside human responsibility include (1) biology (genetic predisposition) and (2) societal pressure.

Our biology or environment may accentuate our behavior but is not the root cause of it.

Cultural Application: Critique the following ideas believed in culture today. In the following statements identify the problem, considering a biblical correction.

- “Innocent as a newborn baby”
- “As a criminal, society made me what I am.”
- “A child is born with a morally blank slate”
- “If the government would just outlaw guns, killing would stop!”
- “We need more money for education to make a difference.”
- “Since society and culture change, therefore evil will change.”
- “Good and evil are purely a subjective experience.”

Video #3 4-Circles Chart: Sin-Salvation

Look up Scripture showing salvation comes from the transcendent source of the personal, eternal, triune creator of the universe. We are dependent upon Him.

- Romans 3:21-26
- Ephesians 2:4-10
- 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- Revelation 5:9, 10

Define the word “substitution”. If we know that redemption must come from outside of us, there is a need for Another to take our place, to take our sin. In order to have someone take our place (substitution) they have to be innocent (without sin), willfully choosing to be the substitute (vicarious), taking the penalty for our sin (death).

Hebrews 10:1-14 gives excellent background understanding Jesus to be our sacrifice, our salvation. Only the Christian worldview provides grace without works for salvation. Only the Christian worldview gives the basis for right relationship between men and God. Only Jesus is able to make the sacrifice, to create the bridge stretching across the chasm of our sinfulness and God’s mercy.

Cultural Application: How do movies, graphic novels, television shows, or music use Christian ideas about redemption and salvation for their own uses?