

What is a "Christian world view"?

The world is full of people with different ways to understand the world around them. In general, each believes that their understanding is the only rational way to understand the world and all others fall short of rationality. With everyone there is variation. It is rare to find a person who will consistently hold to his world view in all circumstances.

1. What is meant by a world view?

*John 18:38

+Peters 14:12a, 21:2a

In one sense, a world view is a person's own answer to the question "What is truth?" It is the foundational or fundamental understandings of who he is as an individual (how he got where he is) and what his future holds. Through his world view, he identifies what is right and what is wrong so that he can make decisions for himself and for others.

2. What are some foundational understandings of the Christian world view?

*John 17:17

+Peters 3:5-6

*Jeremiah 17:9

+Psalm 30:4-2, 51:5-6

Ecclesiastes 12:13

3 Romans 7:14-21, 8:29-30

The Christian world view is to begin with the Bible. God's Word. The Bible is to be understood as proposing (explaining and) presenting only that which is true. The consistent Christian knows that all of man/in (including himself) is inherently evil and incapable of only making right decisions. Since a man's ways are naturally corrupt, the consistent Christian acknowledges that he has a need to rely upon the scriptures and the Holy Spirit of God to instruct him as to the proper ways to make decisions.

3. What is required to consistently hold the Christian world view?

2 Corinthians 10:5

1 Peter 3:15

1 John 2:15-16

+Peters 9:9-10, 11:14, 10:21

+Psalm 110:107

*James 1:19-20

In order to consistently hold to a Christian world view, the Christian must continually see/ to align every thought and intention of his heart to God's word and God's character. We must be prepared to explain (base) upon the teaching of scripture (which he has made the decisions he has made. We must be willing to listen to the counsel of others (primarily Christians) and correct his thoughts and actions to line up with the Word of God. His goals and desires are not to be in accordance with the predominating world goals and desires, but he is to reflect the goals of the world and have the goals that God and Christ has for him.

4. At what point does a person claiming to hold a Christian world view cease to hold one?

*Jeremiah 5:3-4, 44:16-19

2 Peter 2:1-2

Since all of us are fallen human beings (making erroneous decisions) does not mean a person does not have a Christian world view. However, refusing to listen (receive) and follow after God's wise counsel in matters and correct our thinking and actions is to cease holding a Christian world view. The ultimate is to reflect the Lord Jesus Christ as our guide of life.