

We must learn to think biblically

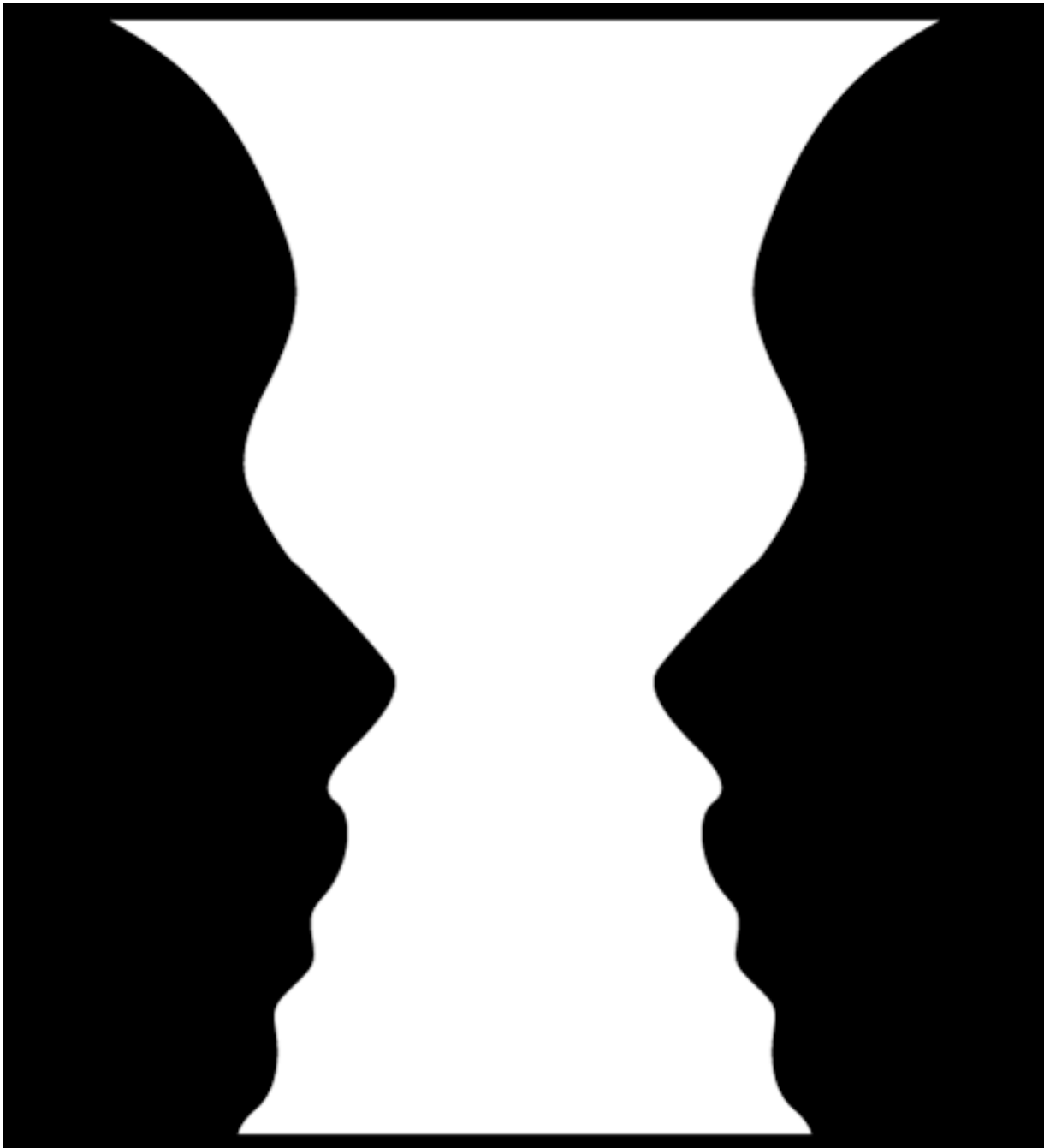
Christian Worldview –

Do you have one?

“The primary reason that people do not act like Jesus is because they do not **think like Jesus”**

“Behavior stems from what we **think – our attitudes, beliefs, values, and opinions.”**

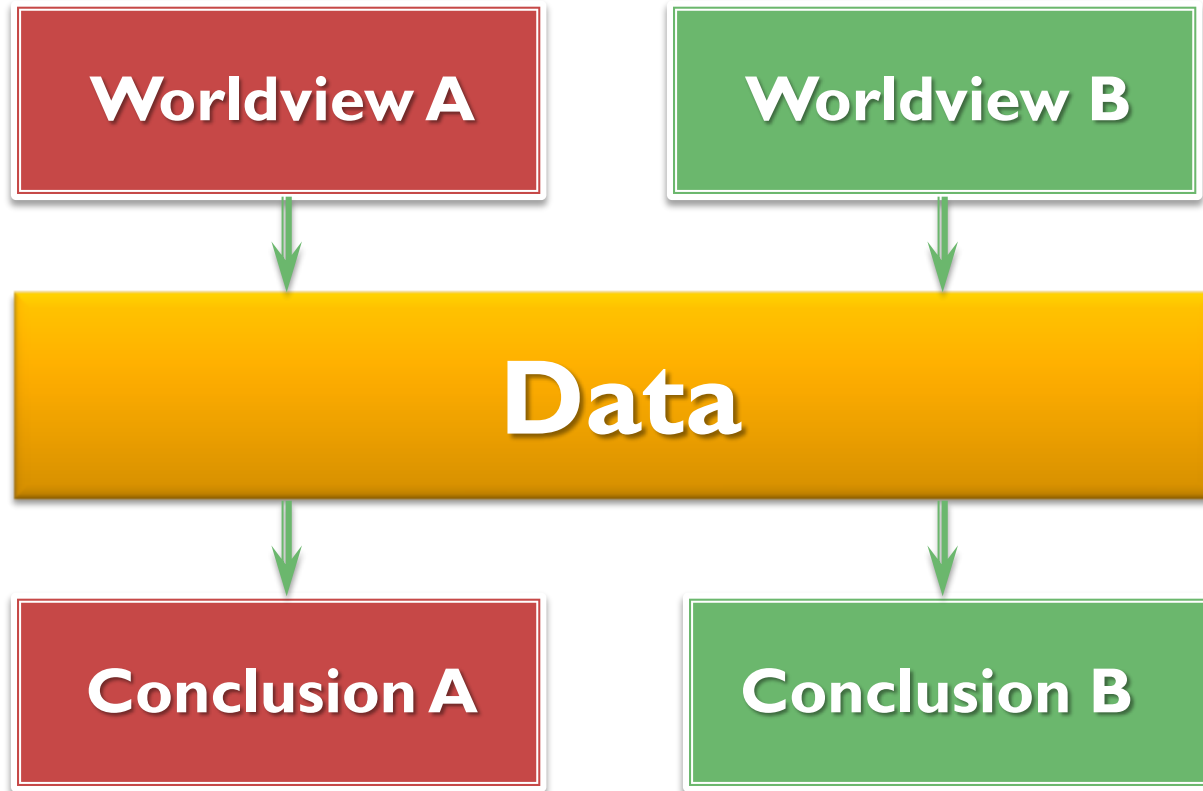
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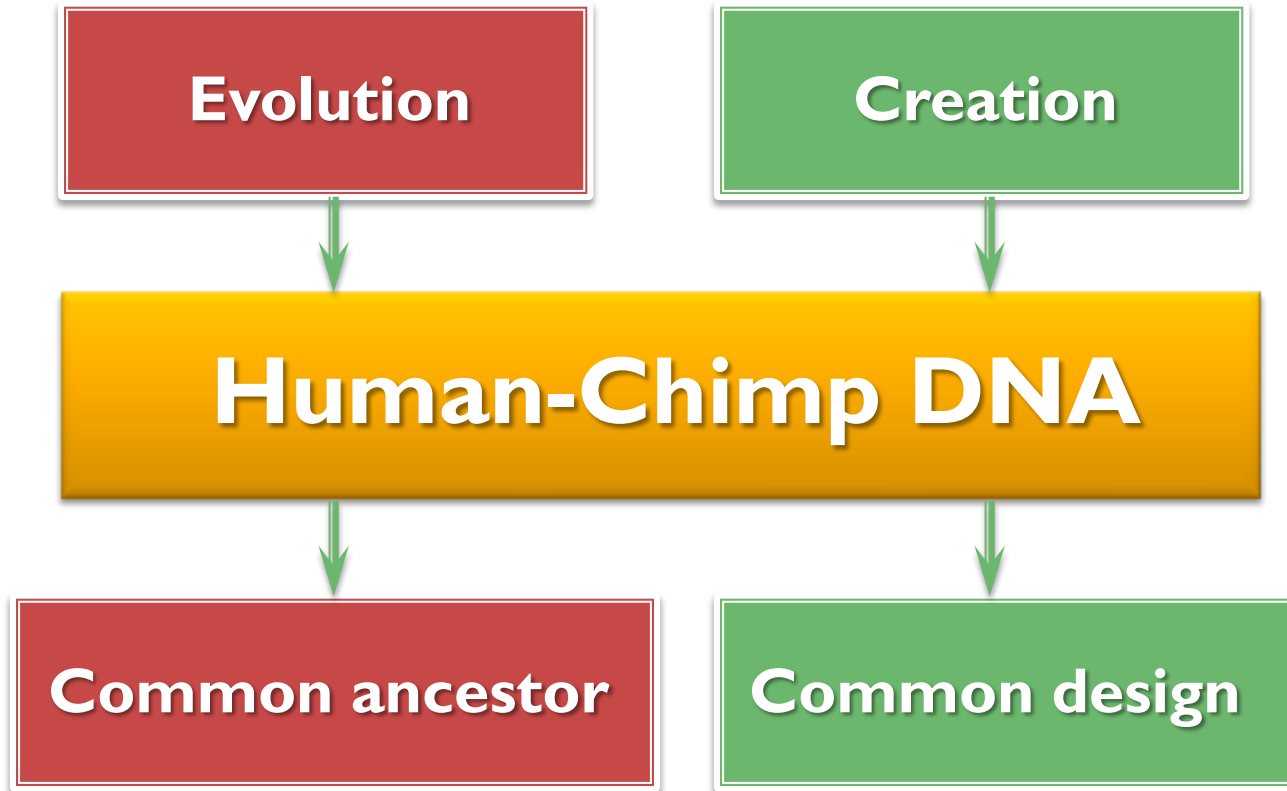
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Everyone is biased!

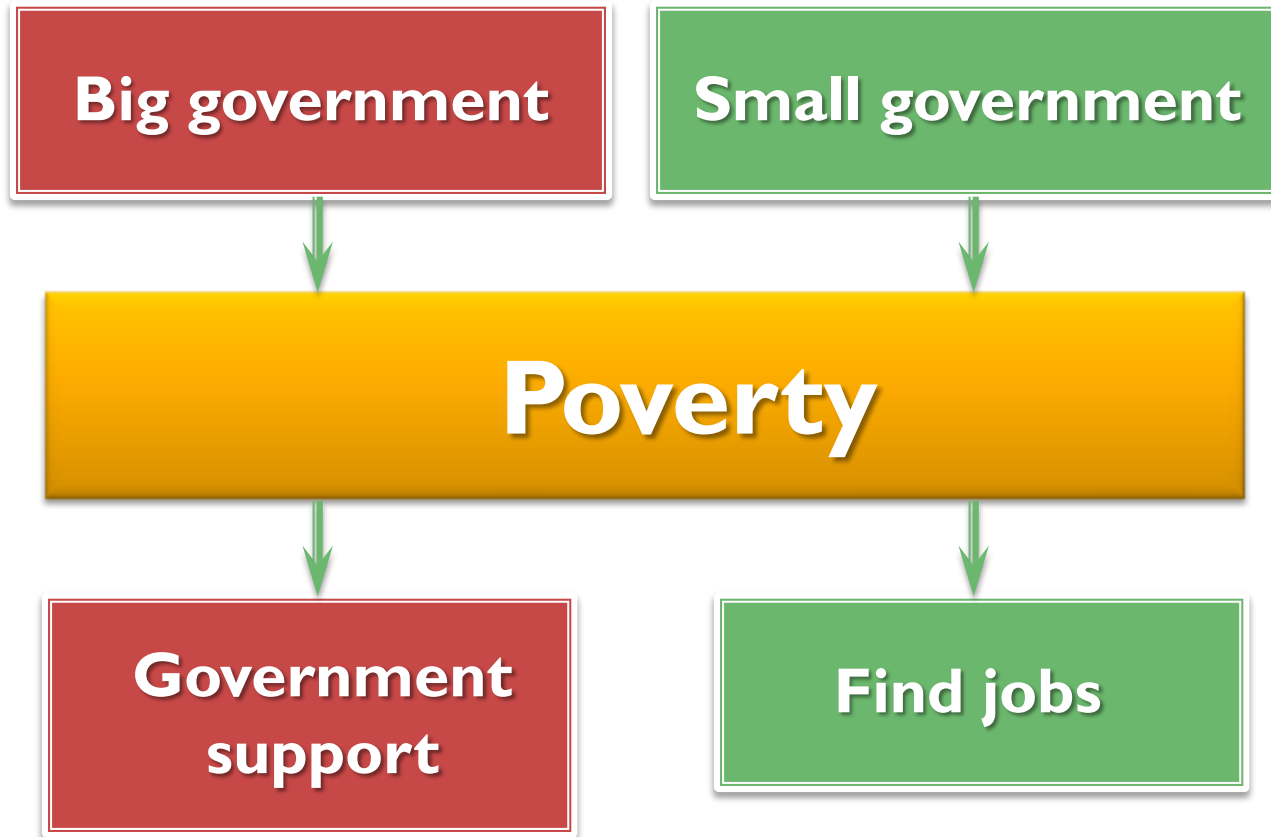


Interpretation is influenced by assumptions and biases

Origins example

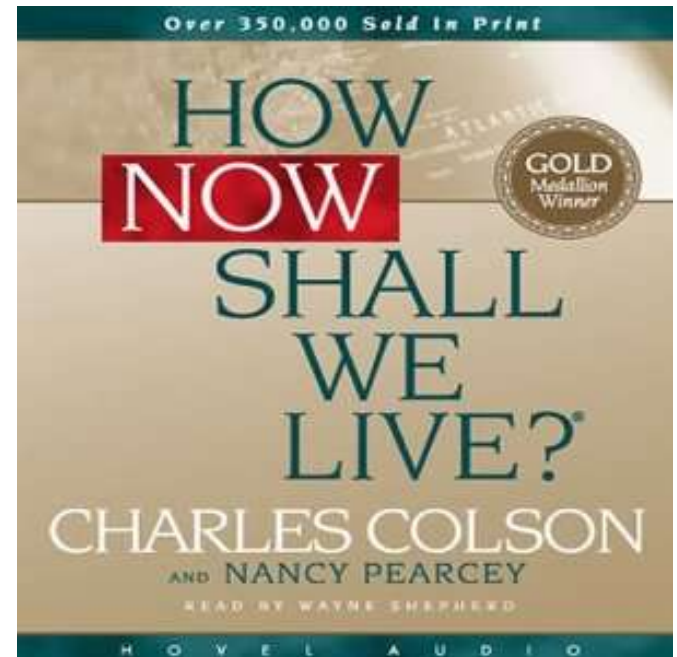


Politics example



What is a worldview?

- A “worldview” is how you think about the world and answer the important questions of life:
 - Where did we come from, and who are we?
 - What has gone wrong with the world?
 - What can we do to fix it?
 - Where are we going?



Barna definition of a biblical worldview

- God is the all-powerful and all-knowing Creator of the universe and He still rules it today
- The Bible is accurate in all of its teachings
- Absolutes exist and the Bible defines them
- Christ lived a sinless life
- Salvation is by grace and not by works
- Satan is a real being

Who has a biblical worldview?

- All American adults = 9%
- Age 18-23 = 0.5%
- **Born again Christians = 19%**
 - Have made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ that is important in their life today and that they are certain that they will go to Heaven after they die only because they confessed their sins and accepted Christ as their savior

<http://www.barna.org/transformation-articles/252-barna-survey-examines-changes-in-worldview-among-christians-over-the-past-13-years>

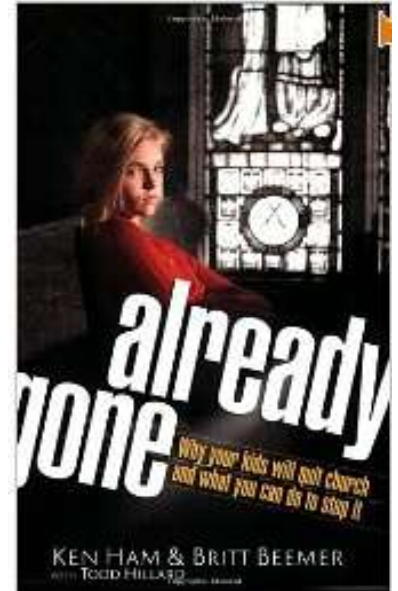
Biblical worldview beliefs

	All Adults (%)	Born Again
God is creator	70	93
Bible is accurate	50	79
Christ sinless	40	62
Salvation by grace	28	53
Absolutes exist	34	46
Satan is real	27	40

Barna.org, 2009

Worldview is set early in life

- Worldview primarily shaped by age 13
- 61% of churched teens are disengaged in their 20's
- Of the disengaged, first had doubts the Bible is true?
 - Middle school = 40%
 - High school = 44%
 - College = 11%



“[The kids] were lost while still in the fold. They were disengaging while they were still sitting in the pews. They were preparing their exit while they were faithfully attending youth groups and Sunday schools.”

The naturalistic view is all around us!

- Public schools
- Science
- Television
- Movies
- Magazines
- Museums

Life is largely portrayed as if there were no God!

JULY 23, 2001

STEM CELLS: THE BATTLE HEATS UP

TIME

HOW APES BECAME HUMAN

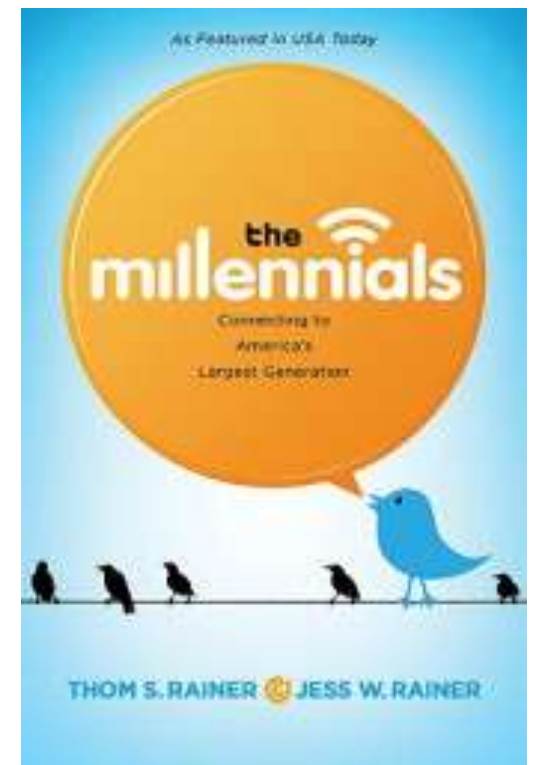
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and made an evolutionary leap

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The result of an all-surrounding presentation of a naturalistic worldview?

- The “Millennial” generation (20-30 years old)
 - Not against Christianity, it just has no influence on their lives
 - They are indifferent to religion
 - Only 13% rate religious/spiritual issues as important



Why does a biblical worldview matter?

Unusually large differences in behavior

- Media use
- Profanity
- Gambling
- Alcohol use
- Honesty
- Civility
- Sexual choices

Two basic worldviews

- Theism – there is a God
 - Biblical Christianity
 - God is creator
- Naturalism – nature is all there is
 - Atheism (there is no God)
 - Evolution
- Each of these worldviews answers the important life questions very differently!

What is true?

God
Angels
Satan
Creation
Judgment
Eternal life
Need for a savior

Natural

Supernatural

Naturalism:
Natural = True

Theism/Christianity:
Natural + Supernatural = True

Human Manifesto III

- Knowledge of the world is derived by observation and rational analysis
- Humans are an integral part of nature, the result of unguided evolutionary change
- Ethical values are derived from human need and interest as tested by experience
- Life's fulfillment emerges from individual participation in the service of human ideals
- Humans are social by nature and find meaning in relationships
- Working to benefit society maximizes individual happiness

Human Manifesto III

- Knowledge of the world is gained through observation and rational analysis **Biblical knowledge is primary**
- Humans are an integral part of nature, the result of unguided evolution **NO! Humans created by God in His image**
- Ethical values are derived from human nature, as tested by experience **NO! God has defined ethical values**
- Life's purpose is the service of human ideals **NO! In the service of God's ideals** **Equal participation in the service of human ideals**
- Humans are social by nature and find meaning in relationships **True – but relationship with God is most important**
- Working to benefit society maximizes individual happiness **NO! Doing God's will maximizes our happiness**

Comparing worldviews

	Christian/Biblical	Naturalism
God	Eternal personal God	Nature is all there is
The universe	Created by God	Appeared by itself
People	Image of God	Cosmic accident of evolution
Spiritual world	Real	Religion is a myth
Moral laws	Absolute, unchanging	Determined by man, can be changed
Your future	Heaven or Hell	No life after death
Who is in control?	God	Man

The appeal of naturalism

Naturalistic worldview answers

- **Where did we come from?**
 - We are a “cosmic accident” that would likely never happen again if we could start over
- **Who are we?**
 - Nothing special – insignificant specs in a giant universe
- **What has gone wrong with the world?**
 - We can't get away from the tooth and claw of our evolutionary past
- **What can we do to fix it?**
 - Better education, eliminate poverty, science and technology, ...
- **Where are we going?**
 - Nowhere special – this life is it!

Biblical worldview answers

- **Where did we come from?**
 - We are specially made in the “image of God”
- **Who are we?**
 - Designed for fellowship with God
- **What has gone wrong with the world?**
 - The fall of Adam and Eve – sin and physical decay entered the world
- **What can we do to fix it?**
 - Christ came to redeem us and told us to “make disciples of all nations”
- **Where are we going?**
 - We will live forever in Heaven or Hell

The Christian worldview encompasses

- **The Bible as true history**
 - Past and future
- **Moral laws, how to live our lives**
 - The Bible is the “owner’s manual”
- **How to worship God**
 - What does God expect from us

CORRUPTION

CATASTROPHE



CREATION

CONFUSION



**THE SEVEN C's
OF HISTORY**

CHRIST



CONSUMMATION


CROSS



The danger of the naturalism worldview

- The creation story is a myth
- The first eleven chapters of Genesis are a myth
- The fall of man is a myth
- Salvation is unnecessary
- Eternity in Hell!

Do YOU have a Christian worldview?

Christian worldview	Do I believe this?
God is creator	
Bible is accurate	
Christ sinless	
Salvation by grace	
Absolutes exist	
Satan is real	

Key take away

- Parents must guide their children to have a Christian/biblical worldview
- The church needs to help educate

Teach them [biblical principles] to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 11:19

How to get a Christian worldview

- **Read your Bible**
 - Listen on CD to and from work
- **Daily email devotional**
- **Read apologetics book**
 - “The Reason for God”
- **NAV class this Fall**
- **Other Sunday School classes**
- **NJBibleScience.org meetings**

The great Christian worldview truths

■ Creation

- We are special – made to have fellowship with God

■ The Fall

- Adam's sin (and our own sin nature) have separated us from God

■ Redemption

- Christ came to restore us to fellowship with God, but we must accept it!

How to become a Christian

The Gospel message = “Good News”!

- **A = Admit** (I am a sinner)
 - God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)
- **B = Believe** (that Jesus died for your sins – He is the Savior)
 - To all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)
- **C = Confess** (that Jesus is Lord)
 - If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

