

OUR TRUE SITUATION AND ITS REAL SOLUTION

Introduction – Our contemporaries would identify our real problems as poverty, lack of education and good jobs, and intolerance. Their solution is higher education opportunities, selective social justice through the law, and enforcing tolerance in specific areas of concern. This has resulted in a culture war between traditionalist and progressives.

A. The Bible reveals the root problems behind our human situation.

1. Our willful disobedience to God has serious consequences.

Ephesians 2:1-3, 11-12

2. We have become slaves to sin through our choices.

Romans 6:16

Romans 7:14-20

3. Our priorities become idolatries unless God is first in our life.

Romans 1:18-25

4. Everyone knows right from wrong and will be held accountable by God.

Romans 2:12-16

B. The Bible offers real solutions to our root problems.

1. Christ's resistance to temptations to sin and His obedient sufferings allows Him to become the source of eternal life for us.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Hebrews 7:7-9

2. Christ frees us from slavery to sin so we can serve God.

Hebrews 2:14-15

Romans 8:1-4, 14-15

3. Christ motivates us to turn away from idolatry to serve the living and true God.

1 Thessalonians 1:7-10

4. Christ's sacrifice for us allows God to be just and still forgive those who put their faith in Christ.

Romans 3:23-26

Conclusion – Our society's efforts to promote tolerance and reform by legislation and the power of the State is destined to fail. Only the spiritual transformation of Christ can change our character, which leads to societal change.