

WORLDVIEW AND ITS IMPORTANCE IN SHARING THE GOSPEL

WORLDVIEW

Worldview is the lens through which we see and interpret the events around us. Each worldview is particular to its culture.

THE GOOD NEWS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

Each culture views Jesus and his authority in our lives differently. The Bible relates to each of these worldviews in a way that is special and unique to their own culture. The three main worldviews are: guilt & innocence, shame & honor, and fear & power.

GUILT and INNOCENCE Based (mostly seen in the West)

Culture Traits: Resulting in GUILT

- Individualism
- Personal Rights
- Law
- Right and Wrong

Biblical Truth: (Ephesians 1:7) Resulting in INNOCENCE

- Redemption Through His Blood
- Forgiveness of Sins
- Riches of God's Grace

Many relate to the story of the woman caught in adultery. In John 8:1-11, Jesus cleanses her of her sin and calls those out who are also in the wrong.

JESUS PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE FOR OUR SINS; OUR GUILT IS GONE.

SHAME and HONOR Based (mostly seen in Middle East and Asia)

Culture Traits: Resulting in SHAME

- Family
- Community
- Personal Relationships
- Reputation & Social Status

Biblical Truth: (Ephesians 1:5, 2:19) Resulting in HONOR

- Adopted as His Children
- Citizens of Heaven
- Will Reign with Jesus for Eternity

Many relate to the story of the prodigal son. Through relationship, Jesus illustrates the love God truly has for us. He covers our shame and grants us freedom.

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, THROUGH CHRIST, HAS RESTORED OUR HONOR and WELCOMES US AS HIS CHILDREN INTO HIS KINGDOM.

FEAR and POWER Based (mostly seen in Tribal areas, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Latin America)

Culture Traits: Resulting in FEAR

- Taboos & Superstitions
- Spells and Sacrifices
- Engagement with Spiritual Realm

Biblical Truth: (Acts 1:8) Resulting in POWER

- You are Born Again
- Full of the Holy Spirit
- Transformed by Resurrection Power

Many relate to the healings and authority of Jesus. In Ephesians 1:19-21, we see that Jesus performed miracles, healed the sick and cast out demons as a prelude to his power over the spiritual realm before demonstrating his full power over death.

JESUS BRINGS FREEDOM BY GIVING HIS POWER TO THOSE WHO OFFER HIM ALLEGIANCE