

Dear Friends in Christ,

All truth is God's truth. When Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6), He showed us that truth is rooted in who God is. Or to put it negatively, without God, there is no truth.

This is the world's problem right now - they've rejected God, and so they've rejected a unifying narrative that rings true for all times and all places. Secular artists try to find a unifying truth in their art, but they are unsuccessful because without God, there is no universal, and so many brilliant artists end up committing suicide because they can't handle the randomness of the world they've envisioned.

Our world is in despair. Fortunately most people don't act consistently and take their logic to its ultimate conclusion. The logical conclusion of a world without God is a world without meaning; it's a random world that somehow happened via a Big Bang. Everything is random, so who's to say what's good and what's bad? Is life good? Is death good? In a world of non-absolutes, people fight for social justice based on the mood of the moment and that's it.

The Christian message we have is this - life has meaning. The world has unanswerable questions. Christians have answers. There is such a thing as good and evil, and we can know how to distinguish between them. How can we know? Because God told us. He created humanity in His image, and that means that we are verbal creatures who have personalities. No other animal has language; that's a gift God gave us when He created us in His image (and then He made it harder at Babel because of man's wickedness but reversed the curse of Babel's effects at Pentecost).

The Bible is a clear verbal message from God which contains all God wants us to know. (This is why I'm not a fan of the axiom "Preach the Gospel; use words if necessary." God uses words, so we need to, too. This isn't to dismiss good works - but it's a false dichotomy to pit words against actions). No other religion is verifiable - they simply ask their members to take a leap of faith with no object to put their faith in. Christianity is different. It's verifiable by history, science, logic, and personal experience (all other religions are only verified by personal experience). Christianity tells you to put your faith in a real God; a real God who took on our flesh to die and rise for us.

We should have compassion on those who don't know Jesus as their Savior; without Him, there is only despair. It's either chaos (see modern day gender theory), or it's Christ. So come to Jesus Christ. Drink without price. Have your sins forgiven. Eat the very flesh of God and drink His blood. There's meaning here.

In Christ,

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