

LIVING FOR JESUS IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD

CHRISTIAN BELIEF



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PLURALISM:

- All beliefs are equally valid (or invalid)

THREE PROFOUND PHILOSOPHICAL CHANGES

1. THE GROWTH OF SECULARISM

- Belief that there is no spiritual dimension

2. THE INCREASING MILITANCY OF SECULARISM

- The increasing prevalence of the vilification of Christianity. Why?
- The exclusive claims of Christ
- Resentment of past oppression
- Disgust of past abuse
- Spiritual warfare

3. THE REDEFINING OF TOLERANCE

- We cannot hold a different viewpoint
- We must not insist that my truth is the only truth
- We must not try to change another person's beliefs



A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO PLURALISM

1. Society Needs To Practice TRUE Tolerance

- Tolerance is treating others with dignity and respect, even when I hold a different viewpoint
- Tolerance DOES NOT mean giving up my right to hold a different viewpoint!

2. All Religions CANNOT Be Equally Valid

- They all contradict each other!

3. There Is SUBSTANTIAL Evidence That Christianity Is The TRUTH

- The claims of Christ:
 - Exclusivity: Jn 14:6
 - Divinity: Jn 10:30; Rev 1:17-18; Jn 20:28
- The Miracles of Christ:
 - Cited on 14 occasions in the Jewish Talmud
- The Resurrection of Christ:
 - Hundreds of eye-witnesses
 - The absence of protestation
 - Cited by non-Christian, extra-biblical sources (Tacitus, Josephus)
 - Confirmed by modern scholars



CONCLUSION