

## 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**