

## 06/2704 – “THERE ARE ABSOLUTES IN CHIRST”

“Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” – Colossians 3:16

To not only know the Word of God but also apply the Word of God to our lives–“*Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.*” – Psalm 119:105

### **Scripture Speaks to all of Life**

Christianity speaks to **science** – Just as there are absolute physical laws there are also absolute moral laws

Christianity speaks to the **law** – Blackstone’s Commentaries are the basis of our legal system derived from Mosaic Law

Christianity speaks to **medicine** – Jesus is the Great Physician – In 1870 the main group opposed to abortion was the American Medical Association

Christianity speaks to **economics** – The Word is a lamp & light...Principles of stewardship & commerce...benevolence & philanthropy

Christianity speaks to **psychology** – “*If we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another...*” – 1 John 3:7

It is a Biblical principle to come to the light & Biblical principles show us how we are to communicate

Christianity speaks to **art** – Who invented beauty? - The Scriptures have been inspiration for the arts all through history

Christianity speaks to **politics & government** – Romans 13 reveals civil magistrates are ministers of God who execute justice

The Bible speaks to **ethics** - “*All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable...*” – I Corinthians 10:23 - Test our hearts

What is lawful is not necessarily profitable so we **need to be righteous not just right...**God weighs our motives...Prov. 16:2

The Bible speaks to **marriage** – **It is between a man & a woman** – There are no same-sex marriages in the Scriptures – Ephesians 5

He made the family as the basic unit of society – In the beginning He made them male & female – Genesis 1 & 2

The Bible speaks to all of **education** - the role of mothers & fathers, pastors & teachers – **Study to show yourselves approved**

The Bible speaks to the **environment** –God commands us to **rule well over all of creation** in the first chapter of Genesis

The Bible speaks to **theology** – The Bible contains the implicit & explicit truth – **Thy word is truth** – Sanctify them in truth

**Explicit truth** – “Thou shalt not steal” – That is very clear, not complicated – A child can understand it

**Implicit truth** is line upon line, precept upon precept – Implicit truth revealed in studying the entirety of Scripture on a given subject

No Scripture for, “You shall not commit polygamy.” – **But clearly implicit** in the Scriptures that marriage is between **one woman & one man**

### **Ambassadors**

Christians are not called to Christianize institutions but **to reconcile individuals to God** as ambassadors of His Kingdom

People run institutions & the more Christ-like people in those institutions, the more we will see the culture & public policy affected

Do you think of yourself as sent? Wherever you go do you represent God? As an ambassador? Diplomat of the Kingdom of God?

**An ambassador is an official envoy**, a diplomatic agent of the highest rank accepted by a foreign sovereign or government as a representative

Worldly ambassadors make alliances, solicit favors, warn a potential enemy, negotiate...**they don’t go in their own name or for own agenda**

**If Jesus Christ sends you**, you have the authority of Jesus Christ to speak & know the ground you stand on is yours in Christ

Did you know that the U.S. Embassy in Iraq is considered U.S. soil? In fact, all embassies around the world are U.S. soil

2 Cor.5:18-21-“*Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that*

*God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*

*Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”*

If people are going to get the message, it is going to come through you or me – **Too often** we think it is supposed to come from the other guy

We are **to be salt & light in all the earth**...no off-limits – **authorized diplomatic power** purchased by the blood of Christ & sealed by the Holy Spirit

**It is His world** – We are joined to the victory of Christ in the whole earth - **There will be no end to the increase of His government or of His peace**