



# THE GOSPEL *and* CULTURE PREPARED TO ANSWER

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**Sermon Notes**

**Picture Frames and Maps (Worldview/Identity)**  
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1. **PRIORITY** (why it should matter to you)

2. **HISTORY** (the past and the present)

3. **COMPLEXITY** (humility is the best approach)

4. **TRUTH** (how Christian's frame identity)



## QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: What slang terms or phrases are you happy went out of fashion?

1. What practical implications for understanding human behaviour flow out of the prophet Jeremiah's portrayal of the human heart in Jeremiah 17:9? Examine the context as well as Genesis 6:5; Mark 7:18-23; and Romans 1:18-23 for more insights.
2. Matthew 4:15-16 is a quote from Isaiah 9:1-2. How is the world characterized in these verses, what evidence shows this to be true, and what can be done about it [cf. Luke 1:79; John 8:12; and Ephesians 5:7-14]?
3. Two commands are listed in Romans 12:2 - one negative and one positive. What are the commands, how can they be obeyed, and what will be the results according to the latter part of the verse [cf. Ephesians 4:23; Colossians 3:9-10; and 1 Peter 1:13-16]?
4. What difference does it make for a believer to be "in Christ" according to 2 Corinthians 5:17? How does this give you hope in your own personal struggles? How does this influence your witness to the world? Examine the context as well as Romans 6:4; Romans 8:1-2; and Ephesians 4:24 for further clues.
5. The Apostle Paul insisted on the reality of a war being continually waged in the world [2 Corinthians 10:3-6]. What is the nature of the war, who are the combatants, where is it being fought, what are the weapons being wielded, and what is the desired outcome [cf. 1 Samuel 17:45; 2 Corinthians 6:7; and Ephesians 6:10-20]?
6. According to Colossians 2:8, what are believers to beware of? What ideas do you think qualify as spiritually hazardous today [cf. Galatians 4:3; Ephesians 5:6; and Colossians 2:20-23]?
7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday's message?

"Man, in his own wisdom, has developed a vast number of philosophies and theories seeking to explain one's thoughts, words, and actions. In doing so, man has pridefully sought to deny his own sinfulness and has confused any clear definition of God's standards of right and wrong." (John C. Broger)