

MESSAGE OUTLINE

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CHURCH

הקהילה מתקדמת

10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: **Who Stole our Culture?**¹

What Christians Should Know about the Dangers of Marxism: Part 1
Worldview—Part 9

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You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44)

Does your Worldview have:

1. A high view of God and His Word
2. A high view of Humanity
3. A high view of unique and diverse biblical gender – man or woman
4. A high view of biblical marriage
5. A high view of biblical community
6. A high view of sin and our need for a savior – Need to be redeemed
7. A high view of the fact that we are being restored – not just doing but “being” who God made us to be

3 key characteristics to a non-biblical Worldview:

1. The worldview has a low view of the above list
2. The worldview is confusing and critical of traditional values – Redefining words and deconstructing truth - *In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Corinthians 4:4)* – what is interesting to note is that this verse is written to believers – and there is an assumption that Christians are NOT in the group of those who are being blinded...
3. The Worldview is rooted in man's sinful flesh or in the devil's schemes.

Terms defined:

1. **Classical Marxism** or “Vulgar Marxism” refers to the political and economic theories formulated by Karl Marx, German philosopher who lived from 1818 to 1883.
2. **Cultural Marxism** – all of the tenants of classic Marxism, however when Marxism failed economically after WWI a new cultural Marxism has become to take shape – the destruction of the Western culture and the Christian religion (not just all religion as in classical Marxism) Cultural Marxism replaces class with race – class is subject to race.²
 - a. **Example: Critical Theory** - school of thought that stresses the examination and critique of society and culture, drawing from knowledge across the social sciences and philosophy. Example regarding Capitalism: “Advanced Capitalism has been too successful at producing a prosperous, flourishing society and a healthy middle class, with the result being that the working class has lost its revolutionary spirit.” – Herbert Marcuse³
 - b. **Example: Critical Race Theory** – although progressives call CRT a “movement” – in reality it is a theory as well defined by James Lindsay as, “The belief that racism that benefits white people (“white supremacy”) is the fundamental organizing principle of society (and that is bad) – CRT is the central construct for understanding all inequality.”⁴ **Belief:** that racism organizes all of society

¹ Lind, William – Cultural Marxism p.1

² Ibid. 5

³ Ibid 6.

⁴ Ibid.

and is systematic – therefore if racism cannot be ended “within the system”, this system must be disrupted, dismantled and ultimately destroyed and replaced with a new one.⁵

Millions of Americans Embrace Marxist Views about Race, Money & Success (Percentage of US adults who embrace the outlook described)

- Race is used by white people to advance their economic and political interests at the expense of people of color 41%
- Allowing people to own property facilitates economic injustice 27%
- Success is living a healthy and productive life, without economic oppression 18%
- The personal accumulation of money and other forms of wealth is an example of how unfair society can be to those who work hard but do not get ahead 17%⁶
- U.S. adults hold negative views of private property 25%
- U.S. adults believe that allowing people to own property facilitates economic injustice and that individual property ownership is “bad for society” – how this is bad for society is not specified 23%.⁷

1. Property rights are actually ordained by God himself –

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. (Genesis 1:28-29)

And you shall take possession of the land and settle in it, for I have given the land to you to possess it.⁵⁴ You shall inherit the land by lot according to your clans. To a large tribe you shall give a large inheritance, and to a small tribe you shall give a small inheritance. Wherever the lot falls for anyone, that shall be his. According to the tribes of your fathers you shall inherit. (Numbers 33:53 – 54)

“You shall not steal” (Exodus 20:15 – “With this commandment, not only was the principle of individual ownership recognized, but it also thereby regarded criminal all attempts to take that property from a person in a fraudulent way and then regard it as one’s own.

There seems to be a contradiction between Exodus and Numbers? The answer – you fought for your land! It cost you something! This land we live in cost many much –

“And you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor’s house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.” (Deuteronomy 5:21)

2. Income tax - God commands fairness in communities – in all areas –⁸

“For God shows no partiality.” (Romans 2:1)

“A just balance and scales are the LORD’S; all the weights in the bag are his work.” (Proverbs 16:11)

“You shall not pervert the justice due to your poor in his lawsuit”. (Exodus 23:6)

“Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.” (Psalm 106:3)

3. Inheritance – While Marx called for the abolition of all rights of inheritance, the Bible undoubtedly endorses this right.

“A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, but the sinner’s wealth is laid up for the righteous.” (Proverbs 13:22)

“An inheritance gained hastily in the beginning will not be blessed in the end.” (Proverbs 20:21)

The land is tied to spiritual blessing – the culmination is spiritual inheritance that supersedes material inheritance –
And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.³³ I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. (Acts 20:32)

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Source: American Worldview Inventory 2021, Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University; N=2,000

⁷ Barna, George – American World Inventory 2021 – 22 page 30

⁸ The Non- Christian Nature of Marxism - <https://digitalcommons.liberty.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1059&context=hsgconference>

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee^[d] of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it,^[e] to the praise of his glory. (Ephesians 1:11-13)

The Prevalence of Marxist Views on Creation & Humanity (Percentage of US adults who embrace the outlook described)

- Human beings have developed over a long time from less advanced forms of life in a process that occurred naturally, without any supernatural intervention 48%
- Either there is no such thing as God; or a higher power may exist, but nobody really knows for certain; or don't know what to believe about the existence of God or a higher power 34%
- The universe came into existence without any type of divine assistance; it is solely a physical phenomenon 34%
- History is a human narrative, so it may differ from person to person 24%
- Man is a biological machine whose natural goodness is inevitably corrupted by society 23%

Truth and Morality, Marxist Style (Percentage of US adults who embrace the outlook described) Determining moral truth is up to each individual; **there are no moral absolutes that apply to everyone, all the time 54%**

- Objective moral truth does not exist; all moral truth is personal and subjective 42%
- Having sexual relations with someone you love and expect to marry in the future is morally acceptable 68%
- Having an abortion because one's partner has left, and the mother knows she cannot reasonably take care of the child, is morally acceptable 48%
- Telling a falsehood of minor consequence in order to protect personal interests or reputation is morally acceptable 43%
- Regardless of the motivation, suicide and euthanasia are morally acceptable choices 32%

So ... What does this new system of cultural Marxism include and how is this new system anti-biblical?

1. **Low View of God and His Word - No Absolute Truth:** What has been "normal" is now considered oppressive, nontolerant, and needs to be changed by deconstructing the culture and re-building a system that accepts new confusing ideas and practices as normalcy.

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." (Genesis 9:12-17)

Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. (Proverbs 30:5)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, (2 Timothy 3:16)

Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose, I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." (John 18:37)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6) And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 17:17)⁹

Basketball analogy – The rules of the game. All of the rules of the basketball game take place within the presuppositional truth of the court! – IN or OUT of bounds –

A toe out of bounds turns into playing the game out of bounds

⁹ Absolute Truth supports the Word of God - https://www.openbible.info/topics/absolute_truth

2. **Low view of Humanity, Biblical marriage and Biblical Gender – nonbiblical communities replaced with non-biblical communities**

- a. Gay/Lesbian - marriage moves to Natural sexual sin that moves to unnatural sexual sin...

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." God's Wrath on Unrighteousness. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. (Romans 1: 16 – 18)

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God (I Thess. 4:3-5) Therefore, God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. (Romans 1:24-25)

For this reason, God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature;²⁷ and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them. (Romans 1:26-31)

You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. (Leviticus 18:22)

'If a man has sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They are to be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads. (Leviticus 20:13)

Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men (I Corinthians 6:9)

What does Jesus say about marriage and proper relationships with men and women?

And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.⁶ But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'⁷ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife,⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh.⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." (Mark 10:5-9)

For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law.¹⁵ They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them¹⁶ on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus (Romans 2:14 – 16)

The Rules of the Game are written on our heart – God's Word is Written on Man's heart.

They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.) (Romans 2:15)

The moral law is written on our hearts, conscience and thoughts

1. Hearts – our minds – the law (the truth of things) is written on our hearts.

"The Lord hath not given thee a heart to understand;" (Deuteronomy 29:4)

"O foolish men, and slow in heart to believe." (Luke 24:25)

2. Conscience – This word properly means the judgment of the mind respecting right and wrong; or the judgment which the mind passes on the morality or immorality of its own actions, when it instantly approves or condemns them.¹⁰

¹⁰ Barnes Notes on the Bible

The apostle's argument, does not require him to say that conscience revealed any truth, or any knowledge of duty, to the Gentiles, but that its actual exercise proved that they had a knowledge of the Law of God. Thus, it was a witness simply of that fact.

3. Thoughts - The word "thoughts" (λογισμῶν logismōn) means properly reasonings, or opinions, sentiments, etc. Its meaning here may be expressed by the word "reflections." Their reflections on their own conduct would be attended with pain or pleasure. It differs from conscience, inasmuch as the decisions of conscience are instantaneous, and without any process of reasoning. This supposes subsequent reflection, and it means that such reflections would only deepen and confirm the decisions of conscience.¹¹

If God's Word is written on man's heart and he is without excuse, why do we try to play God's game out of the bounds of His rules? What happens to us when we choose to play against what we know to be true and right? What are the consequences for rejecting what God has told us is Truth? What is infiltrating our culture today claiming to be the new "norm" that we must be aware of?

Are you rejecting God's rulebook of truth that is written on your heart and in His Word?

Do you hold your beliefs up to the God of the Bible and His clear Word?

Are you settling to not only allow those around you to have a low view of God, His Word, mankind, biblical marriage and gender, sin, and Jesus BUT ALSO are you rejecting the key components of a biblical worldview due to your fear of man or rejection of truth?

Are you training your children to not only stay in the boundaries of their physical sport but also the boundaries of God's spiritual rules for your best life?



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¹¹ Ibid

ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, October 16, 2022

1. MOSHE & BATEL LOEWENTHAL, ONE MIDDLE EAST AGENCY NOVEMBER 15th 7:00PM— Join us for dinner as we cast our vision and raise support for One Middle East Agency and their work in Israel. Seating is limited, so please text or email your reservations to Pastor Gary (317-513-0227 or gary@garystump.org).

2. PAL (“PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES”) MEETING—This is for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. Every Tuesday night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free weekly meetings. Dr. Nancy Smith, facilitator. For more information, contact nancy1108smith@gmail.com or 317-508-8149.

3. YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY NIGHT 6-8PM—Come for food (yes, dinner is served), fun and fellowship. We'll be starting a new series *Stranger Scriptures*.

4. LADIES BIBLE STUDY—Wednesdays @ 9:30AM at Kathy Stump's house (12928 Whitehaven Lane, Fishers). Studying the book of 1 Peter using Jen Wilkin's guide.

5. SERVERS NEEDED—Our new facility comes with needs for more workers to serve the Lord by serving one another. Areas of particular need:

- **Host Team**—greet our members and guests with a smile and hospitality (see Kathleen Hodnett (khodnett1207@gmail.com))
- **Nursery**—serve our youngest with loving care (see Kathy Stump 317-292-7632).
- **Worship Team**—use your gifts and talents to serve the Lord (see Marc Aldarondo 317-629-5326).

6. ONWARD PRAYER RESPONSE CARD ONLINE—To make it easier for some, you can scan this QR code in order to complete your Prayer Response Card.



7. DONATE BIBLES in memory of or in honor of loved ones through the Gideons. See the display on the table in the worship area.