

Thinking Like A Christian

These 11 weeks have been long and tough, but that did not stop me from getting my eyes opened to a new worldview. Thinking Like A Christian has taught me even when I think God is not with me all I have to do is pray and He will help me through anything in life. I have also learned that even throughout history He has helped a lot of people through rough times, like Job. Job had everything, then God took everything to see if he would stay loyal just to prove the devil wrong. After suffering all the devil forced upon him, Job stayed loyal and was given everything back plus more. The very first set of rules ever made were made by God and He gave them to Moses for the Hebrews to follow. The rules today are a reflection of the commandments given to Moses. I've also learned that through the Christian worldview He has a plan for me, and with every door that closes a new one opens. Through this study I have learned that even politics needs the Lord. This study has changed my worldview through all of the ways He has been involved since the creation of the Earth and time. God is the creator of the universe. God's reality can be considered like a watch because everything He has placed on the Earth has to be in unison for the world to work perfectly like He had planned it to.

God has at least three characteristics: a ruler, He is righteous, and He is also relational. His righteousness can be seen through Proverbs 5: 21-23, "For a man's ways are before the Lord's eyes, and He considers all his paths. A wicked man's iniquities entrap him; he is entangled in the ropes of his own sin. When there is no instruction, he will die and be lost through his great stupidity." God has given me this opportunity to open my eyes to a Christian worldview. He has shown me that in theory throughout history His work has been involved. Since the beginning of time, God has been involved in changing people's perspectives of life and helping guide them through their lives.

From readings in the Bible there is talk about a reality apart from the natural world we live in now called the supernatural world. But people run into a problem now, Naturalists are the people who believe the real world is the one true reality. Both the supernatural and the natural world make up the reality that we are known to live in. Then, there is another problem; Who created the reality? Some assume God did; others assume science did because God is considered to be a “blind” faith. He is more than that though. God is more than just a faith. He is real and reasonable. The best way to learn about God’s ways is to read the Bible and follow his moral standards he has placed. The Bible might seem like it would end up being a jumbled mess with so many people with different stories, centuries apart, but it is actually a unified well written story. The Bible is a very reliable source from the eye witnesses of the people and the words of God himself.

Now an even bigger question, Evolved or Designed? This was an important week to me because the big talk around campus was “Did we evolve or were we created into this world?” My question was “Why was I put here in the first place? What is His purpose for me?” Darwin’s version of evolution states God had nothing to do with it. Which meant that nature did not need His help to bring the first life to Earth along with every species of plant other animals. Evolution also describes mankind as being the highest form of life. That week’s study helped me believe that we were designed to evolve by the Creator.

A person's psychological aspect is their understanding of religion. It’s how we live on the inside, or spiritually. According to the biblical view, we are made up of two parts: Physical; which is bones, blood, and skin, and Spiritual, a special unique personality. The better our spiritual side is; the better off we will be in the afterlife. So if a person keeps sinning and not asking for forgiveness, they can expect God to give them a bad judgement on judgement day.

God's morals were the first definition of "right" and "wrong." The ten commandments are His basic morals he created for the Hebrew people of Moses time. Some did not follow His morals, so He got angry with them and banned them from the promised land. Some people in today's world may have different morals than my morals. For instance, I say " yes ma'am, no ma'am, yes sir, and no sir" whereas my friend who lives in Jersey has a different view because it seems rude because "we are assuming someone's age," but I was taught it is the polite thing to do. All in all as long as you are following God's basic morals in your own morals He will be pleased.

Even politics in today's world needs Christian views dispersed through it. The first of order is God himself. He is an orderly ruler; he does everything in an orderly manner. Like how He gave Moses the commandments for His people to follow. Our government is a reflection of God's character. There are three main branches of government: Judicial, Legislative, and Executive, but there is a fourth one; the people of the United States. Our role is to elect Godly leaders who are going to work for the best of the people to help them excel.

Through this study I have learned that God is a part of all things in this world. He is going to guide us for the best life, but will we follow His guidance is the question we must ask ourselves. And the setbacks we have in life are by His design, He is setting us up for an even bigger leap of faith; projecting us to even bigger things. I in fact learned and saw it first hand. During my sophomore year, I did not get much playing time on the football field. Junior year rolled around and I played j.v. games but was not good enough to start varsity. J.v. ended so I was stuck being a practice dummy for varsity, so I went all out and made the varsity guys work even more during practice. I was ready for spring ball that year but the closer we got to it the worse the world got; COVID happened and took the second half of my junior year away. I

prayed to God asking for his help and allowing us to have a school year and a football season. Finally, after six long months of not being able to do anything, we were able to get back to work. I rolled into practice, got told I was being moved to the defensive side of the ball. I thought to myself why would they do that, I'm much better on the offensive side. Anyways the season rolls on I get quarantined a couple of times because of people in class. By the last two weeks of the eight week season we thought we were done because someone on the team ended up getting COVID. I prayed to him again asking for him to give us one last game opportunity, and we got it. We got the game, and had the ending of the season we wanted to send us seniors out on a high note. Now, I had gathered enough film time of games to send to college coaches. Me being a nobody in high school, I thought to myself who in their right mind is going to pick a kid who only started varsity their senior year. Well turns out there were a lot of coaches who wanted me to come play for them... through it all I praised God for blessing me with the opportunities he has given me this year. And I'm truly blessed to have the opportunity to come to Louisiana College for academics and to play football.