



WELCOME TO

WORLDVIEW WEEKEND

ALL THE NATIONS
WILL BE BLESSED
GALATIANS 3:8

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Laying the Foundations of Christian Worldview

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Text: Jeremiah 6:16 (*Pew Bible p.759*)

“Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”

I. The Problem: Shallow Christianity in a Shaken Culture

- Recent research shows evangelicals affirm core beliefs but struggle to apply them.
- Results: privatized faith, cultural irrelevance, and moral confusion.
- The Church has forgotten the “ancient paths” and lost sight of the larger biblical story.

II. The True Story of the World: Four Movements

1. Creation – God’s good design and our purpose.
2. Fall – Sin’s corruption of all creation.
3. Redemption – Christ’s saving work and reign.
4. Restoration – God’s plan to renew all things.

III. Creation: Our Purpose in God’s World

- Creation is good—salvation is not escape but redemption.
- Humanity’s calling: steward, cultivate, and create (“the cultural mandate”).
- We are co-regents under Christ, shaping families, culture, work, and society.
- Redemption restores us to this calling: to be culture-makers for God’s glory.

IV. Redemption: The Gospel of the Kingdom

- The gospel is not just about “personal salvation” but the reign of Christ.
- Jesus proclaims: “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
- The Church (ecclesia) = God’s called-out people, pressing His kingdom into the world.
- To confess Christ as Savior while denying His lordship in public life is a contradiction.
- The Great Commission is the cultural mandate applied in a fallen world:
 - Proclaim the gospel.
 - Disciple the nations.
 - Teach obedience to Christ.

V. Restoration: Where History Is Headed

- Our hope is not escape to heaven, but resurrection life on a renewed earth.
- Jesus’ resurrection = the beginning of new creation.
- At the end, what God did for Jesus He will do for His people—bodily resurrection in a restored world.
- Revelation 21: God will dwell with His people in a reconstituted creation—our true home.

VI. The Call: Recovering a Christian Worldview

- Without the full biblical story, we lack wisdom for life and culture.
- A privatized gospel leaves us powerless and irrelevant.
- An escapist view robs us of our mission to love our neighbors and redeem culture.
- Christ invites us into His story—His kingdom—His renewal of all things.