

Competing Worldviews Influence Today's Christians

Research Releases in Culture and Media

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We live in a world of competing ideas and worldviews. In an increasingly globalized and interconnected world, Christians are more aware of (and influenced by) disparate views than ever. But just how much have other worldviews crept into Christians' perspectives? Barna's research shows that only 17 percent of Christians who consider their faith important and attend church regularly actually have a biblical worldview¹. So, if Christians are open to nonbiblical perspectives, what *are* they believing?

Barna defines "biblical worldview" as believing that absolute moral truth exists; the Bible is totally accurate in all of the principles it teaches; Satan is considered to be a real being or force, not merely symbolic; a person cannot earn their way into Heaven by trying to be good or do good works; Jesus Christ lived a sinless life on earth; and God is the all-knowing, all-powerful creator of the world who still rules the universe today.

Can someone be a true Christian and not have a biblical world view?

GO THROUGH EACH ITEM OF THE DEFINITION ABOVE TO SEE IF A CHRISTIAN CAN HAVE THIS VIEW

If not, why not?

A BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN IS SOMEONE WHO HAS EMBRACED THE ABOVE TRUTHS AS PART OF COMING TO GOD WITH HUMBLE SAVING FAITH

If so, why? and What should happen to their views if they are shown that the Bible conflicts with how they think?

IF NOT DISCIPLED INTO TRUTH – THEY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY EMBRACE THE TRUTH ONCE THEY REALIZE THAT TRUTH COMES FROM THE GOD THEY SAY THEY SERVE

Compare to following news item posted today:

Only 37 Percent Of Evangelical Christians Believe That Going To A Strip Club Without Your Spouse Is Cheating

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By Michael Snyder

<http://themostimportantnews.com/archives/only-37-percent-of-evangelical-christians-believe-that-going-to-a-strip-club-without-your-spouse-is-cheating>

If a husband goes to a strip club without his wife and spends hours watching other women dance around naked, would that be considered cheating? Of course the answer is yes, but I was astounded when I came across [a recent survey](#) that found that only 37

percent of evangelical Christians agree with me. Perhaps even more shocking is the fact that the [same survey](#) found that only 31 percent of evangelical Christians believe that “watching pornography without your partner” is cheating. Numbers like these make me wonder exactly what is being taught in our churches these days.

ARE THESE MEN TRUE BELIEVERS IN THE BIBLICAL JESUS?

WHAT SHOULD THEY DO IF CONFRONTED WITH THE FOLLOWING VERSES

Matt 5:27 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. NKJV

In partnership with Summit Ministries, Barna conducted a study among practicing Christians in America to gauge how much the tenets of other key worldviews—including new spirituality, secularism, postmodernism and Marxism—have influenced Christians' beliefs about the way the world is and how it ought to be.

Barna's new research found strong agreement with ideas unique to nonbiblical worldviews among practicing Christians.

Barna definition of practicing Christians –

Those who go to church at least monthly and consider their faith very important in their life. This survey of “practicing Christians” included 1,456 web-based surveys conducted among a representative sample of adults over the age of 18 in each of the 50 United States. The survey was conducted in March 2017.