

Retreat: How Shall we Then Live

This weekend we are going to study the history of the western world since the Roman Empire. We want you to see history from the Christian perspective - to be able to evaluate ^aart, ^bmusic, ^cphilosophy, ^dreligion, ^epolitics & ^fscience Christianly - with God's values - & His Viewpoint.

If you ask why study history? You need to realize that every person is affected by history - your entire lifestyle is conditioned by history - your thinking, your ancestry - brought you here

But even more significant than western history is the history of man

Man was created in the "image of God" - he chose against God - there occurred the FALL - ever since then man's history has been inter-twined with the World System - a kingdom in opposition to God

The Bible calls this system the KOSMOS which means a "harmonious order" (Jo. 12:31)

It's important to realize that there is a MIND behind the KOSMOS - the Mind is called "Ruler of this world", "world forces of darkness",

It is run by the "power of the Evil One" (I Jo. 5:19) who is the "God of this world" (II Cor 4:4) and the "ruler of the kingdoms" (Lu. 4:4)

He is **Satan**

Robert: How does it look like

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Christian perspective

- 1. History
- 2. Philosophy
- 3. Religion
- 4. Literature

God's values - a this viewpoint? If you ask what's the history?

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How much to realize that person is in control by history - your values lifestyle in control by history - your thoughts - brought you

But even more significant than history is the history of the world - there is a story of the world - there is a story of the world

man

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FALL

the story of the world - there is a story of the world - there is a story of the world - there is a story of the world

kosmos

It is important to realize that there is a kosmos behind the kosmos - the mind is called kosmos

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⑤ "as a man thinketh so he is" Prov.

Philosophy + religion - a man's world-view shape his values - his art - music - writing lifestyle + ultimately politics

Since the KOSMOS - the world system is run by satan there is always tension as God's people mediate his kingdom on the same planet as the KOSMOS

Jesus said we are to be 'lights' + 'salt' in the world + we will be discussing how to be lights as these films progress.

After each ~~film~~ film there will be a short discussion + questions

Write down ^{comments or} any questions you have and we will discuss them.

Schedule

Thri. nite 2 films

Sat. morn: 3 films

9:30

Sat. eve 3 films

7:00

Sun morn

10:00 2 films

"The ... of ..."

values

KOSMOS

atoms

Tension

as the KOSMOS

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Episode 1 - The Roman Age

Christians were killed because they were Rebels against worshipping Caesar & the gross values of their culture

Christians were opposed to syncretism

(i.e.) combining & watering down religious beliefs & violating God's values i.e. family, sexual, violence

Reason: Christians had a universal standard by which to judge - they were able to stand because they had a personal relationship with God & they studied His Word

1. Wrong thinking leads to decadence

(Rom. 1:18-25, Eph. 4:17-19)

2. God is the only reference point to give meaning to life

(a) false gods are man's creation & useless
(Ps. 115:1-8, Isa. 44:6-20)

(b) God ~~is~~ ^{strengthens} one who honors Him
(Elijah vs Bael I Ki. 18, early church ^{martyrs})

Their courage & testimony brought many to Christ

3. God's truth is the only adequate base
= absolutes - for

(a) Society

(b) individual

Today many gods vs the truth is what makes people mad - all ways lead to God - pluralism

Christians were hated because they were
rebels i.e. against the emperor
the great enemies of the state

Christians were opposed to syncretism
i.e. combining & watering
God's values

Reason: standards
relationship
M.O.S. @
His Word @

1 deceitful

2 only references

3 God's truth
The courage to testify
is the only adequate basis

What many people do is that they
try to find a way to God - by