



*Antioch*  
Fairfax Station, VA

# The Man In The Mirror

Solving the 24 Problems Men Face

Part1 Chapter 3 “BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN OR  
CULTURAL CHRISTIAN?”

Antioch Baptist Church Men’s Forum

From The Lounge Room

Saturday April 24, 2021

8-9:30 a.m.

ZOOM Teleconference



# Agenda

- **Welcome/Prayer**
- **Praise in Song**
- **Objectives**
- **Session Introduction**
  - **Defining the Difference**
  - **Defining the Problem**
  - **3 Improper Values**
  - **Frogs In the Water**
  - **Your Resumes/Biography**
  - **Tips for Becoming a Biblical Christian**
- **Special Announcements**
- **Closing Remarks**
- **Adjournment**

# Objectives

- Define the difference between the two types of Christians
- Determine what is the problem
- Discuss three Improper Values.
- Discuss the Biblical and Cultural Resume/Biography
- Discuss reshaping our values and beliefs so we can be biblical Christians

# Session Introduction

In this session we will discuss the difference between the Biblical Christian and the Cultural Christian. We will discuss strategies for becoming the Biblical Christian

# *What is the Difference?*

- **A Biblical Christian is a person who trusts in Christ, and Christ alone, for his salvation. As a result of his saving faith he desires to be obedient to God's principles out of the overflow of a grateful heart (see Rom. 1:5). Obedience doesn't save us; faith does. This explains why some men can be cultural Christians—they have a saving faith, but they have not obediently made Christ Lord over all their lives. They have not allowed the Holy Spirit to empower them.**
- **Cultural Christianity means pursuing the God we want instead of the God who is. It is the tendency to be shallow in our understanding of God, wanting Him to be more of a gentle-grandfather type who spoils us and lets us have our own way. It is sensing a need for God, but on our own terms. It is wanting the God we have underlined in our Bibles without wanting the rest of Him too. It is God relative instead of God absolute.**

# *The Problem*

- **A whole new generation of Christians has come up believing that it is possible to “accept” Christ without forsaking the world**
- **A century of consumerism and media influence has caused a basic shift in values. Overall, we live in a culture dominated by the secular worldview. The real problem we have is that it’s not just happening to others — it’s happening to you too**

# *3 Improverished Values*

- **Personal peace** means just to be let alone, not to be troubled by the troubles of other people, whether across the world or across the city — to live one's life with minimal possibilities of being personally disturbed. Personal peace means wanting to have my personal life pattern undisturbed in my lifetime, regardless of what the result will be in the lifetimes of my children and grandchildren..
- **Affluence** means an overwhelming and ever-increasing prosperity — a life made up of things, things, and more things — a success judged by an ever-higher level of material abundance
- **Cultural Christianity** means pursuing the God we want instead of the God who is.

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- **Are you more financially successful than your parents? Is the quality of your personal life more successful than your parents? Why or why not?**
- **Would you define your parents to be Biblical or Cultural Christians? Why or why not?**

# *Frogs in Hot Water*

- **Malcolm Muggeridge told the story about how to cook a frog. If you take a pot of boiling water and toss a frog in, the frog will immediately feel the heat and leap out of the pot. But if you start with a pot of cold water, put the frog in it, and slowly turn up the heat, the frog won't notice the change in temperature and won't leap out — he'll be cooked. Like an unsuspecting frog in a cold pot, our values have been slowly “cooked” over the past few decades.**
- **Why don't we scream our lungs out over abortion on demand, illegal drugs, the federal deficit, racial injustice, redefining of the family, and corruption? We don't jump up and down because over a period of years, like the unsuspecting frog that didn't notice the changing temperature, many of our values have gradually eroded — been “cooked” — and many of us have become cultural Christians.**
- **Many of us have bought into our modern culture lock, stock, and barrel. Too often our values and beliefs reflect the bankrupt values of a shallow, hurting society. Instead of offering hope to a weary world, they look at us and think, “Well, I just don't see how Christ has made that much difference in your life. If that's what it means to be a Christian, then I'll just stay where I am.”**

# *What's in your Resume/Biography?*

- A biography tells a story about you, whereas a resume gives “just the facts.” A bio is a promotional document; a resume is used when applying for a job. Both describe your background, but purpose, level of detail and presentation are different.
- Many Christians have a difficult time drafting a resume or biography relating to their Christian experience
- The level of detail found in a Christian's Resume/Biography is vastly different from the detail found in their cultural/worldly Resume/Biography

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- **Do you have a Christian Resume/Bio? If yes describes its content? If no, why don't you have one?**

# *How do you become a Biblical Christian?*

- **The man in the mirror will never change until he is willing to see himself as he really is and to commit to know God as He really is. This objectivity anchors a man; it gives him the clarity of thought he needs to be a biblical Christian.**
- **Many Christian men have adopted the three impoverished values of our time: personal peace, affluence, and cultural Christianity. They become number one in their own lives. The biblical Christian puts his relationship with Jesus at the top of the list. He strives to “seek first his kingdom and his righteousness . . .” (Matthew 6:33). Obedience is the trademark of a biblical Christian. That is how we demonstrate our love to God and truth to a weary culture.**

# *Upcoming Events*

- **4-5 May Virtual Entrepreneurship III Conf**
- **6 May Virtual National Day of Prayer Program**
- **22 May World Vision Virtual 6k for water**
- **29 May Men's Forum ZOOM Teleconference**



# Next Meeting

**May 29, 2021**

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# *Thanks For Your Support!*

- **Continue to pray for the World as we prayerfully battle the COVID-19 Pandemic**
- **Looking forward to our next Teleconference forum on **29 May 2021****
- **Continue to maintain contact with your forum brothers**
- **Invite A Brother to Join Us!!!!**
- **\*Check ABC Homepage for Updates**



# Attendance Email

**We prayerfully request all brothers attending this mornings forum to please send me an email to identify yourself as an attendee. We don't have a sign up roster as we do when we meet onsite and we would like to know who's Zooming with us and to acknowledge our guest. A simple Email with your name in the email title is good. Sample: " It's me Bro Eli Hobbs". You can add more to your email but this is the minimum requested.**

**Email me at [ktarrant@antioch-church.org](mailto:ktarrant@antioch-church.org)**

**Thanks in Advance!**