

BIBLICAL “MYTH BUSTERS”

“... I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints” (Jude 3)

“...if you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (Jesus – John 8:31-32).

Myth (false teaching): There are multiple paths to eternal life (heaven) – Jesus is just one way.

Biblical Truth: Jesus is the only way of salvation!

Key Scriptures: John 14:1-6; Acts 4:12; I Tim 2:5-6. Also, there are numerous scriptures (and evidence outside of the bible) that supports the uniqueness of Jesus (refer also to writings of Lee Strobel and Josh McDowell and Wes’s handout on supporting evidence).

Myth: Reincarnation is a reality.

Myth: There is a second chance after you die.

Biblical Truth: There is NO reincarnation and there is NO second chance after you die!

Key Scriptures: Hebrews 9:27-28; II Cor 5:8-10
Luke 23:32, 39-43; Luke 16:19-31
Gen 3:19

Myth: All will be saved (“universalism”).

Myth: Sincere non-Christians will get to Heaven.

Biblical Truth: Only some will be saved – those that have believed in and received Jesus as Savior!

Key Scriptures: Rev 20:11-15; I Tim 2:5-6; Mat 7:13-14; Prov 14:12

All have a chance: Rom 1:18-25, 2:1-16; Ps 19:1-4, 50:6, ch 89

God is a fair and righteous judge: Acts 17:31; I Pet 2:22-23; Ps 9:4, 8, 7:11

Myth: Man's wisdom (e.g. philosophy, interpretation of science, etc.) is the standard by which everything is judged – including “religious/spiritual” things.

Biblical Truth: Worldly “wisdom” is foolishness in God's sight; the Bible is the true measure of truth and judgement.

Key Scriptures: I Cor 1:18-25, 3:18-20; Col 2:8
Psalms 119 (e.g. verses 89, 138, 142, 144, 160)
Mat 5:18; I Pet 1:23-25; Heb 4:12-13; II Tim 3:16-17

Myth: Acquisition of wealth is the key to happiness and the top indicator of success.

Biblical truth: Excessive pursuit of wealth is harmful and empty. Loving relationships with God and people, and making a positive difference in the world are the keys to true joy and success.

Key Scriptures: I Tim 6:6-10, 17-19; Luke 12: 13-21; Book of Ecclesiastes; Mat 22:34-40

Myth: God's grace gives Christians a “license to sin”.

Biblical truth: Intentionally sinning as a Christian is an abuse of God's grace, is not consistent with who we are, and is dangerous.

Key scriptures: Jude 3-4; Romans 6:1-14; II Cor 5:17; Gal 5:24-25; Mat 7:15-23

Myth: We should “hate” our enemies.

Biblical truth: Christians should love our enemies and do good to those who hate us.

Key scriptures: Luke 6:27-36, 10:25-37

Myth: All the suffering & evil in the world proves there is no God (or that God is either not all-loving or He's not all-powerful).

Biblical truth:

- God created the world good, without suffering and evil.
- God is not the source of suffering and evil.
- Suffering and evil can sometimes open people up to seeking and finding spiritual truth and salvation.
- All suffering and evil is temporary, and someday there will be eternal justice. Nobody will get away with doing evil or causing others to suffer. Either they will pay the penalty or Jesus will have paid the penalty.
- Believers will live eternally on a new earth and new heaven with zero suffering and evil.
- All non-believers will be eternally separated from God and will bear the consequences of all the evil/sins they have done.

Key scriptures: I Tim 4:4; Gen 1:31; Ps 14:2-3; Rom 8:18; Rev chs 20, 21 & 22; Is 65:17-19, 66:22; 2 Pet 3:13