

A Biblical Worldview of the Impact of the Sexual Revolution on Modern Society

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Abstract

The destruction of traditional family values is evident in the rise of alternative communities and the prioritization of feelings over facts. With the decline of Biblical teachings, societal norms shifted away from Biblical principles, leading to uncertainty and confusion. The loss of frequent Christian influence in our society allowed for the acceptance, and even encouragement, of non-Biblical lifestyles like same-sex marriage and transgenderism. To combat this, fostering strong family connections rooted in Biblical principles is crucial. It is the parents' responsibility to protect their family by educating their children on Biblical identity and instilling moral values that are necessary to counter the influence of postmodernism. The resurgence of the traditional family, in unity with the Christian community, can provide clarity in an uncertain world.

It's one thing for someone to do something evil and admit that it's evil and be shamed by society for the evil, but it's another thing for him to insist that the evil thing is actually good and then society to agree and throw him a parade celebrating it" (Walsh, "The Sexual Revolution"). Matt Walsh perfectly summarizes the current dangers resulting from the lifestyles promoted by the Sexual Revolution of the 1960s, summarizing how those lifestyles are not only evil, but have quickly become a focus of modern society. The God-created family is being torn apart, people are uniting under a sense of victimhood and creating "make believe" communities, and others are conforming to their feelings and placing feelings above facts. In actuality, society should be focused on the evil that has resulted from the Sexual Revolution and how to turn away from it. Instead of celebrating alternative lifestyles in the name of "progress," culture needs to turn back to its values and morals based on Christianity. The Bible needs to be the source of foundation and rhetoric in American society, rather than a world that constantly pushes a false agenda. Due to the decline of Biblical teaching in America, the Sexual Revolution of the 1960s led to a negative impact on modern society, which includes the breakdown of the Christian standard of the family, the rise of the LGBTQ+ community, and a postmodernist mentality. Therefore, gaining a strong, Biblically based foundation begins with the family in which the parents are to correctly teach their children what the Gospel says about identity and families.

Biblical Introduction

Ephesians 5:5 says, "For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God" (English Standard Version). In Ephesians 5, Paul discusses and criticizes the sins of those in the church of Ephesus. He clearly explains that sexual impurity and immorality "must not even be named among you" (Ephesians 5:5 ESV). According to the Bible, sexual immorality is defined as adultery (Hebrews 13:14 ESV), sexual misconduct such as incest (Leviticus 18:16 ESV) and rape (Deuteronomy 22:28-29 ESV), sexual relationships outside of marriage, and lust because it is just

as sinful as the actual act of adultery (Matthew 5:28 ESV). However, as a result of the Sexual Revolution, sexual impurity has become the norm in contemporary culture. Society today is obsessed with what Paul refers to as sexual impurity. The Sexual Revolutionists, past and present, have a goal of promoting lifestyles and encouraging evil acts that Paul clearly describes as immoral. The revolutionists believe, and want others to believe, that engaging in these activities is freeing and liberating. Despite society's celebration of these evil acts, society ironically cannot "survive" because reinforcement of the spousal relationship and biological reproduction is no longer the intended result of sexual intercourse. Galatians 5:19-21 says, "Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity... I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God" (ESV). Most modern Americans do not understand that this lifestyle leads to insatiable emptiness, and it is our responsibility, as Christians, to encourage them and pray for them. By being grounded in the Word, one can protect himself or herself, along with others, by being the light in a world of chaos and darkness.

General Background

The Sexual Revolution of the 1960s was a social movement in America that challenged traditional lifestyles and choices related to sexuality and relationships. It was influenced by psychologists and scientists such as Alfred Kinsey (Trueman, *Strange New World* 105) and Wilhem Reich (80), along with others who believed in gay rights and those involved in women's rights movements. Prior to the Sexual Revolution, Biblical teachings were an accepted part of American culture, and Christian morals were an assumed part of society. Most Americans attended church weekly, and their day revolved around worship, Sunday school, and time with family. Businesses were not open on Sundays in observance of the Sabbath. In the 18th, 19th, and even early 20th centuries, it was common practice for public schools to open with an oral prayer or Bible reading. The Bible was a source of moral and ethical guidance, providing students with valuable lessons on compassion, kindness, and empathy. Because the Bible has played a crucial role in shaping Western culture, literature, and art, teaching it in schools was considered a way to impart cultural

and historical knowledge to students. However, as the United States became more religiously diverse, the teaching of the Bible in public schools came under scrutiny. Different religious groups expressed concerns about favoring one religion over others. People continued to call for the further removal of religious practices from public education. This dissension culminated in the 1962 Supreme Court case of *Engel v. Vitale*, which ruled against prayer in schools. The loss of Biblical teachings in schools then made its way into all areas of life, leaving people without a solid foundation to fall back on.

The current state of public education goes way beyond the loss of Biblical teaching. With the addition of sexual education as part of the curriculum, the curriculum provides education and resources, allowing schools to promote an LGBTQ+ agenda. Children attending these schools are being infiltrated with incorrect messages and therefore rely on these messages as their source of truth. If they hear opposite “truths” from their parents and from their schools, there is no source of stability, which could ultimately lead to a postmodernist mentality.

Surprisingly, some churches have also fallen away from teaching Biblical truth. Pastors and leaders in the church may take the eisegesis approach to scripture, which means the interpreter injects his own ideas into the text, making it mean whatever he wants (Got Questions Ministries). This approach is dangerous, but churches are likely doing it in order to gain and maintain membership. In an attempt to not offend anyone or avoid confrontational subject matter, the church does not speak what it knows to be true in fear of offending others and potentially losing those members of the church. The church has also “fallen into” the narrative and justifies its behavior as “love and acceptance.” Even Christians could be confused, especially when a church or pastor claims its messages are rooted in Biblical truth. For example, The Reformation Project, an organization aiming to advance LGBTQ inclusion in the church, states it is “compelled by our love for God, the Bible, and the church,” and “... envision[s] a global church that honors Scripture and fully affirms LGBTQ people” (Reformation Project). The danger here is that a person who is not fully rooted in the Word could easily “fall for” this narrative and use Scripture to justify their own or someone else’s alternative lifestyle. The long-term

effects of the loss of Biblical teachings or the increasing reliance on loose interpretations of the Bible are that many people do not have a stable source of foundation and moral compass, which ultimately leads to confusion. When one does not have strong beliefs regarding the subject of sexual immorality or alternative lifestyles, they will accept any idea as true.

Terminology

The Sexual Revolution and its effects can be referred to by a variety of labels. In order to understand fully the context of the full history of the Sexual Revolution through the current state of culture today, one must first understand the terms surrounding it.

The Sexual Revolution

“Moral principles we once thought were clear and evident absolutes in our culture-based on Judeo-Christian beliefs-have one by one been rejected” (Elliot 7). The Sexual Revolution was a point in our history that has redefined many norms, and some will never return to where they were. Past extremes are now normal, commonly accepted, and even promoted. American society used to think that two sexual orientations with opposites getting married was the only way, but the Sexual Revolution has changed that (7).

LGBTQ+

LGBTQ+ is a commonly used term and one that we hear often today. It is a collection of letters to represent different identities within the community of “alternative lifestyles.” These letters stand for: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer. The ‘+’ indicates that more identities are included and that the collection of terms is evolving and changing. This term started as LGB in the 1990s, when lesbians and gays came together out of a shared sense of victimhood and began the gay movement (Trueman, *Strange New World* 130).

Activism

The term “activism” can be used both within and outside of the context of the Sexual Revolution. Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary defines activism as “a doctrine or practice that emphasizes direct vigorous action especially in support of or opposition to one side of a controversial topic.” Candace Owens explains the convenience of activism in today’s society. With the click of a button, we can

share with the world what we believe, and in a matter of seconds, hundreds, or even thousands of people can see it and share their view. "It's here today, but it'll be gone tomorrow. Welcome to this generation of activism" (TEDxTalks, "The Truth"). The convenience of activism, due to technology, has allowed our society to experience a level of detachment. Candace Owens states that, "Activism [once] meant being arrested, activism [once] meant maybe being killed. So they had to care deeply, beyond the concept of a trending hashtag, to voice their outrage." She perfectly explains the evolution of activism and how it used to require a physical presence but now requires one second to look on the internet. For example, during the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement, many people chose to place black flags in their "bio" on Instagram, showing their support of the movement. However, most likely, the majority of those people only did this as part of a trend and likely had no idea what they were actually claiming to support. The same is true for many trends relating to activism, especially in regards to the LGBTQ+ movement.

Empowerment

Another term that can be used to identify the Sexual Revolution is empowerment. Merriam-Webster defines empowerment as, "to promote the self-actualization or influence of." A main goal of the Sexual Revolution and feminism movements was to empower women to take over the roles of men and vice versa. For example, some men are choosing to participate in women's sports to feel "empowered;" sadly, activism, as mentioned previously, is the reason many people advocate for and applaud empowerment efforts.

Victimhood

Another important term that relates to the results of the Sexual Revolution is the term "victimhood." Those who feel they are victims believe that the "majority groups" are exerting oppression over them. Everyone in the LGBTQ+ community feels as if they are the victim and anyone who does not subscribe to their narrative is considered hateful. If two people disagree, the person in the LGBTQ+ community, or any other "minority group," automatically feels as if they are being victimized; according to their community, the opposite is never true. Minority communities look outwardly to those around them to see who they can blame when they have a problem. "If I'm black, it's

because of white people. If I'm skinny, it's because of fat people. If I'm fat, it's because of skinny people. If I'm a liberal, it's because of conservatives. If I'm poor it's because of wealthy people" (Owens, "The Victimhood"). This is the way liberals are taught to process information and any sort of problem that is going on in their lives. They look at others' lives and if it is different than their own, they trick themselves into this lie of victimhood (Owens, "The Victimhood").

Sex vs. Gender

Lastly, the terms "sex" and "gender" are often used and described as having different definitions. There is a false narrative that these two terms are separate, different things. "The radicals now insist that any individual can reconstruct his or her own personal gender identity. The sex of the body is not a reality that each person must accept as a given of their lives" (Morse 275). What was once a simple, biological concept has been turned into a lie. There is literally no difference between sex and gender. The sex you are assigned at birth, based on biology, is your gender, and will forever be your gender. Modern society claims that one can "change your gender" based on feelings, completely disregarding biology. It views gender roles as a social construct, which is how some people justify the idea of inner feelings dictating how they want to present themselves outwardly. As Christians, we know that God created the male and female roles, not society. Genesis 1:27 states, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female he created them" (ESV). Carl Trueman defines the term "selfhood" as the rejection of human nature as having a moral structure and the related belief that moral codes are inherently oppressive (*Strange New World* 52).

Postmodernism

Postmodernists deny any objectivity regarding human nature. They believe that reality is based on the only thing we can know, which is words. However, according to postmodernists, words can fluctuate in meaning, depending on one's feelings (Elliott 70-73). Power is a main driving force in the life of postmodernists. They are looking for ways to gain the most power and recognition and therefore have fluctuating views, beliefs, and lifestyles. In a postmodernist lifestyle, there is no source of authority to comply with; the only reason for one

person to be above another is by power. Therefore, postmodernists constantly fight for the highest amount of power.

History

Even as recently as the mid-twentieth century, Biblical roots were intertwined throughout churches, schools, and homes (Trueman, *Strange New World*, 19-21). The Bible was commonly referenced, scripture quoted, and most people understood and believed the principles and theology that the Bible contained. Weekly church attendance was normal and expected. The Enlightenment was a turning point in history that led to the Sexual Revolution. Merriam-Webster's definition of the Enlightenment is, "a philosophical movement of the 18th century marked by a rejection of traditional social, religious, and political ideas and an emphasis on rationalism [and individualism]." When humans started to be understood scientifically and viewed as living machines, it became the radical strand of the Enlightenment movement that triggered the Sexual Revolution. During the Enlightenment, people were encouraged to question morals, mostly in marriage and families. Today, most people reject the Biblical teachings that were once the norm (Trueman, *Strange New World*, 19-23). Because of this rejection, so many things that were once unacceptable are now not only accepted, but also promoted, such as pre-marital sex, co-habitation, gay marriage, and radical transgenderism. Even as recently as a few decades ago, transgenderism would still have been considered a transgressive lifestyle and people who identified as transgender were few and far between. Over the past 10 years, transgenderism has exploded and become more popular than ever (Ghorayshi, "*Report Reveals*").

Although many identify the start of the Sexual Revolution in the 1960s, the roots go back to the 18th and 19th centuries to Jean-Jacques Rousseau (Britannica), a Swiss philosopher, and the Romantics, a group of people who believed in emotion as the driving force in one's life (Crossway). Rousseau's beliefs about expressing oneself line up with the Romantic's views that the feelings of an individual come before any sort of structure. "... the free expression of creativity is more important than following formal rules and traditions" (IPL.org). Most people focus on the well-known events of the Sexual Revolution rather than the underlying

factors that led to those events, a main factor being “Expressive Individualism.” “Expressive Individualism holds that each person has a unique core of feeling and intuition that should unfold or be expressed if individuality is to be realized” (Trueman 22). This term, in simple words, can be described as authenticating oneself. It means that each person has unique feelings that they believe must be expressed in unique ways. This belief, emphasizing personal expression over societal norms, laid the foundation for the cultural shifts that occurred during the Sexual Revolution. The 1960s remains the most significant period of the Sexual Revolution as that decade is arguably what truly defines the movement (Crossway).

There have been a great number of people who have influenced the Sexual Revolution. The first significant group of individuals is Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche, and Wilde. All four men contributed to false teachings, promoting the idea that all things are political, including sex and gender. They believed that oneself is to be found through artistic ways of expression, which is consistent with the concept of “Expressive Individualism.” Each of these men also believed that there is no moral structure to which men need to conform. This absence of structure arises from the lack of Biblical teachings. Without the Bible, men are unable to determine proper moral conduct. The Bible provides law for all of mankind, both civil and moral. The Ten Commandments, paired with Mark 12:30-31, says, “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these” (ESV); these commandments provide Christians all that is necessary to live a moral life. Because moral standards limit how people act on their feelings, the absence of moral principles permits people to believe that they do not require boundaries (Trueman).

Rousseau made significant contributions to the Sexual Revolution. He viewed humans as “not responsible to God, if God even exists” (Elliott 17). Rousseau also saw sexual freedom as releasing men and women from the bondage of religion. He felt that it was a way of a no-pressure lifestyle. Havelock Ellis, a British physician who published the first medical study on homosexuality in 1897, is also an important influence on the Sexual Revolution. His

seven volume work, *Studies in the Psychology of the Self*, led him to promote the idea that humans are rational animals whose desires need to be met with free love (Elliot 26).

Lastly, Margaret Sanger and Marie Stopes both contributed to the Sexual Revolution by advocating for contraceptives. Sanger's studies focused on controlling fertility while she promoted contraception among all women. This allowed for the adoption of casual sex by not having to worry about the outcomes of engaging in sexual behavior. Sanger's stated mission was to empower women to make their own reproductive choices. As she framed it, birth control was a fundamental women's rights issue. "Enforced motherhood," she wrote in 1914, "is the most complete denial of a woman's right to life and liberty" (Latson, "Margaret Sanger"). The invention of contraceptives allowed for the "separation of procreation from sexual intercourse" (Elliott 31). Due to the detachment of sexual intercourse from the result, sex, in most cases, is based on feelings without worry about an outcome.

Further Development

The Sexual Revolution and Loneliness

As previously mentioned, the Sexual Revolution mainly evolved from the idea of "Expressive Individualism" and individuals' excessive pursuit of self-authentication. Society began to conform to their members' inner feelings and expected others to accept those feelings as well. The general acceptance of this idea mainly started when the West began veering from its traditional, Biblical roots. When theological teachings started to decline, there was a decline in people having a strong foundation. The freedoms that came with the Sexual Revolution then evolved into people conforming to their inner feelings. Loneliness has proven to be one of the leading results of this movement. The term "Loneliness Explosion" refers to the large number of people who are currently experiencing loneliness as a result of the Sexual Revolution. The root cause of "Loneliness Explosion" is that the Sexual Revolution subtracted people out of other people's lives, which resulted in a decrease in the number of traditional households. Living in a large family gives people a foundation of relationship where they learn about nuclear family systems. Since the 1960s, the Sexual Revolution has disrupted that

for the majority of individuals. Over the decades, we have seen: marriages weakened, marital breakup on a scale never witnessed, increased cohabitation rates, soaring abortion rates, and the rising popularity of the fatherless home. As a result, people are lost and automatically resort to feeling lonely (Walsh, "The Sexual Revolution")

Transgenderism

Another extremely common effect in our society today is transgenderism. This movement began with people authenticating themselves to the point where they began to mistakenly "identify" as something that is biologically impossible. Genetics and the fundamentals of male (XY) versus female (XX) chromosomes prove that it is not biologically feasible for a "woman to be trapped in a man's body" (MedlinePlus). Transgenders are choosing to ignore reality in order to gain a false sense of identity. Not only do they conform to their inner feelings, but they expect society to acquiesce to them as well. If one does not affirm a trans identity and use "correct" pronouns, they are considered intolerant and discriminatory.

Homosexuality

Being lesbian, gay, or bisexual ("LGB") in America for a long time meant that a person concealed at least that part of their identity. The stigma dates back to the colonial past, when males were imprisoned for wearing women's clothing and women were arrested for having same-sex relations. It was not until 1998, the same year Google was founded, that the Supreme Court abolished any remaining limitations on male-to-male intercourse. Since then, LGB Americans have undergone a rapid social revolution, with many legal rights and increasing acceptance in society. Even gay marriage between homosexuals was previously rejected but is now promoted. In June 2015, a Supreme Court case legalized same-sex marriage and by October 2015, there was a total estimate of 486,000 same-sex marriages (Scommegna).

The Effects of Technology

The widespread use of technology plays a major role in the impact of the Sexual Revolution. Pornography used to be something that was only accessible to those over the age of 18, but technology allowed pornography to be accessible to all people and all ages. It

has permeated households and is discussed casually and easily shared among teens, young adults, and adults. The regular use of pornography causes healthy sex in marriage to become insatiable; therefore, eventually leaving one or more persons to fulfill their desires outside of the bedroom. This lack of fulfillment within the marriage creates emotional and physical infidelity (Trueman, *Strange New World*, 102-105).

Television and social media have also contributed to what is deemed normal and/or acceptable in culture today. The normalcy of casual sex is portrayed throughout the plot lines of most television shows and movies. These subtle messages tell someone who is young, impressionable, and potentially without a moral compass that this is how the “real world” operates. “Friends,” for example, a popular comedy that aired from the 1990s to the early 2000s but is still watched and re-watched by people of all ages, promotes casual sex in young, unmarried adults and makes several references to pornography, even within marriage. Sex and pornography are used as punchlines, desensitizing what is actually serious and extremely personal subject matter. Social media is also a more recent media outlet that enables people to easily view and share all types of pornography, “soft” pornography, and even pictures that desensitize the average person to what was once hard to come by.

The Effects on Modern Society

Carl Trueman, in his book *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self*, discusses the idea of first, second, and third worlds and how the Sexual Revolution has caused American society to fall into the trap of a third world. The first and second worlds are rooted in Christianity and therefore have morals and ethics. However, the third world lacks such foundational roots. Because the Sexual Revolution created a “crack” in our country’s Christian foundation, society today is not stable; it is subject to confusion and liable to collapse. These three cultures—first, second, and third worlds—can exist simultaneously in the same society, thus causing our culture to feel like a battle. When a first and second world representative clashes with a third world representative, there is no actual argument because they have no common ground. This is why the ideologies, and thus disagreements over these ideologies that have been recently created, have never been resolved.

Breakdown of Biblical Family

The effects of the Sexual Revolution contradict the structure of the Biblical family by stating that women should be more masculine and that women should be able to marry women. Women today promote the idea that women should act like men and men should act like women, feeding into the breakdown of the family, which ultimately impacts one's beliefs and the way he or she will live. Because of the modern idea that women should fight to be superior to men, the nuclear family is falling apart. The breakdown of the family has gone as far as women marrying women because they do not want to submit to what they believe is a higher authority.

LGBTQ+ Community

Another main principle analyzed in *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self* is the authenticity of oneself. This is a large factor in the modern day sexual revolution. One who is authentic is one who takes their inner psychological self and externally behaves according to their feelings. Society is the enemy of an authentic human being because those who authenticate themselves use their feelings to validate them. In *Strange New World*, Trueman says, "Sex is no longer a matter of behavior, of what we do; it is a matter of who we are" (88). This quote is a very accurate explanation of the effect of The Sexual Revolution on modern society. Society has turned an idea into an identity, ultimately destroying God's design. God intended gender to reinforce a relationship with a spouse, not to become the identity of who we are.

Postmodernism

Postmodernism, a major effect of the Sexual Revolution, is the belief that one can formulate his or her own self; there is no truth or basic tradition regarding self. The Sexual Revolution completely flipped the mindsets of some people, leading them into a postmodernist mentality. Postmodern thought psychologized everything to the point where decisions are made based on one's own feelings. A postmodernist mentality has no true foundation. It rejects reason, foundations, boundaries, and modernism. In *Cynical Theories*, written by Helen Pluckrose and James Lindsay, they continue the discussion on postmodernism and how that has been applied to our modern culture. It is mostly seen in the way people

identify themselves. Because there is no foundation, people think it is acceptable to change their identity. This can be on a day-to-day basis or every month. Regardless, fluidity has allowed for the impossible to be “possible.”

Controversy

As Christians, we know that certain lifestyles, or supporting certain lifestyles, do not reflect Christ or His Word. Many members of modern society believe that homosexuality, transgenderism, and gender identity are positive and show that society is “making progress.” These lifestyles, all of which are a result of the Sexual Revolution, have only resulted in negative changes in society that cause division. These lifestyle choices are a point of controversy between most Christians and non-believers. There is a discrepancy among these two groups as to whether or not these lifestyle choices are rooted in truth or not. Christians know that marriage is intended for man and woman, as stated in Genesis. Additionally, Genesis states that there are only two genders. However, non-believers believe in homosexuality and that sex and gender are different, can be chosen, and are fluid.

Breakdown of the Biblical Family

The Sexual Revolution promoted casual sex and with that casual sex come unplanned pregnancies outside of the context of marriage and family. It is becoming more common for couples to have a child or children together with no intention of getting married. In some cases, a man or a woman may even have children with multiple partners. This presents quite an unstable upbringing for the child or children. Unfortunately, the rise of unplanned pregnancies has also created a major increase in abortion rates. Culture is very much divided between those who support abortion and those who are against it, and the controversy plays out in marches, protests, podcasts, and much debate and discussion. Even within the Christian community, there is division amongst the stances on abortion (Ford).

LGBTQ+ Community

The LGBTQ+ movement dominates modern culture, and Christians are faced with how they should stand. Everywhere they turn, they are inundated with messages proclaiming lies. The entertainment

industry floods television shows, commercials, music, and movies with homosexual characters, plot lines, and LGBTQ+ messaging.

The LGBTQ+ agenda is also prevalent in the U.S. public education system. The majority of schools in 15 states (and Washington, D.C.) provide LGBTQ+ as part of sex education and four states (California, Colorado, New Jersey, and Illinois) require LGBTQ+ history in the curriculum. "According to *USA Today*, ideological trends and the Equality Act, a bill that ...remove[s] religious freedoms in favor of LGBTQ protection, would likely expand this education as well" (Browder). The Equality Act was passed in 2021 under President Joe Biden and allows numerous sexual orientations and identities to be protected by the federal civil rights law (Browder).

This has caused a form of conflict between most non-Christians and Christians because Christians believe that these things should not be taught in schools. Christians believe it should be up to the family to teach their children about these topics or sexual education, whereas non-Christians believe that they can learn about these topics anywhere, ranging from school to TV shows to music.

Postmodernism

Is postmodernism rooted in truth? The majority of people these days would immediately say "yes." However, Christians know the true answer-it is not. Modernism was a way of thinking in the early 20th century that used rational and logical means to gain knowledge based on facts (Britannica). Modernism ended in the middle of the 20th century, and Christians argued that pre-modernism should take its place since we can be certain that the ideas of the pre-modernists are accurate. Pre-modernism reflected Biblical teachings and had a moral structure. However, radicals developed the current postmodernist attitude, thinking it was the best way to solve the death of modernism.

Biblical Worldview

Breakdown of the Biblical Family from a Biblical Worldview

A true Christian marriage requires a partnership between people of the opposite sex, a man and a woman, and a threefold purpose: lifelong companionship, mutual sexual satisfaction, and procreation. Prior to the loss of Biblical teachings, this was the social norm, or

tradition. Things have now shifted and there is a deviation from this tradition to a breakdown of the Biblical family.

The Biblical worldview of God's design for marriage and the family unit does not allow for alternative lifestyles. God's design, as stated in Genesis 2, is for the union of one man and one woman only. This union is to be publicly recognized, permanently sealed, and physically consummated. The Bible does not describe any other kind of marriage or place for sexual relations; God has not provided any alternative. God's truth is unchanging (Hebrews 13:8, Malachi 3:6, James 1:17) in spite of hermeneutical methods attempting to justify homosexual behavior. Focus on the Family states, "But none of this can alter the facts: there is simply no scriptural support for endorsing sexual immorality (i.e., sexual activity outside the bond of heterosexual marriage) for anyone, no matter what his or her personal sexual feelings may be" (Ford).

The LGBTQ+ Community from a Biblical Worldview

The loss of Biblical teachings in schools, homes, and even churches led to a divergence of the secular worldview and our Biblical foundation. The move away from theological teachings as a norm gave way to society accepting, and even supporting, non-Biblical lifestyles such as same-sex marriage and transgenderism. In the book of Leviticus, Moses speaks directly to the Israelites who were guilty of committing sin. Leviticus 20:13 explains the results of participating in homosexuality. This verse says, "If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them." (ESV). Despite the fact that this verse was directed towards the Israelites, it is still the Word of God and should still be obeyed.

Postmodernism from a Biblical Worldview

The Sexual Revolution impacted modern society by allowing people to assume that their personal or inner feelings are most significant. This ultimately allows feelings to dictate actions without any boundaries, fulfilling every desire a person might have. When one chooses not to follow Jesus Christ, an emptiness occurs, and many people will fill that void with sin. Instead of trying to fill these voids with sin, Jesus Christ should be the source of fulfillment and the

foundation for a moral compass. Matthew 7:24 says, “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” (ESV). This verse explicitly teaches that God’s Word is to be our source of foundation, as we will be “like a wise man” who has the strong foundation of “a rock” when we do.

Biblical Application to Controversy

The way in which Christians can apply a Biblical worldview to this situation is simple; it is straight from the Bible. John 13:34 tells us to “love our neighbor as ourselves;” this applies to everyone, regardless of their lifestyle or choices. We are to lovingly and peacefully share the truth and what the Bible teaches about these topics. However, at the same time, Christians should be careful not to promote or encourage an alternative lifestyle in any way. This includes not using a person’s preferred pronouns, which would only then enable and promote the lie that person is choosing to live. We can maintain respect by using the person’s name rather than their preferred pronoun. Lastly, we are to pray for those living a sinful life. Luke 6:27-28 says, “But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you” (ESV).

“To this we would add the crucial observation that, here as elsewhere in the Christian life, the example and commandment of Christ places us under obligation to proclaim both God’s truth and His redemptive grace. We must ‘speak the truth in love’” (Ephesians 4:15 ESV). There is no place for hatred, hurtful comments, or other forms of rejection toward those who experience same-sex attraction or identify themselves as gay, lesbian, or bisexual. Because we humans are made in the image of God, Jesus teaches us to regard all humanity as having inherent value, worth, and dignity, including those affirming or adopting labels or behaviors that we believe the Bible associates with sexual sin. The priority of love for the Christian is unquestionable, and the cause of love is advanced by telling the truth with grace and compassion” (Ford).

Solution

To address the challenges facing the Christian standard of the family, the rise of the LGBTQ+ community, and the increase in those Americans adopting the postmodernist mentality, prioritizing the

strength and unity of the family is key. This entails nurturing strong family connections grounded in Biblical principles, empowering parents to educate their children on the Biblical perspective of identity, and instilling moral values to counter the influences of postmodernism. Essential to this solution is guiding children to understand their identity in accordance with Biblical teachings, thereby steering them away from seeking their identity and the validation of that identity solely from external sources. Whether within Christian households or not, parents must possess the conviction to teach their children right from wrong, especially as today's youth are overwhelmed with conflicting messages from various sources including schools, social media, and at times, even within the church.

Furthermore, the family must discern the content they engage with, be it educational materials, entertainment, or ideas from external influences. Christians are responsible for the messages they consume such as education, music, entertainment, and ideas from outside sources and therefore need to come together, unite, and fight for what they believe (Browder). This requires a united effort by not only the family, but the community of like-minded families, to uphold Christian principles and values, as underscored in 1 Timothy 6:12, urging believers to "Fight the good fight of the faith." Through maintaining the family bond and unity within the Christian community, we can illuminate the path of righteousness among a broken world, thereby making a lasting impact, whether immediate or over the course of the next twenty years. If we commit to and invest in our families and stay true to our beliefs, we can shine a light of hope in a world that is often confusing and uncertain.

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