



Collusion or Collision
Message to a Captive Audience
From sermon 7.10.21

Read *2 Corinthians 5:21*

Review from Saturday's sermon: As we prepare for our own collision with the culture and enemy, we must continue to seek opportunities to share the Gospel with as many as possible. We alone possess the answer for what's killing a dying world and lost individuals. Often, the people God's want us to share with are right in front of us. Part of our faithfulness and endurance is continuing to witness.

1. Read (or quote) *Genesis 1:1*. Why is this verse and truth so important? It proclaims an exclusive, Sovereign God who created all things. If you cannot get past Genesis 1:1, the rest of the Bible (and, therefore, our witnessing) will make no sense.

2. What should be our view of the lost—even those who strongly and vocally oppose us? Remember they are captive to the enemy and a slave to sin. We were all once in their situation.

See *2 Timothy 2:24:26 & John 8:34*

3. Should we ever be harsh, judgmental, or condemning? No. We speak the truth in love. We remain patient in all things and remember only God can resurrect a heart unto faith and repentance.

See *1 Corinthians 5:12-13 & 1 Peter 3:15*

3a. Who should/can we be harsh, judgmental, and condemning toward? False teachers & teaching IN the Church.

3b. How has the Church/believers often confused the two? Discuss. Too often, in evangelicalism, we have our harshest words and judgment for those in the world—different religions, “alternative” lifestyles, science world, Hollywood, etc...Yet, we tolerate false doctrine in the pulpit. We even watch it on TV, buy it at the “Christian” bookstores, and borrow and sing it in our worship.

4. In what two ways has our relational God revealed Himself?

i. See *Romans 1:20 & Psalm 19:1-4*: Through Creation/Nature.

What can this form of revelation and tell us and what can it not tell us? Creation proclaims an omnipotent, sovereign God. It reveals His timelessness and majesty. It cannot, however, tell us of His nature, His will, His standard, and His penalty...just to name a few.

ii. See *Hebrews 1:1-3*: Through His Word [Jesus = the Word made flesh]

5. What was Jesus incredible truth claim in *John 14:6*? That He is the only way, the only truth, and the only life. And, no one comes to the Father [Salvation/Heaven] except through Him.

5a. What were the three options to consider in that statement?

- He is a Fraud. See also *1 Corinthians 15:14-19*
- He is a Liar.
- He is who He says He is.