Shavuot – giving of the Law (5/28-5/30) Pentecost – giving of the Holy Spirit (5/31)

Feast of Weeks (Shavuot) – 7 weeks (Sabbaths) plus one day = 50 days after Passover Pentecost – 50 days after Resurrection Sunday

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"...just over half (51%) hold a biblically-informed view of God, a 22% drop from 30 years ago."



Helping the thinker believe and the believer think

Ravi Zacharias 3/26/46 - 5/19/20

Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM)



"...I am now finding that I no longer believe in God"

Jon Steingard Hawk Nelson Band

- didn't happen overnight
- questions about God, Bible, Christian upbringing
- I suspect if he is there, he is very different than what I was taught



The new report shows that only 51% of Americans consider God to be "all-powerful, all-knowing, perfect and just creator of the universe who still rules the world today." In 1991, 73% of Americans believed that to be true.

God – doesn't exist, don't know, don't care – from 8% up to 32%



44% of survey respondents agreed with the idea that when Jesus was on the Earth, in the flesh, He was both fully divine and fully human and therefore committed sins like any other person. Only 41% held the biblical perspective that Christ lived a sinless life and was both fully man and fully God.

HOLY SPIRIT

Over half of all adults—52%—contend that 'the Holy Spirit is not a living entity, but merely a symbol of God's power, presence or purity," according to the survey and that "most shockingly, most Americans—56%—believe that 'Satan is not merely a symbol of evil but is a real spiritual being and influences human lives.'

"The message to churches, Christian leaders, and Christian educators is clear: we can no longer assume that people have a solid grasp of even the most basic biblical principles."

"We've transitioned from a people who upheld the existence of absolute moral truth to a nation that rejects moral absolutes."

"...Christians and the Christian church at large must stop "making worship leaders and thought leaders or influencers ... 'relevant."

"We are in a dangerous place when the church is looking to 20 year old worship singers as our source of truth," he explained.
"We now have a church culture that learns who God is from singing modern praise songs rather than from the teachings of the Word."

Christian Rock Band - Skillet

Shallow songs – shallow theology

Anonymous responder

It's all about our *relationship* Doctrine is too legalistic

Jesus is loving, accepting, supportive, tolerant

A loving God would never condemn me for who I love

Joshua Harris: Doctrinally founded. Relationally, not so much.

Marty Sampson: Relationally founded. Doctrinally, not so much.

Conclusion: We need BOTH.<u>#********</u> I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.

I Corinthians 14: 14-17, 40

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Safe & sound – Luke 15 – prodigal son sound judgment (tushiya) – efficient, wise **Proverbs 3: 19-22** sound learning – solid, certain Proverbs 4: 1-2 sound judgment are mine ~ God Proverbs 8: 14

Defies sound judgment – wise Proverbs 18: 1 True & reliable words SO THAT Give *Sound* (true & reliable) answers Proverbs 22: 17-21 Restored, as *sound* (hugiaino) as the other – whole, without defect **Matthew 12: 13**

... contrary to sound doctrine... I Timothy 1: 8-11 ...does not agree to sound instruction... I Timothy 6: 3-5 ... keep as the pattern of *sound* teaching... II Timothy 1: 13-14 ...men will not put up with sound doctrine... **II** Timothy 4: 1-5

...encourage others by *sound* doctrine... Titus 1: 9

...rebuke, that they will be *sound* in the faith... Titus 1: 12-14

...teach what is in accord with *sound* doctrine... ...teach to be sound in the faith Titus 2: 1-2 What you heard from me, *keep* as the pattern of sound teaching... *guard* the good deposit (entrusted to you)... *guard* it with the help of the Holy Spirit II Timothy 1: 13-14 He must *hold firmly* to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can *encourage* others by sound doctrine and *refute* those who oppose it.

Titus 1: 9

These, then, are the things you should *teach*. *Encourage* and *rebuke* with all authority. Titus 2: 11-15

You must teach what is in accord with *sound doctrine*. Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and *sound* in faith, in love and in endurance.

Titus 2: 1-2

Command certain men not to teach false doctrines

Whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel I Timothy 1: 3-11

> Watch your life and your doctrine closely... I Timothy 4:16

IF – anyone:

- Teaches false doctrines
- Does not agree to sound instruction & godly teaching...

THENhe is: conceited...quarrelsome...friction...robbed of the truthI Timothy 6: 3-5

I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.

Romans 16: 17

Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith.

I Timothy 6: 20-21

Preach the Word! – correct, rebuke, encourage With great patience, careful instruction BECAUSE:

Time will come

- Not put up with sound doctrine
- Gather their own preferred teachers
- Turn away from truth turn aside to myths
 - II Timothy 4: 1-5

They say to the seers, "See no more visions!" and to the prophets, "Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions. Leave this way, get off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!"

Isaiah 30: 10-11

...to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

II Timothy 4: 3-4

...talkers & deceivers... Teaching things they ought not to teach Pay no attention to Jewish myths To the corrupted, nothing is pure Claim to know God, but actions deny Him

Rebuke them – so that they will be sound Titus 1: 10-2: 2 Teach sound doctrine Teach them to be sound in the faith

Some will abandon the faith & follow deceiving spirits & things taught by demons I Timothy 4: 1-10 False Christs & false prophets – to deceive even the elect – if that were possible Matthew 24: 21-25 "Remove that Trinity and the divinity of Jesus, and the religious language is the same."

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Divisions, obstacles contrary to teaching you have learned By smooth talk – deceive the minds of naïve people Romans 16: 17-18 I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. Colossians 2: 1-8

Attain whole measure of fullness of Christ

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.

Ephesians 4: 11-16

False teachers *among* you Destructive heresies (doctrine) springs without water – wind driven mists Appealing to lustful desires Promise of freedom – yet enslaved

II Peter 2: 1-3 & 17-22

Sheep's clothing – ferocious wolves Matthew 7: 15

You receive a different gospel & you *put up with* it easily enough II Corinthians 11: 1-4

A time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine

Quick to desert & turn to a different gospel – which is no gospel at all

Galatians 1: 6-11

According to the Scriptures:

- Christ died for our sins
- Christ was buried
- Christ was raised on the 3rd day

I Corinthians 15: 3-5

Test the spirits:

Jesus Christ has come in the flesh Yes = from God No = not from God

I John 4: 1-3

The Apostle's Creed

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, THE MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD: WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY GHOST, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED; HE DESCENDED INTO HELL.

THE THIRD DAY HE AROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST; THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH; THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS; THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY; AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN.

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