

Week 2: Essential
Christian Doctrine
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Worldview

The Mind

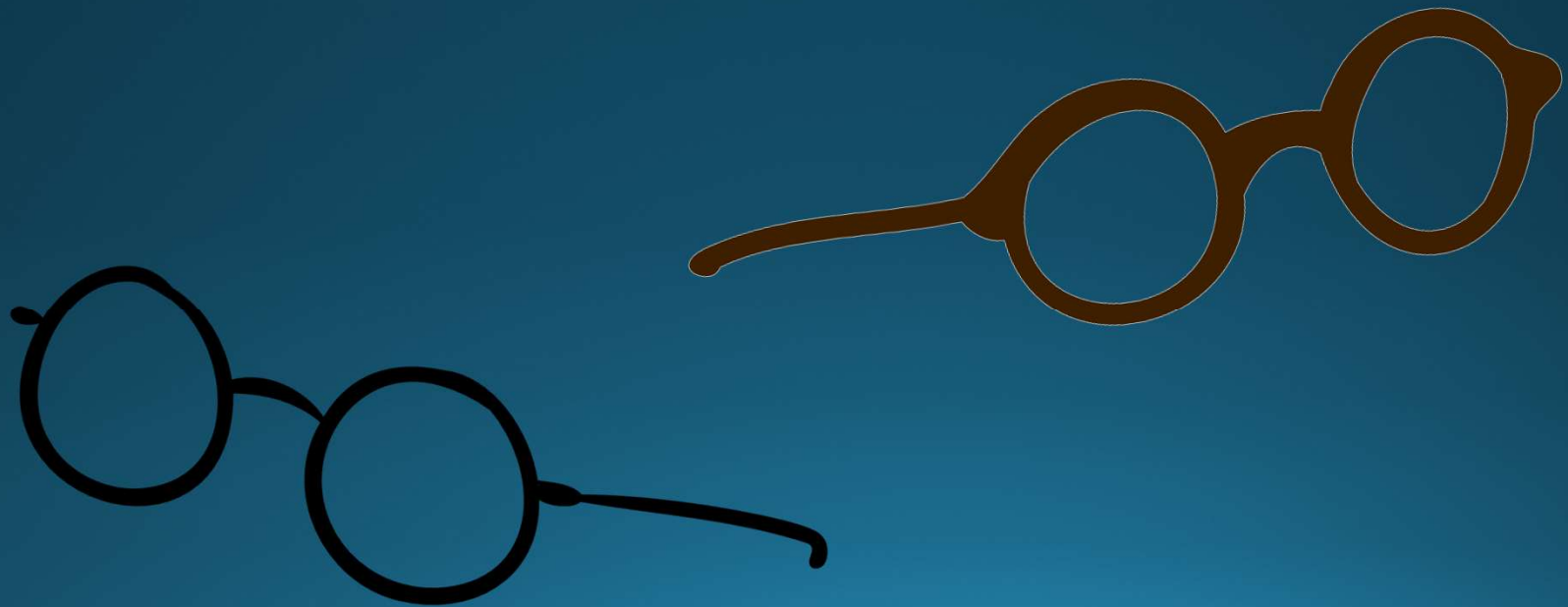
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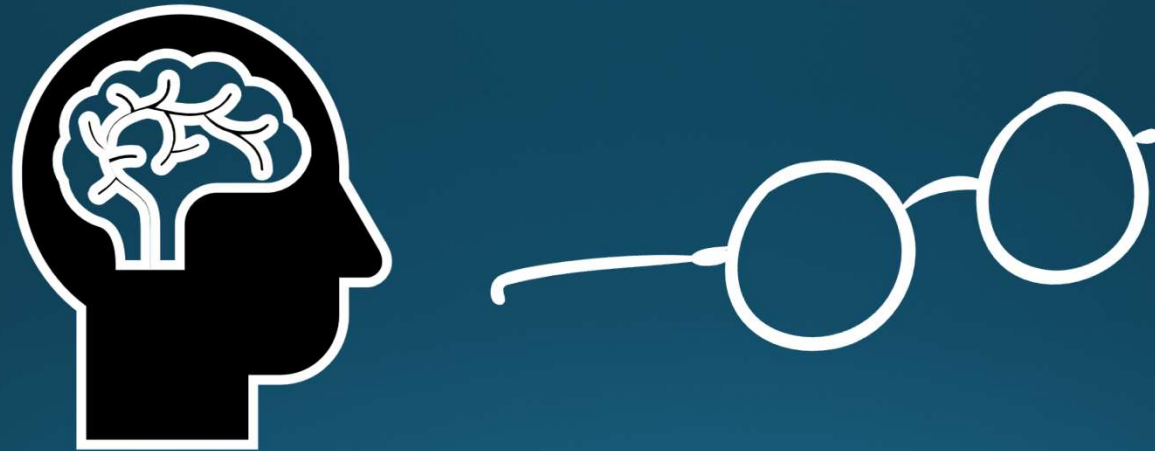
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3 Areas where a Christian Worldview is necessary:

1. Scholarship
2. Evangelism
3. Discipleship



Your mind reveals your worldview



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2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

2. The Renewed Mind

- **Romans 12:1-2** Therefore I exhort you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a sacrifice—living, holy, *and* pleasing to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. **2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may approve what the will of God is, that which is good and pleasing and perfect.
- **Colossians 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with gratefulness in your hearts to God.

3. The Illuminated Mind

- **1 Corinthians 2:12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the **Spirit who is from God**, so that we may know the *depths* graciously given to us by God, **13** of which *depths* we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those **taught by the Spirit**, combining spiritual *depths* with spiritual *words*.



4. The Christlike Mind

1 Corinthians 2:16

...we have the mind of Christ.





5. The Tested Mind

2 Corinthians 10:3

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴ for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the tearing down of strongholds, ⁵ as we tear down speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, ⁶ and are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is fulfilled.

6. The Profitable Mind

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is dignified, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, consider these things. 9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

7. The Balanced Mind



- Anti-intellectualism vs. hyper-intellectualism

Colossians 2:2

...the full knowledge of God's mystery, that is,
Christ Himself,

3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of
wisdom and knowledge.

How does systematic
theology help my
personal life?



Intimacy and Maturity

Hebrews 5:12

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. 14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern both good and evil.

Holiness

1 Peter 1:14

As obedient children, not being conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, 15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your conduct; 16 because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

"The holy Savior has saved sinners to be a holy people." (saints)

Sanctification

Includes the immediate act of salvation but involves a progressive and growing experience of greater holiness and less sinfulness.

Phil 2:12-13

12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Obstacles in sanctification:

1. One may think more highly of self than one ought and not pursue holiness as one should
(Rom. 12:3)

2. One may presume upon salvation and assume that since one is saved, holy living is optional
(Rom. 6:1-2)

3. One may be erroneously taught about the nature of Christian living and so neglect the lordship of Christ
(1 Pet. 3:15)

4. One may lack the zeal or energy to make holiness a priority
(2 Cor. 7:1)

5. One may think that he or she is saved (but not truly be saved) and then try to live holy in the power of the flesh
(Matt. 13:5-7, 20-22)

Vital signs to check one's spiritual health:



- Christian fruit (John 15:8)
- Love for God's people (John 13:35)
- Concern for personal holiness (1 Pet. 1:13-21)
- Love for God's Word (1 Pet. 2:2-3)
- A desire to obey (John 14:15, 21, 23)
- A sense of intimacy with God (Rom. 8:14-17)
- Perseverance (Phil. 1:27-28)
- Fellowship with God's people (Heb. 10:24-25)
- A desire to glorify God (Matt. 5:13-16),
- Witness to Christ's personal reality (1 Pet. 3:15)