

Notes:

Questions

1. What new insights have you gleaned from this study?
2. In what ways does an in-depth understanding of the Christian worldview strengthen your faith?
3. What characteristics of the biblical Christian worldview distinguish it from all other worldviews presented in this series?

God's Grace and Mercy

English	Greek (NT)	Hebrew (OT)	Meaning	Example
Grace / Favor	χάρις (<i>charis</i>)	חֵן (<i>hēn</i>)	Undeserved favor or kindness	Gen 6:8 – “Noah found favor”
Lovingkindness / Mercy	χάρις / ἔλεος (<i>charis / eleos</i>)	חֵדֶד (<i>hesed</i>)	Steadfast, covenantal love	Exod 34:6 – “abounding in <i>hesed</i> ”

Cyclical vs. Linear Views of History

View of History	Description	Examples
Cyclical	History repeats endlessly in recurring patterns (creation → destruction → creation again). No final goal: events recur like seasons or reincarnation cycles.	Hinduism (yugas, samsara), Buddhism (reincarnation), Stoicism (eternal recurrence), and some Greco-Roman cosmologies
Linear (Biblical)	History is a story with a beginning, a direction, a climax, and an ultimate destination. It is guided by God's will and moving toward His final purpose.	Biblical worldview (Creation → Fall → Redemption → Consummation)

God has revealed truth in all areas of Life.

- **Politics** (Daniel 2:21; Romans 13:1-4; Micha 6:8; Psalm 2:10-11).
- **Economics** (Deut 8:18; Proverb 11:1; 19:17; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8)
- **Education** (Proverbs 1:7; Deut 6:6-7; Colossians 2:3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- **Religion** (Deut 6:4-5; John 4:23-24; Acts 17:24-25; James 1:27)
- **Social Issues** (Gen 1:27; Isaiah 1:17; Matthew 25:35-40; Galatians 3:28)

Christianity as a Worldview: What Is the Biblical Worldview?

— God's creation, our fall, His redemption through Christ, and our restoration in Him.

1. The Biblical Worldview Begins with God

- The Bible starts with God — “*In the beginning, God...*” (Genesis 1:1).
- He is the Creator, Sustainer, and ultimate authority overall.
- Everything exists for His glory, not ours (Psalm 19:1; Colossians 1:16).
- The story of the Bible is not primarily about us finding God, but about **God revealing Himself to us.**

2. It Includes Us — Created in His Image

- Humanity was made “*in the image of God*” (Genesis 1:27), designed for a relationship with Him.
- This means our value, purpose, and identity come **from God**, not from society or self-definition.
- The fall (Genesis 3) broke this relationship — sin separated us from God and distorted how we see Him, ourselves, and the world.

3. The Central Focus is Jesus Christ

- The entire story of Scripture points to Jesus — the bridge between God and man (John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:5).
- Through His life, death, and resurrection, God offers reconciliation and a restored relationship with Himself.
- Jesus reveals both who God truly is (“*He who has seen Me has seen the Father*,” John 14:9) and who we were created to be — living in obedience, love, and truth.

4. The Biblical Worldview Shapes How We See Everything

- It's not just a “religious” view; it's a **lens** through which we understand all of life — truth, morality, relationships, work, suffering, and hope.
- Because of Jesus, we see the world as it really is: fallen, yet redeemable; broken, yet being restored.
- This worldview moves us to live in fellowship with God and reflect His love and truth to others (2 Corinthians 5:18–20).

Conclusion: God → Us → Jesus → Reconciliation

- **God** — Creator and Sustainer → **Us** — Created in His image, fallen through sin → **Jesus** — The Mediator and Redeemer → **Reconciliation** — Restored relationship and eternal life.

In Summary

The Biblical worldview is God-centered, Christ-revealed, and Spirit-empowered. It tells us who God is, who we are, what's gone wrong, and how we're made right again — **through Jesus Christ.**

Development of a Biblical worldview

1. Do you genuinely believe the Biblical Christian worldview? Why?

2. If you say you do believe it, how can you tell by the way you live?

For example:

- a. Do you live as if God is in control of history? How?

- b. Do you treat people as if they are made in God's image? Explain

3. Based on your answers to the questions above, what is one response or change you would like to make?
