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"U.S. church membership has fallen to 48%." Gallup SBC numbers have fallen to the lowest number in 32 yrs. sBC

Other Mainline denominations have fallen by 50% in the past 50 years. Mark Tooley, Pres., Institute on Religion & Democracy

9% of Christians have a biblical worldview.

- 33% of teens will continue to participate in church once they are on their own.
- Most Christians cannot integrate core biblical principles into their lives.



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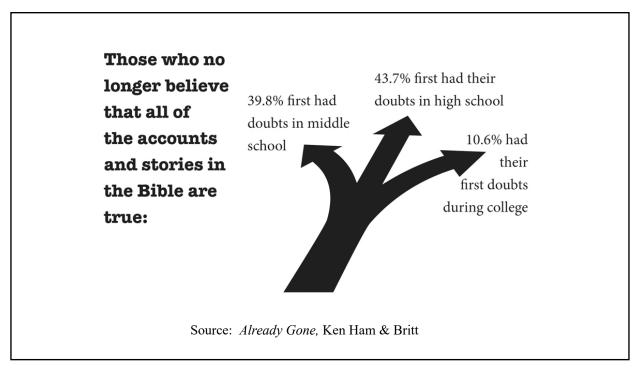
"We are one generation away from the evaporation of church as we know it. Slowly but certainly the church of the future is headed toward the morgue and will continue to do so unless we come to better understand what is happening and implement a clear, biblical plan to circumvent it."

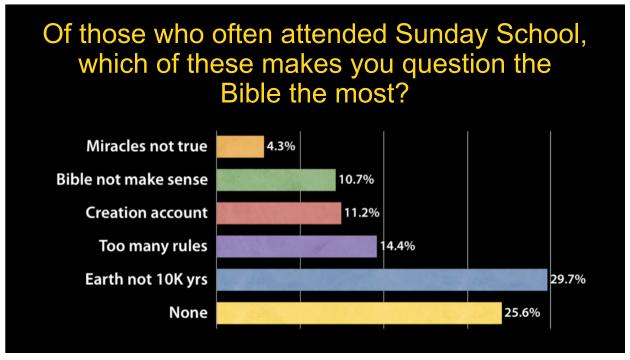
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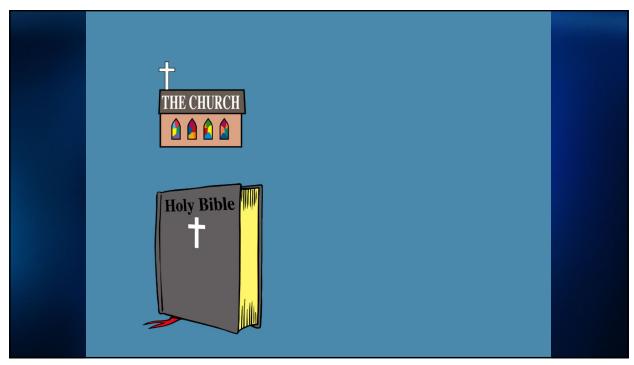
"... contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. ⁴ For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ." Jude 1:3-4

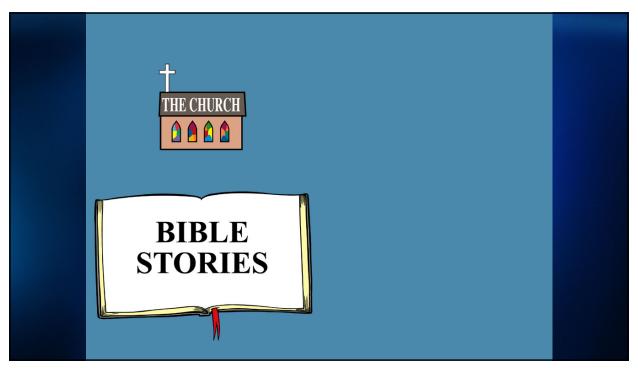


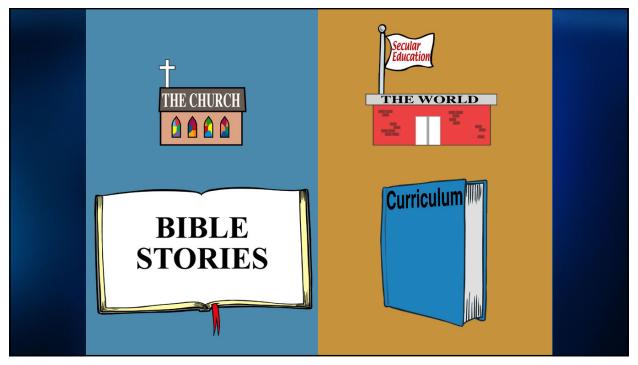


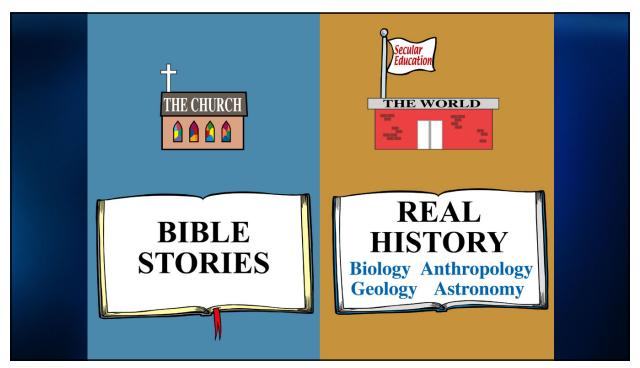
















1 Pet 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

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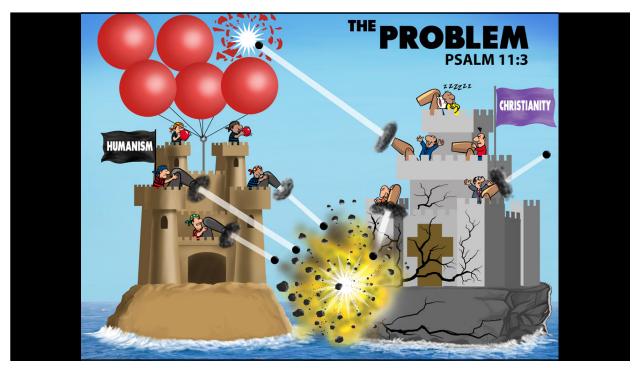


Part 3: How do we fix this?

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"The majority of our young people appear neither to understand who the true God is nor the true meaning of Christianity. It is evident that the Church and Christian families are failing to lead them into a transforming experience with God." Josh McDowell





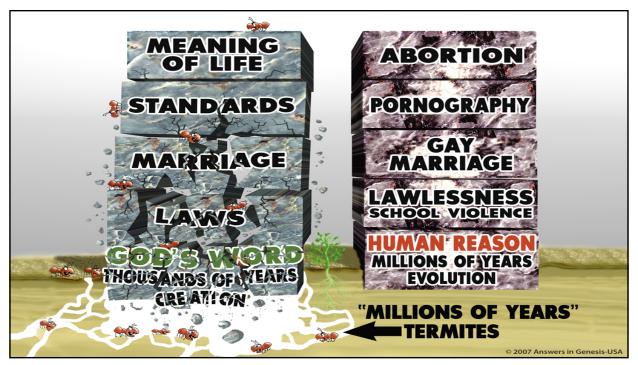


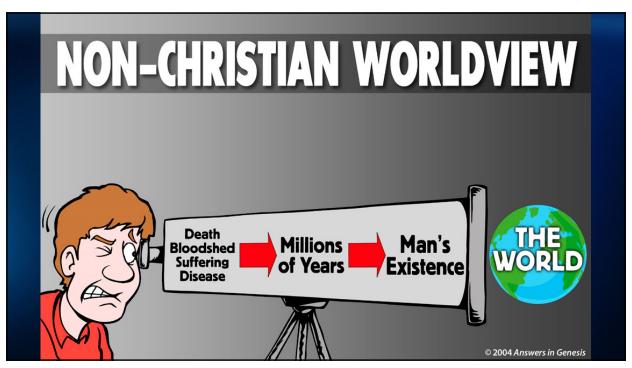
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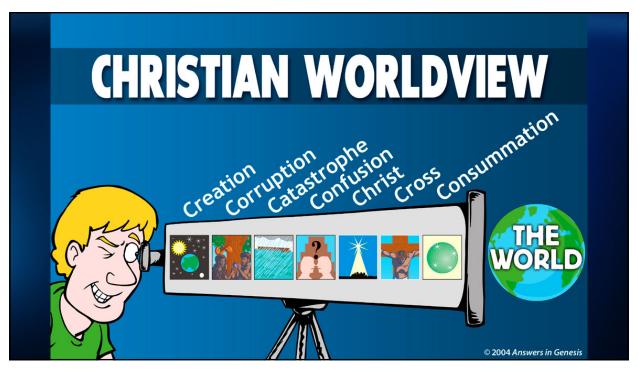
"Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to Dwell In." Is 58:12















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- 2 Tim 3:14-15 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- 2 Tim 2:2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
- 1 Tim 4:16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

Our instruction must be:

- Intentional
- Intelligent
- Intense
- Incessant

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"Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge ²¹by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith."

1 Tim 6:20-21



