



Thru God's Eye: Life in the REAL World

Who Are We? Why Are You Here?

Crossroads, October 2, 2011 - Mark Bickel



Intro

Isaiah 46:8-13

"Remember this, fix it in mind,
take it to heart, you rebels.
Remember the former things, those of long ago;
I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me.
I make known the end from the beginning,
from ancient times, what is still to come.
I say: My purpose will stand,
and I will do all that I please.
From the east I summon a bird of prey;
from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose.
What I have said, that will I bring about;
what I have planned, that will I do.
Listen to me, you stubborn-hearted,
you who are far from righteousness.
I am bringing my righteousness near,
it is not far away;
and my salvation will not be delayed.
I will grant salvation to Zion,
my splendor to Israel.

Who Are We?

- **2 Friends who Forgot Genesis 1**

- **Genesis 1**
 - **Created by God**

 - **In God's image**

2) Are we Good, Evil, Neutral, or Genetically Pre-programmed?

- **Good** - born good, evil like Hitler is aberration, all are/ can remain basically good
- **Evil** - born predisposed to evil, all of us capable of being Hitler / Columbine shooter
- **Neutral** – Born innocent, all behavior, character is learned
- **Genetically pre-programmed** - you are what genes say
- **Small groups - which is right? Why?**
- **Bible**
 - **Creation** – Image of God
 - **Fall** – Man sinned, and is not sinful
 - **Redemption** – Christ recreates us

3) What is Your Purpose for Living?

- **Answers from other religions**

- **Answers from Genesis 1**
 - **Love and serve creator**

 - **Image God**

 - **Subdue and fill earth**

- **Answers from NT**
 - **Love and serve God**

 - **Image Christ**

 - **Go make disciples of all nations**

- **Practical Example ... from Philippians**

- **Conclusion**
 - We Are Created by God, In His Image
 - We messed that up, and became by nature objects of His wrath
 - But now, in Christ, we have been redeemed, re-imaged, so we can live with a new purpose
 - In full confidence that God himself will see us through to completion!

Recommended Reading:

Knowing God by J. I. Packer

Identity: Becoming Who God Says I Am NavPress Bible Study

NEXT WEEK: What Went Wrong? The Problem of Evil, and Good.



October Calendar

| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
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| 2 6:30 Crossroads Who are We? Why are you here? | 3 6:00 Sports Basketball in Grace Gym | 4 | 5 | 6 8:00 Bible Study "Weird" week 2 | 7-9 BFC Young Adult Mission Training Weekend At Pinebrook | |
| 9 6:30 Crossroads What Went Wrong? The problem of evil and good | 10 6:00 Sports Basketball in Grace Gym | 11 | 12 | 13 8:00 Bible Study "Weird" week 3 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 6:30 Crossroads ** Special Night - more details coming soon! ** (meal) | 17 6:00 Sports Basketball in Grace Gym | 18 | 19 | 20 8:00 Bible Study Open Forum | 21-22 Evangelism Workshop Fri. 7pm – Sat. noon New Beginnings BFC | |
| 23 6:30 Crossroads What About Religion? Can it meet our most basic needs? | 24 6:00 Sports Basketball in Grace Gym | 25 | 26 | 27 8:00 Bible Study "Weird" week 4 | 28 | 29 Men's Night at Grace Sports, Games, Pizza... |

Upcoming Events

Weekend October 7-9

BFC Young Adults Missions Training "Retreat Within a Retreat" at Pinebrook - ** Required for summer BFC Young Adult Missions trip to Mexico ** **RSVP TODAY**

Friday / Saturday October 21-22

Evangelism Seminar led by Dan Williams at New Beginnings BFC in Woodberry Heights, NJ
(Friday 7pm – Sat. noon, cost \$5 for workbook)

Saturday October 29 at 5:00 pm

Men's Night Out at Grace – Sports, Games and Pizza

Friday November 4 at 4:00 pm

Go with International Students Bowling

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Mark Your Calendars

Week of Nov. 13 – 20

Grace BFC Missions Conference

Week of Nov. 20

International Student Thanksgiving

February 10-12, 2012

Crossroads Winter Retreat

Other Events of Interest

Sign Language: Thursday 7-8 pm, see Jesse

* **BFC Tanzania Project Banquet:** Friday night
Nov. 11 at Cedar Crest BFC, Allentown

* **Quakertown Regional Conference on Reformed Theology: Our Great God**
– Friday night Nov. 11 and Saturday Nov. 12 with Bryan Chapell, Kevin DeYoung, Stephen Nichols and Richard Phillips

* **Mark Bickel is attending both events above, and can give you more info!**