

Have you noticed western society has changed?

Some non-Christian researchers have concluded 3 things about modern westerners:

They...

- ❖ think with their emotions instead of their minds
- ❖ believe what doesn't kill you makes you weaker
- ❖ group people by tribal polarity



Turning Conversations

Part 1 of 2

**How the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus
changes everything about our foundations**

Those who have put their trust in Christ's death and resurrection, as our sin substitute, have...

- a new nature (v17)
- a new identity (v17)...including new family
- a new allegiance (v15)
- a new purpose (v15)
- a new motivation (v12-14)
- a new standard (v9, 11, 16)
- a new accountability (v10)
- a new destiny (v6-8)

Those who have put their trust in Christ's death and resurrection, as our sin substitute, have...

- a new commission or calling
- a new authority and power
- a new message
- a new freedom (from sin & judgement)
- a new righteous standing

We have a whole new life, and

**a whole new foundation on which to build our life, and
answers & solutions for every issue in this life**

What is the foundation on which they are building?

→ find out and factor in these foundations

In other words...

→ dig → discern → discuss

ASK before you TELL

Ambassadors...

- speak and act in a way that accurately reflects the one who commissioned them (king, president, prime minister, etc)
- aren't quarrelsome & aggressive, but rather are dignified and composed while being assertive & authoritative, as ones who know the mission they are on and the one who sent them
- know they are in foreign territory, and are not thrown off by the ways and practices of the people, and do not see it as their role to change the politics. Rather...

Ambassadors... (cont'd)

- make their own identity and allegiance clear, and seek to influence their host country to know how to be on good relations with the home country the ambassador represents.
- don't react according to the disagreement that shows up on the initial surface of discussions or reactions. Nor are they fooled into thinking that surface agreement means the worldview foundations are the same.
- know the key issues, and seek not to stray too far from that. They wisely know that the discussion points are the real issue...it is all about the worldviews, the foundations...

What are some of the foundational things we need to ensure we address in our own lives and in conversations in this world as ambassadors?

○ How/why does everything exist in the first place?

Jesus is the Creator and owner of all things...& us

○ How do we know what is true?

God has spoken through Jesus... “I am the truth”

○ What is the core problem?

Separated, eternally, from God in our self rebellion

○ What is the solution to our problem?

Trust in Christ's death, resurrection & forgiveness

○ What is the goal?

Christ reconciles us to God now and for eternity

**As Christians,
everything about the essence of our life
is meant to change...
and we are to be purposefully active in
turning the conversations toward Christ,
since He is the answer to everything
the world needs to know.**

We speak from revelation, not opinion.

→ *Matt 28:18-20*