

“DECONSTRUCTIONISM – HELPFUL OR HURTFUL?”

Part #2 – Various Scriptures

What’s concerning about recent statistics?

There is a crisis of _____ in America.

1. *What Is Truth? (Jn 18:38)*

Recent Statistics –

Most Concerning Part about BORN-AGAIN, EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS =

The problem since the beginning is: _____ (Gen 3) – Authority, Knowledge, Trustworthiness

Our source of truth (Jn 14:6; 17:17) - _____

What is truth?

~ Means that _____ conform to _____

- Truth is not:
- 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____

~ Identifies things _____ or simply telling it like it is

- ~ In relation to God:
- 1) He is perfect in his being & distinct from everyone/thing (Isa 45:5)
 - 2) Perfectly reliable & can be trusted (Num 23:19; Jn 14:6)
 - 3) Sees & declares things as are; perfect knowledge, wisdom, understanding

2. *Importance of Truth*

What is the problem with redefining or ignoring the truth of God?

Rom 1:21-32

What’s the situation?

What do we revert to often?

What do you need to do?

(Deut 4:9; Mt 28:19-20; Rom 15:4; 2 Tim 3:16-17)

See Mt 7:15-16; 1 Cor 16:13

3. Deconstructing the Bible & Theology

INTERPRETATION

Literal, Grammatical, Historical Method of Interpretation

(Literal, Normal Interpretation or Syntactical Theological Method)

LITERAL –

GRAMMATICAL –

HISTORICAL –

Deconstructionism uses the ALLEGORICAL METHOD

~ What is this?

~ What's the issue with it?

Our encouragement is to be careful in how we study the text, respecting it. And watching how others interpret the Bible as well. (Acts 17:11) You have the Holy Spirit to guide you & many reliable resources available to you.

REDEFINING WORDS

It is important to understand how each person is defining common theological words and terms to make sure we understand accurately where each other is coming from and what they may be teaching.

EXAMPLE: Holiness

~ Greek & Hebrew – “to set apart” or “separation”

~ Applied to God – “Absolutely distinct from all his creatures & is exalted above them in infinite majesty. Separate from moral evil or sin. ‘Holiness’ points to God’s majestic purity or ethical majesty.”

~ 1 Pt 1:14-16 = God is our standard morally & ethically

~ Isa 6:3 = the absolute “otherness” of God

Deconstructionism =

Nadia Bolz-Weber – “The union we experience with one another & with God. Holiness is when more than one become one, when what is fractured is made whole.” For her two loving individuals unified in an erotic embrace is considered “holy”.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH THIS?!

2 Pt 2:1-3

THE STATE OF AMERICA & THE CHURCH

What is our response?

Ps 119:12-16