

A Hollow & Deceptive Philosophy

Justice Series – Part 4

Scripture text – various

Introduction – Colossians 2:8

- This verse is a _____ to the church.
- The danger is that the church can be taken _____.
- “Hollow & deceptive philosophy” means human wisdom that is _____ & _____.
- A current “hollow & deceptive philosophy” is known as _____.

What is CT?

- *Critical Theory* is an alternative _____ to the one presented in the Bible and is the philosophical underpinning for the modern-secular social justice movement.
- The Bible’s metanarrative: _____, _____, _____ and _____.
- *Critical Theory’s* metanarrative: _____, _____ and _____.
- 4 particulars (Neil Shenvi):
 1. Our individual identity is inseparable from our _____ identity.
 2. Oppressor groups _____ oppressed groups through the exercise of hegemonic power. (Note: “Hegemonic power” is a group’s ability to impose its values, expectations and norms on the rest of society.)
 3. Our fundamental moral duty is to stand in solidarity with the _____.
 4. “Lived experience” is more important than _____ evidence in understanding oppression.

What’s Good about It?

1. CT raises _____ about matters of injustice and oppression.
 - A society can easily become _____ to its existence.
2. CT provides insight into how _____ & _____ can promote sin and dramatically amplify the effects of human wickedness.
 - Perhaps the biggest example is the _____.

- America has its own _____ of evil & wickedness being codified into law and institutionalized.

Is CT & Christianity Compatible?

1. CT fuels _____ among people while biblical Christianity promotes _____.
2. CT strives to _____ power while biblical Christianity _____ power.
3. CT addresses the _____ of injustice while biblical Christianity addresses (and cures!) the _____ of injustice.

Conclusion

- Instead of being taken _____ by a hollow & deceptive philosophy, let us be _____ the glorious gospel.
- Let us also _____ the one who embodies the gospel, the Lord Jesus Christ.