



A SOCIETY WITH
THE WRONG ANSWERS

CULTURAL REDEFINITIONS:

- **The conceptualization of an animal has shifted:**
 - **Scopes Monkey trial of 1925**
- **The definition of marriage has, and is, shifting:**
 - **No longer a man and a woman**
 - **No longer necessarily 1 man and 1 woman**
- **The definition of sex and gender is shifting:**
 - **What one thinks and feels is the determining factor**



HOW WE GOT HERE:

- **Radical Individualism – “What an individual wants or wills is the highest good.”**
- **Family, community, culture, and society is sacrificed to the desires of the individual.**
 - **God demands ultimate obedience to Him - Acts 5.29**
 - **God expects us to be useful in our spheres - Luke 10.36f**



IS RADICAL INDIVIDUALISM THE ANSWER?

- **What happens when the will of one individual conflicts with my will?**
- **Consider the greater inconsistency: “It is wrong to tell someone his or her choices or beliefs are wrong or immoral.”**
 - ▶ **If I don’t hold to this worldview, am I wrong? Can you tell me?**

HOW WE GOT HERE:

- **Relativism – “Meaning and truth are relative, so that what is right for one person may be wrong for another person.”**
 - **How we commonly hear it: “You can’t tell me what to do” or “There’s no such thing as absolute truth.”**
 - **Sometimes worldviews are more philosophical in nature – this is true with relativism.**
 - **Can relativism sustain itself?**



IS RELATIVISM THE ANSWER?

- **“There’s no such thing as absolute truth.”**
 - ▶ **“Is that a true statement?”**
- **“You can’t tell me what to do.”**
 - ▶ **“And what are you doing?”**
 - ▶ **Note the strong relationship between relativism and radical individualism.**
 - ▶ **Lawlessness is the ultimate end of relativism, when taken to its logical conclusion.**
 - ▶ **Christians are called away from lawlessness - 2 Corinthians 6.14**

HOW WE GOT HERE:

- **The Sexual Revolution – “If it feels good, do it!”**
 - **The idea that our bodies are our own and we ought to enjoy our bodies in whatever way we want.**
 - **Christians cannot hold this view – 1 Corinthians 6.18-20**
 - **Note the presentation in media: sexual freedom is the ultimate in personal fulfillment.**
 - **Is sexual activity the ultimate in human fulfillment?**
 - **What remains if I’ve been traumatized by sexual activity?**
 - **What remains if sexual activity isn’t a possibility?**



IS SEXUAL FREEDOM THE ANSWER?

- **Consider the available evidence:**
 - ▶ **Females who are sexually active before marriage tend to be more depressed than abstinent girls by a rate of 3:1.**
 - ▶ <http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2003/06/sexually-active-teenagers-are-more-likely-to-be-depressed>
 - ▶ **Neurologists have identified a link between previous sexual partners and the ability to find sexual satisfaction in future relationships.**
 - ▶ **Joe McIlhaney and Freda McKissic Bush, *Hooked* (Chicago: Northfield Publishing, 2008)**

THIS WORLD FAILS:

- **Radical individualism can't support itself.**
- **Relativism denies itself and leads to lawlessness.**
 - **God offers light and truth in Jesus Christ - John 8.12; 14.6**
- **The Sexual Revolution is fleeting and empty.**
 - **Sex finds meaning in marriage - Proverbs 5.15-19**
 - **What real peace does the sexual revolution give?**



WHAT CAN I DO?

- **I can emphasize the concept of truth to the next generation.**
 - **Man is the deliberate creation of God - Genesis 1**
 - **Marriage is reserved for male and female - Genesis 1; Mt. 19**
- **I can work to instill godly values in those around me.**
 - **I lovingly respond to sinners while refusing to compromise on matters of truth - John 8**
 - **I can mirror a Christ-like ethic in my own life - 1 Peter 2**
- **I can make God and His Word a deliberate part of my life.**

"Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever."

1 John 2.15-17