

The Christian and the 21st Century: Lesson One

1. Romans 1:21-22 describes the basic thought process that led to the moral collapse of the ancient pagan civilizations. What is it? Do we see evidence of this same attitude today? If so, where do we see its effects?

2. What result of moral decay does Romans 1:32 describe? Is this at work in our society today? Why does this matter to Christians?

3. It is commonly asserted that the United States used to be “a Christian nation”. How accurate is this statement? Consider Luke 6:46 in your answer.

4. How does the psalmist describe his situation in Psalm 42:3? According to 42:4, what was his situation before? What problem does he face? How can the world in which we live give us the same problem?

5. According to John 17:14, what is the situation of the disciples of Jesus? Nonetheless, in 17:15, what does Jesus not ask God to do? What can we learn from this about the impulse that we sometimes feel to isolate ourselves from an increasingly wicked world?

6. What problem does Jesus identify in Matthew 6:23? How, culturally speaking, can this be a danger for us?

7. What instruction does Paul give in 2 Corinthians 6:14? What rhetorical questions does he ask in 6:14-16? What point is he trying to make? How does this support his instruction? How should we apply this?

8. What does 2 Corinthians 6:16 reveal about our relationship with God? According to 6:17, what logically follows from this? According to 6:18, what will the results of this behavior be? What should we learn from this?