Light Among Darkness

Postmodernism & Truth

Common Postmodern Phrases

- "Well, that's true for you, but not for me."
- "Who are you to judge others?"
- "Different roads, same destination."
- "It's arrogant to say I should follow your values."
- "Choose the church of your choice."
- "It's all a matter of perspective or interpretation"
- "I feel like this is the right thing for me."
- "We should focus on love, not doctrine."

The Rise of (Post)Modernism

- **Modernism (Scientific & Social Certainty)**
- **(Post)Modernism –**
  - **Language is Uncertain/Ambiguous**
  - **Truth cannot be understood through language**
  - **Nothing can be understood without language**
  - **Therefore, we cannot know Truth (*Nietzsche*)**
- **Example of language & knowledge ("*dog*")**
- **Consequence on Morality**
  - ***Beyond Good & Evil – Nietzsche (1886)***

(Post)Modern Values

- **Ambiguity/Uncertainty in Language**
- **Emphasis on the Individual Experience**
- **Denying Absolute Truth/Universal Rules**
- **(t)ruth not (T)ruth**
- **Celebrating Disorder and Chaos**
- **Pluralistic Acceptance/Tolerance**
- **Focus on change and denying tradition**

Postmodernism or Christianity?

- **Foundations of Postmodernism**
  - **"The Truth is we cannot know (T)ruth."**
  - **No universal standard or narrative**
  - **Unity through denying absolutes**
- **Foundations of Christianity**
  - **Knowing the Truth – John 8:31-32**
  - **One Standard & Narrative - John 12:48**
  - **Unity through the Absolute – John 17:17-21**
  - **Love through Obedience – 2 John 6**

Nothing New Under the Sun

- **Religion of Cain**
  - **Genesis 4:1-5, 6-11**

- **Right and Wrong are not mere perspectives**
  - **Proverbs 16:2, 25**

- **Consequences of Postmodernism**
  - **No standard – Judges 21:25**
  - **No right or wrong – Genesis 6:5**
  - **Bible is a lie – 2 Corinthians 5:10-11**

Christ, Not Postmodernism

- **Only One Way to Salvation**
  - **John 14:6; Matt. 28:18; 2 John 9-10**
- **One Faith, United**
  - **Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 Corinthians 1:10**
- **One Plan**
  - **Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38**

Christ or Postmodernism?

Which Will You Choose?