

# WHERE IS THE LINE, PT 1 - OUR STANDARD IS GOD - NOT GOOD

## 1 - The World We Live In

**A - A world of opinions...** - According to the Joshua project there are roughly 16,800 distinct people groups in our world - around 6900 of them are still unreached with the Gospel of Christ.

Each of these groups has their own: \_\_\_\_\_

B - On the other side of that coin, we not only live in a weird world, we live in a world where people are desperate to avoid offending anyone, for any reason... \_\_\_\_\_

C - When we let go of truth - we erode a foundational part of life and faith... **Psalm 11:3** *If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?* \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 - Human reasoning, or Devine Standards

A - **Genesis 3:1-6** <sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, **has God said**, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; <sup>3</sup> but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.' <sup>4</sup> The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! <sup>5</sup> "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the tree was **good for food**, and that it was a **delight to the eyes**, and that the tree was **desirable to make one wise**, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. (NASB) \_\_\_\_\_

**Proverbs 14:12** *There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. (NASB)*

**Proverbs 3:5** *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. (NASB)*

**Isaiah 55:8** *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. (NASB)*

EXAMPLES of the reasoning we see more and more often today:

1 - **Genesis 2:24** *For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.* (NASB) \_\_\_\_\_

2 - **Romans 13:1** *Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.* (NASB) \_\_\_\_\_

3 - **Hebrews 13:4** *Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.* (NASB) \_\_\_\_\_

4 - **Hebrews 2:1-3a** <sup>1</sup> *For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.* <sup>2</sup> *For if the word spoken through angels proved **unalterable**, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty,* <sup>3</sup> *how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?* \_\_\_\_\_

In 1925 Ghandi, talking about Christianity, once said “*I like your Christ, but I do not like your Christians*” In reply to a question of Dr. Jones as to how it would be possible to bring India to Christ, Gandhi replied: “*First, I would suggest that all of you Christians live more like Jesus Christ. Second, I would suggest that you practice your Christianity without adulterating it.*” E. Stanley Jones’s - *The Christ of the Indian Road* - published in 1925 by The Abington Press, New York City

How does this statement effect the way you understand how closely you are observed by the world around you? \_\_\_\_\_

Judges 21:25 \_\_\_\_\_