

“Having a MOMENT” – The Week Charlie Kirk was Killed

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"Pastoral Prayer" ...a Unique Moment of the Gathering of God's People Together—Amidst Unique Moments in Our World. This week has been a unique moment!

...We've been hearing attempts at "Perspective" all week. ...President, Governors, Podcasters, News Channels, SOCIAL MEDIA

THIS MOMENT...

- says something @ the purpose/dignity of a human life ...@ the meaningful value of a human family
- says something @ the atmosphere, the soil conditions of our country ...angry, outraged, fearful,
- says something @ political systems created by man and their ability to solve the deep abiding problems of sin and the corrupt desires of the flesh

...You've been trained to "hear" and to "listen for" certain things—when someone with a Platform or Microphone is speaking. You have certain "thought reflexes" that you will use to process everything I'm saying. ...What I did say. What I didn't talk about. ...Whether it sounds "Left or Right". ...Whether it maps on to the "vibe" of this moment!

I'm NOT here to join the conversation or to clarify the conversation @ "Left or Right"

Plenty People with a mic or social media page are talking with us about "Who's Side Are You On?"

- ☐ Charlie Kirk??
- ☐ Widow & fatherless children??
- ☐ A 22 Year Old??
- ☐ A Father turning in his own son ??
- ☐ A People Rapidly losing their ability to live in peace ??

WHAT FIXES THIS?

--> There's a "Left/Right" Answer

--> There's a "Darkness/Light Answer

Remember the Garden of Eden? ...Creation (with all it's potential and complexity) is set before man.

...and He can engage his existence and this creation through 1 of 2 means:

- The Animating Power & Presence of the Spirit of God—what the Bible Labels "LIFE"
- The Tree of Knowledge ...this existence separated from God with man left to his own intellect—what the Bible calls "DEATH"

...What "Fixes This"? ...There's ALWAYS been some form of Governmental Voice ...Social Media ...Debaters of the Age

1 Corinthians 1:17 - 2:16

¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

2 ¹ And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶ “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

...Paul teaches a WORLDVIEW Course in these verses!

...Man's history is filled with debates about "wisdom" ...There's always been smart people--
eloquent talkers who can turn a phrase!

...But OUR Starting Place is God's Big Story! Creation-Fall-Redemption-Restoration (With GOD
explaining each of these dimensions of our existence!)

***With the divine revelation of 1Cor 1&2 ...we find Paul's Podcast Comments to Christians
sounding like this:***

Gal 4:8-11 ⁸ Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. ⁹ But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles [Gk - the building blocks and fundamental ideas] of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? ¹⁰ You observe days and months and seasons and years! ¹¹ I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain.

Col 3:1, 10-11 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ...¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

...Why mention these 'sects' of society?--Because people have ALWAYS had a group of "haves & have-nots", "left & right"; "abusers & victims", "black & white", etc.

...Christians don't speak "these languages" ...and we don't speak the language of "Left or Right" ...We speak the Language of "UP or DOWN" (Kingdom of God or Kingdom of This World) of "Darkness or Light"

Jam 3:13-18 ¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

...THIS wisdom is NOT a "Left/Right" Wisdom! ...It is Not a Podcast Pundit Wisdom ...It is Not a Political Wisdom—Although it will Interact with all of these ...It Must Come into This Fallen World FROM ABOVE!

So... What Fixes This? (For the Record--the "THIS" = THE FALL!)

1Cor 1:17-18 ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Rom 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

...Christians have a biblically unique understanding of where to place their hope! ...When you abandon this—You'll in some way Reject Jesus

-- Remember, my Palm Sunday Message-- "You Thought a King Could Fix This?"

COMMUNION = a Celebration of the Power of the Cross!