

Understanding and Defending the Reasons of our Faith in a World Gone Mad

Session #9

1. The problem of responsibility (the raging debate):

- a. Determinism and the quest for “better”.

“We don’t have free will because we don’t have the control in action for deserved praise and blame, but we do have the kind of control in action that’s kind of forward looking, aimed at making people better.”

- b. The dissolution of culture: criminals and criminal responsibility.

“We have not government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” —John Adams

2. The sources of competing worldviews:

- a. A darkened world: Romans 1:21; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Colossians 2:8

- b. Educational systems

- c. Arts and entertainment

- d. Traditional media

- e. Social influences

- i. Family

- ii. Friends

- iii. Social media

- f. Satan: Acts 26:15-18; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 6:11-12

3. Our response to these things:

- a. We need to _____ and keep _____: Acts 20:18-21; 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

- b. We need to _____ ourselves: James 4:4-10

- c. We need to devote ourselves to Spirit-empowered, Word-directed _____:
Romans 12:2; Hebrews 4:12-13

[We need to learn the gospel!]