

## Humanism - 1 Corinthians 2 10-12-14

Isaiah 55:8 *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.*

Carnal mindedness might be defined today by the word HUMANISM. Humanism is by its defining principles contrary to Christianity. Yet we allow humanism to underlay many decisions we make in our everyday lives, in our spiritual service, in our personal relationship with God.

What is Humanism? It is a Philosophy or Ideology (unreligious theology) *"Humanism is a progressive lifestance that, without supernaturalism, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead meaningful, ethical lives capable of adding to the greater good of humanity"*. • American Humanist Association

**1. Supreme reasoning of Man** - any answer that can be reached is reachable by human reasoning. (1 Cor 1)

Philosophy: If it cannot be understood or known, it is not real

Science: If it cannot be observed or recreated, it is not real

History: The assumption of the combined understanding of men is greater than the records of men

Arts & Entertainment: The human body and human sexuality is unrestrained in its glory

It is not naturalism (nature is god) it is that man is god

Morality: Eze 18:25 *"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not right.' Hear now, O house of Israel! Is My way not right? Is it not your ways that are not right?"*

-Right is commonly understood or what is best for the human individual (absence of moral absolute)

- Right can change to circumstances (situation ethics)

- What is right is whatever brings the best results (ends justify the means)

**2. The ancient equivalent** (Eccl. 1:9 That which has been is that which will be, And that which has been done is that which will be done. So, there is nothing new under the sun)

Judges - Jg 17:6 *In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes.*

Israel & the King - 1Sa 8:19 *Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No, but we will have a king over us, 20 that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."*

The Jews with Christ - Joh 11:50 *nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish."*

The Galatian churches - desire to segregate the church to the desires of men

### **3. Effects on our society (Romans 1)**

- Evolution
- Abortion, euthanasia, etc
- Eugenics
- Homosexuality
- rises in violence (murder, rape, etc)

### **4. Effects in Christianity (I Cor 2:14-15, 3:1-3)**

- If I am not happy, I should not be committed
- My personal happiness is what is most important
- The ends justify the means
- Sacrifice is contrary to my goal

Main Point: Humanism is by its defining principles contrary to Christianity. Yet we allow humanism to underlay many decisions we make in our everyday lives, in our spiritual service, in our personal relationship with God.