

Doctrine of Christ as Counselor

Isaiah 9:6-7

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”

1. The Way of Christ

The way of Christ depends fully upon Him and is based upon the principles of Scripture. Therefore, we read in 2 Timothy 3:16, *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*

The Way of Worldly Counseling

The way of worldly counseling is based upon non biblical philosophies which teach that individuals are intrinsically good, that there is no real, personal God and that a person can rise above his or her circumstances to become his or her own standard of right and wrong.

2. The Way of Christ

The way of Christ demands love in relationships and truth. The way of Christ declares that self-love is the problem.

The Way of Worldly Counseling

The way of worldly counseling believes in self-love and does not believe in absolutes.

3. The Way of Christ

The way of Christ originates with God the Father, employs gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and leads a Christian into a greater awareness of spirituality and of himself as created by God.

The Way of Worldly Counseling

The way of worldly counseling originates with man, utilizes man-made techniques and ends with man.

4. The Way of Christ

The goal of the way of Christ is to glorify the Father. The motivation for change is love for the Lord and a desire to please Him.

The Way of Worldly Counseling

The goal of worldly counseling is the enhancement of self. The motivation for change is personal benefit.

5. The Way of Christ

The way of Christ is accomplished through a divine provision of a new heart and through the presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit giving new power.

The Way of Worldly Counseling

The way of worldly counseling is limited to numerous self help programs.

6. The Way of Christ

The way of Christ says that people are the way they are due to sin and the outworking of a hardened heart.

The Way of Worldly Counseling

The way of worldly counseling offers many conflicting theories why people are the way they are and how they can change. Some of the theories include bad karma, a bad childhood, the influence of the stars, and unconscious drives. Some of the therapies encourage primal screaming, drumming, ventilation and group therapy. Tragically, people do not really change so that they love God with all their heart and their neighbor as they love themselves.

7. The Way of Christ

The way of Christ says that in Him, old things are passed away and all things have become new.

The Way of Worldly Counseling

The way of worldly counseling says that the past unconscious drives determine the present.

8. The Way of Christ

The way of Christ says that every person is a sinner by nature and by choice.

The Way of Worldly Counseling

The way of worldly counseling says people are sick. Therefore, individuals are victims and are not responsible for their attitude and actions.

9. The Way of Christ

The way of Christ says that the whole church body is needed (Acts 2:41-47).

The Way of Worldly Counseling

The way of worldly counseling says that man does not need the guilt and blame that the church assesses. Sigmund Freud called religious beliefs, "*The obsessional neurosis of humanity.*"