

Got Proof #2 - Science/Scripture



GOD - Are science and Scripture at odds?

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This week's teaching addressed

- 1] God's clear call to vigorous scientific inquiry (**Genesis 1-2**)
- 2] All truth is revealed by God and is coherent (general and special revelation)
- 3] Both scientific inquiry and Scripture interpretation are in process, resulting in differences
- 4] Most key "differences" between Scripture and science are a matter of conflicting approaches (or frameworks) - naturalism (only) vs. super-naturalism (also)

GETTING STARTED

"Science brings men nearer to God," said Louis Pasteur. Why do you think a good number of modern scientists recoil from that idea? And, why do you think people struggle with the "idea of God's intervention into the natural order" (T. Keller's phrase in *The Reason for God*)?

How about you...do you think God supernaturally "invades" our natural world today? When? How?

IN THE WORD

Within the body of Christ, there is a range of views about the findings of science and the descriptions of Scripture. Yet what unites Christians - as was suggested in the today's teaching - is this motto (1st attributed to a German theologian named Rupertus Meldenius, 1627).

In essentials, UNITY

In non-essentials, LIBERTY

In all things, CHARITY

With this motto, engage your group in the following exercise:

1] List the “belief” ESSENTIALS that can unify all Christians. What are they? What specific Scripture supports each? [Do you get some help from **Ephesians 4:1-6**?]

2] List a number of “belief” NON-ESSENTIALS about which Christians can have freedom to differ with other Christians? [And, note how Romans 14 appears to underscore this important principle]

3] What to you does this third phrase mean? How does it apply even when you strongly disagree with another Christian?

Finally, in what ways has this exercise helped your thinking...or perhaps modified an attitude you may have held?

MY LIFE - OUR MISSION

Again, **the mission** of all participants at Christ Community Church is to “connect people to life-defining relationships in Christ.” Another way to say that is that our character and lives are changed – become more like Christ – when we interact in relationships with others who are committed to Christ. To the essentials.

Ask yourself these final questions:

- Is the Spirit of God flowing through you in your daily life? In what ways?
- Is God making your day? Regular time with Him in the word and prayer?
- Who shares your tough stuff? Who is holding you accountable to walking with Jesus?
- How worn is your welcome mat? Are you praying for anyone who is yet far from Jesus?
- With whom are you fishing? Doing ministry with someone these days?
- How are your investments doing? How generous have you been with God and his kingdom work lately.

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