

The Benefits of Biblical Beliefs

- A. Review of last week's message (Incomplete Information). Many people have incomplete information and yet can be very warm and friendly people, and also very religious.
 - 1. Muslims.
 - 2. The Greeks that Paul met in Athens (Acts 17).
 - 3. The Bible says to build our hopes and beliefs on Jesus (Col. 2:8-10).

- B. Does it really matter what I believe? How do my beliefs affect my life? Take Creation, or how things began as an illustration.
 - 1. There are 3 main views:
 - a. Creation by God in 6 literal days (Gen 1:1).
 - b. Evolution - Lightning struck a mud puddle and then life began and evolved into humans eventually over time.
 - c. Theistic evolution - a combination of Creation by God and evolution. This view is accepted among many Christians and is taught in many churches as IF it were fact. It is based upon a misunderstanding of 2 Pet. 3:8. This verse is not a prophetic yardstick about creation but referring to God's view of time, not creation (Job 36:26; Ps. 90:4).
 - 2. What does the Bible say?
 - a. Honor God as the Creator (Rev. 14:6-7).
 - b. The prophecies of Revelation talk about the churches falling away from teaching the Bible and mingling it with other beliefs (Rev. 12 and Rev 17-18).

- C. How to know for sure that creation happened in 6 literal days
 - 1. The first day was made up of 2 parts; The dark part and the light part (Gen. 1:5). If each day were 1000 years long then it would have been 500 years of darkness and 500 years of light.