



# CULTURE SHOCK

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**What I will die for**

**What I will divide for**

**What I will debate for**

**What I will decide for**



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## **ROMANS 14:10-11**

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**So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For the Scriptures say, “‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance to God.’” Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.”**



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## ROMANS 14:12-13, 19-20

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**“So let’s stop condemning each other... So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up. Don’t tear apart the work of God...”**



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# **7 Deadly Sins of Evangelicals in an Election Year**

**Messianism  
Selective Scripturization  
Easy Believism  
Episodism  
Alarmism  
One Issue-ism  
Pride**



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***“A Christian friend posted a grumpy cat driving a car on Facebook. Grumpy says, "I just ran over Hillary Clinton - you're welcome". This person often posts scriptures and "God bless you" things on their page. How can any Christian reconcile the love of Jesus with a meme that suggests killing Hillary would be acceptable?”***



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***“You said Jesus wasn’t a democrat or a republican, but if I vote for a democrat or a republican aren’t I taking sides? Help.”***



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***“How should I treat this specific contest during the election, given the less than satisfactory track record of the candidates? I could use some guidance.”***



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***“As we are reading the Bible, how can we tell the difference between those scriptures that we can ignore or be explained away, from those that should be followed in our daily lives? ”***



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## 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

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**Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.**



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***“I have a close relative who is involved in a same sex relationship. My wife and I are trying to understand more of the differences between acceptance and approval. Could you please share more on this? ”***



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***“I had a question regarding the difference between acceptance & approval on same sex marriage that you spoke of on Sunday. My sister is gay and I accept & love her and her partner even though I don't approve of their relationship. They are planning to get married and have a big family affair. I'm not sure about attending their wedding since I don't approve of the union, but also don't want it to appear in any way that I am rejecting her. Where is the line between acceptance & approval in this type of situation?”***



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***“I have a gay brother-in-law who is legally married to his partner. They have a rocky relationship and may divorce. How does God who hates divorce view this divorce? Does He view it as divorce since it may not be a valid marriage in His sight? If they become believers, would they need to divorce? Or no longer live together? What advice would you give my brother-in-law if he did become a believer and asked what he should do?”***



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***“What are some specific principles you recommend for discerning whether a particular situation requires us to refuse participation because our participation would result in compromising the truth and encouraging sin?”***



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***“One lingering question I have is how does the church view abortion if it is performed due to the mother's health being in jeopardy? And I mean truly in jeopardy - life endangering. Also, it is a grey area to me as well when talking about abortion when it relates to rape or particularly incest where the victim is a minor. Any insight you can share would help me greatly. ”***



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***“Should laws limiting abortion be seen as a good thing, and if so, is there a role for Christians to play in personal political activism on this issue?”***



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***“The death penalty was not included in the list of controversial issues in the "Speak Life" sermon (which was amazing, BTW). Does the biblical pro-life stance articulated in the sermon necessarily include opposition to capital punishment?”***



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# **Four Shifts in Culture**

- 1. From authority to preference**
- 2. From integration to fragmentation**
- 3. From supernatural to natural**
- 4. From solid to liquid**



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- **Evaluate options objectively and reasonably** (evaluate, don't argue)



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## **JAMES 1:5-6**

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**If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.**



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**ASCETIC**  
**TRADITIONALIST**  
**ACTIVIST**  
**CONTEMPLATIVE**  
**INTELLECTUAL**  
**ENTHUSIAST**  
**NATURALIST**  
**SENSATE**  
**CAREGIVER**



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## 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

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**All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.**



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**GARY CHAPMAN, *THE 5 LOVE LANGUAGES OF CHILDREN***

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**"We can best define unconditional love by showing what it does. Unconditional love shows love to a child no matter what. We love regardless of what the child looks like; regardless of her assets, liabilities, or handicaps; regardless of what we expect her to be; and, most difficult of all, regardless of how she acts."**



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**"This does not mean that we like all of her behavior. It does mean that we give and show love to our child all the time, even when her behavior is poor. Does this sound like permissiveness? It is not. Rather, it is doing first things first. A child with a full love tank can respond to parental guidance without resentment."**



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