

Biblical Worldview

GOD

- revealed by Jesus
- sovereign over creation including evil
- all-powerful
- does not owe creatures explanations
- gave law to reveal sin
- gave Son to substitute for humans
- gave humans one way to be saved: Jesus



JESUS

- eternal Son, second person of the Trinity
 - God incarnate in human flesh but with unfallen nature
 - Born with living spirit—never needed to be born again
 - once-for-all sacrifice—the propitiation for our sin
 - our Substitute, took God's wrath for our sin
 - could not sin nor could He have failed in His mission
 - eternally our intercessor



MAN

- made spiritual beings in God's image
- possesses immaterial spirit separate from the mortal body
- born with spirits dead in sin; innately sinners
- unable to resist temptation even by prayer
- saved by grace alone through faith in Christ alone
- born of the Spirit and transferred from domain of darkness
- spirit made alive with Jesus' resurrection life

GOSPEL

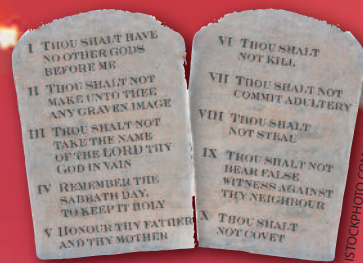
- Jesus died, was buried, and was raised on the third day; mission complete
- Jesus' blood was propitiation for our sin
- Jesus is the scapegoat
- Jesus' resurrection life is what brings our spirits to life
- we are saved by repenting and receiving the Lord Jesus and His sacrifice
- we are sealed with the indwelling Holy Spirit: born again
- God's Spirit in us guarantees our eternal future



Great Controversy Worldview

GOD

- revealed by law
- accused by Satan of unfairness
- limits power over creatures to protect their free-will
- must answer Satan's accusations
- sent Jesus as example to vindicate the law
- saves those who honor the law and reproduce the character of Christ



JESUS

- exalted to be equal with God making Lucifer jealous
 - incarnate in sinful flesh with fallen nature
 - possessed inherited tendencies to evil yet resisted sin
 - our example; showed us how to overcome sin
 - paid the price for our past sins
 - could have sinned, did not know He would rise
 - mediation and intercession will end



MAN

- made in God's physical image
- does not possess immaterial spirit (like an animal)
- born with inherited tendencies to sin
- must learn to pray like Jesus and resist temptation
- forgiven for past sins, must stay saved by obedience
- dies without knowing if saved
- knowledge of salvation revealed at Jesus' coming

GOSPEL

- Jesus died for sin; applies His blood in heaven since 1844
- Jesus' blood is "down payment" on our sin (breaking the law)
- Satan is scapegoat
- we are saved when we perfectly reflect Christ's character (the law)
- resurrection merely promises we will be re-created
- we are sealed or marked by keeping the Sabbath
- we will stand without a mediator during the tribulation

