

The Credibility Gap

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: John 18:31-32.

B. Subject: the credibility gap.

C. Many of the American debates today are about what truth is.

D. The Bible is called holy because it tells the truth about God, man, the Devil and its character.

E. Satanic activity has been greater than it has ever been.

1. Good is going to get better.

2. However, bad is going to get worse.

3. The Devil is stirring evil. He has power and is behind all deception. (John 8:44)

F. God tested man because man had free choice and the Devil came along to tempt. (Genesis 2-3, Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28)

II. All rebellion came from man's sin at the garden and the Devil has been using this to build the credibility gap.

A. We were born with the possibility of sin. We inherited the ability to sin through our parents.

B. The Devil will deceive through the antichrist.

C. God holds us accountable for our sex sins, our drug and alcohol use, and every other wrong.

D. The wages of sin is death.

III. The answer is Jesus Christ.

A. Jesus said that He is the truth.

B. Everyone has to have a god - make Him Jesus.

C. Jesus is the image of the invisible God who created all and holds all together.

D. In Jesus all fullness dwells.

E. Jesus will bring peace and grace and joy to the one who accepts Him in the midst of problems.

F. Christ can change your life if you put your faith and trust in Him.

G. The greatest picture of God's love is the cross of Christ.

H. You must be converted to Jesus Christ repenting of your sins.

I. Jesus gives us freedom from sin.

Application questions

1. What is the credibility gap?

2. Who is the source for the credibility gap? What is the result of this credibility gap for man?

3. Why can it be said that Jesus bridges this gap? Explain.
