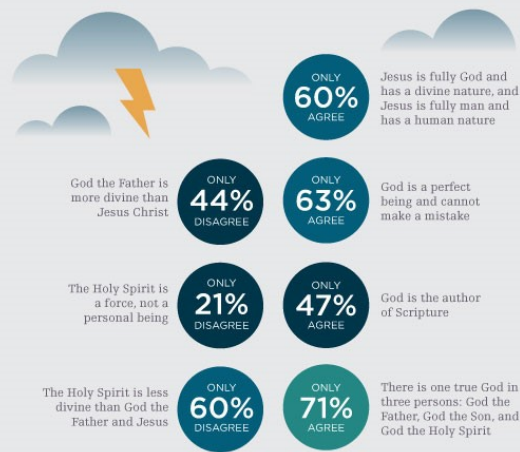


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SURVEYED

To take the temperature of America's theological health, compare it to that of self-identified Christians, and index it over time in order to better equip the church to faithfully preach and teach the whole counsel of God.

ADULTS IN THE  
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## THE TAMING OF GOD



*"There are two primary problems: we don't understand who God is, and we don't understand who we are. That's why I'm constantly emphasizing the character of God and the holiness of God. The more we understand who God is, the more our sin will become apparent to us."*

- R.C. SPROUL

These answers are reflective of our "made-to-order" god.

## SIN IS NOT COSMIC TREASON

Even the smallest sin deserves damnation



Everyone sins at least a little, but most people are by nature good



EP refers to Evangelical Protestants

*"Even the smallest sin deserves damnation... even the smallest sin is cosmic treason."*

- R.C. SPROUL

The majority of Americans perceive "goodness" to be a better description of people than "sinful."

## HEAVEN? YES! HELL, NO.

Heaven is a real place, not just a concept  
Hell is a real place, not just a concept  
God shows His wrath  
There will be a time when Jesus Christ returns to judge all people who have lived

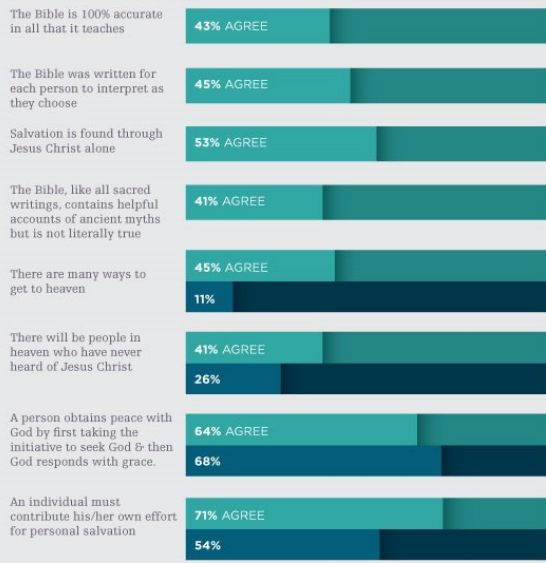


*"Natural man's sin is precisely this: he wants the benefits of God without God Himself."*

- R.C. SPROUL

The majority of Americans aren't convinced of a literal heaven and hell.

## PLURALISM: AMERICA'S RELIGION



All Evangelical Protestants

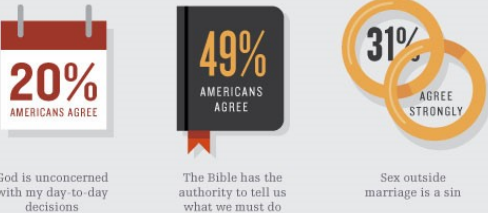
*"What comes screaming through this survey is the pervasive influence of humanism."*

- R.C. SPROUL

Pluralism is rampant within our culture.

## WRONG THINKING, WRONG LIVING

God has authority over people because He created human beings

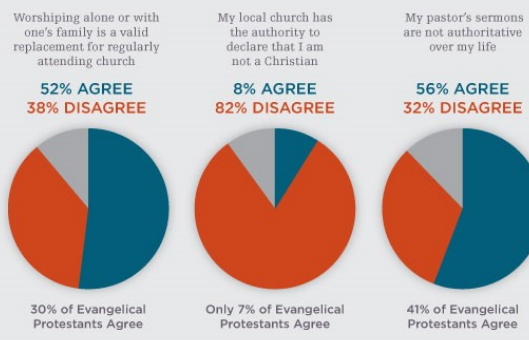


*"A bad theology has a bad ethic."*

- STEPHEN NICHOLS

Right thinking precedes right behavior. The issue is getting truth right in the heart. In order for that to happen, truth needs to get into the head first.

## WORSHIPING ALONE



I recite or use historical Christian creeds in personal discipleship

70% SAID "NO"

There is little value in studying and/or reciting creeds and catechisms

27% AGREE

31% of Evangelical Protestants agree

*"People are cutting themselves off from 2,000 years of the Holy Spirit's ministry of the Word of God. We never want to exalt tradition over Scripture, but we still need to recognize that we are part of the historic body of Christ."*

- STEPHEN NICHOLS

## FINDINGS SUMMARY

Our culture is anti-theological—we are in a new dark age.

*"These responses show that we have a true mission for the church, to help the church think through and proclaim these doctrines."*

- R.C. SPROUL

The state of theology is more important than we realize. Dr. Sproul has said often, "Everyone's a theologian." This study demonstrates the stunning gap in theological awareness throughout our nation, in our neighborhoods, and even in the seat next to us at church.

## [WHAT TO DO]



Inform the church



Help the pastor



Equip Christians

*So that we will know what we believe, why we believe it, how to live it, and how to share it.*

The future belongs to Christians with conviction.

NOTE: The quantitative survey of American adults was conducted using a large, national online panel. Quotas and weights ensure the sample is demographically balanced on gender, age, ethnicity, education, census region, and religious preference. 3,000 surveys were completed between February 25-March 5, 2014. The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error from the panel does not exceed ±1.8%.