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## Us Against them, Part 1

***If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. John 15:19 (NIV)***

It's natural to want to belong - to be accepted by others.

However, the world around your children is changing at an alarming pace, changing in ways that further separate we believers from the secular society all around us.

In upcoming weeks, I'll cover topics on the media (which fuels this separation), technology, our fast-paced life and other factors that work against a Biblical faith. We'll also take a look at how media and technology can be used to promote faith and how we as Christian parents deal with all this.

*Just in case you've missed it*, there is a growing sense of division within our nation, and not just political division but cultural and even spiritual division.

Much of this comes from our different worldviews (your values, the way you think about the world). Bible believing Christians are to base their worldview on the Bible - that what they see and experience is filtered through the teachings of the Bible. However, there are other worldviews out there that are dramatically opposed to the message we have in God's Word.

In doing some background study for this blog I came across an old Newsweek piece that basically tried to tear down any trust we might have in the message of the Bible. The article gave the total flipside to apologetics that are used to defend the accuracy of the Bible. Christians, this writer would have you believe, base their beliefs on a Biblical text that has been manipulated and changed over the course of time to the extent that we wouldn't recognize the original writings.

If the writer of this article is correct, then what we base our beliefs on is but a slippery slope.

A statement that our church body (Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, or LCMS) has on the nature and authority of the Bible can be found at <http://www.lcms.org/document.fdoc?src=lcm&id=1081> (as a pdf).

Another good defense of the authority of the Bible can be found at <https://peterpilt.org/2012/05/24/compelling-evidence-of-the-authenticity-of-the-bible/>

An article also stressing the authority of the Bible plus the need to teach our children its tenets can be found at <https://answersingenesis.org/apologetics/critical-thinking/are-we-brainwashing-our-children/>

We live in a world that wants to sabotage your faith and your children's faith. This often starts by declaring that the Bible we base our beliefs in is just not reliable. Over the next couple of weeks I'll look at two reasons why some want to debunk the Christian faith and why this is dangerous for you and your children.

My message for this week is, for you as their parents, to please do what you can to educate your children as to why we believe in the Bible as the Word of God. All too soon these children won't be under your roof and while you'll always be their parent, your ability to help form their beliefs just won't be the same.

As Pastor Bard said in the Life With God class this past Sunday, we have a simple faith - that if the Bible says something happened, it just did. As Lutherans that's good enough for us.

However, it can be a helpful thing to arm your children with what they need to counter the anti-Bible arguments that they will face as they get older. One resource for 9-12-year olds is a series of books by Lee Strobel. You can do a quick search for "The Case for Faith for Kids" to find one such resource as well as others with similar titles. For parents of teens Strobel offers "The Case for Christ: Student Edition. Another good site for Biblical apologetics is "answersingenesis.org." If you want to dig a little deeper you can go to <http://www.lutheranapologetics.com/main/>" (This is a Lutheran site and all the connections I can find seem to go back to our church body, so while it doesn't come out and say "LCMS" it appears that this is the background of the site.)

Need further ideas with specific needs? I'm only an email away! ([dcerandy@blcbcs.org](mailto:dcerandy@blcbcs.org)).

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