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The heart is wicked and I need Jesus Christ to cleanse my heart. Spiritual pride kept me from seeing God and it led to a huge burn out.

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... Obedience is the easiest way to live.

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..... With Christianity we get accepted right at the beginning. God does not have a performance world view on his children.

How do we reach a lost and confused generation?

(1) <u>We know the Truth</u>

....outside of God and Christ, there is no world view that is more coherent.

Confidence in Christ – the Risen Messiah.

³⁸ "What is truth?" retorted Pilate.

John 18:38

(2) <u>He is God. I am not.</u>

.....The meaning behind the Tree of Good and Evil.

And [a]the serpent (Satan) said to the woman "Can it really be that God has said, 'You shall not eat from ^[b]any tree of the garden'?" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, ³ except the fruit from the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God said, 'You shall not eat from it nor touch it, otherwise you will die." 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die! ⁵ For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened [that is, you will have greater awareness], and you will be like God, knowing [the difference between] good and evil."

Genesis 3: 1-5

"Blessed [with spiritual security] is the man who believes and trusts in and relies on the LORD And whose hope and confident expectation is the LORD.

⁸ "For he will be [nourished] like a tree planted by the waters, That spreads out its roots by the river;

And will not fear the heat when it comes; But its leaves will be green and moist. And it will not be anxious and concerned in a year of drought Nor stop bearing fruit. 9 "The heart is deceitful above all things And it is []extremely sick; Who can understand it fully and know its secret motives?

Jeremiah 17

(3) <u>Intellect is not the problem</u>, <u>Morality is.</u>

...people struggle not so much because of intellect, it is due to their heart condition i.e. their view on morality . ³ Now Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, ⁴ for John had been saying to him: "It is not lawful for you to have her." ⁵ Herod wanted to kill John, but he was afraid of the people, because they considered John a prophet.

Mark 14:3-5

(4) Focus on your relationship with Him

....to Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and your strength and love your neighbour as yourself.