



THEOLOGICAL LIBERALISM

MAJOR BELIEFS

God

- God's supernatural and miraculous work in history is rejected.

Jesus Christ

- Jesus is a good moral teacher but is not the divine Son of God.

Source of Authority

- Scripture is interpreted or reinterpreted according to modern experiences or contemporary science.

Human Nature

- At its core, humanity is basically good but needs an example to follow.

Basic Human Problem

- The seriousness of individual sin before a holy God is ignored by redefining sin or relegating it to a minor offense, making salvation from sin a minor need.

Solution to Basic Human Problem

- The propitiation of God's wrath at the cross is either downplayed or denied.

Afterlife

- The biblical teaching that judgment will last for an eternity is rejected.

WHEN SHARING THE GOSPEL

- 1 Communicate the importance of believing God's supernatural work in history.
- 2 Emphasize putting trust in the Word of God over human wisdom, experience, and reason.
- 3 Refuse to minimize the person and work of Christ.

QUICK FACTS

- These are not those who have liberal political view.
- They deny Scripture and orthodox doctrines of Christianity.
- They often use language that appears to be biblical, even as it undercuts Scripture.
- They claim to be new and contemporary, but rehashing are old heresies.

READING

J. Gresham Machen, *Christianity and Liberalism*

David Wells, *No Place For Truth: Or Whatever Happened to Evangelical Theology?*