

**04 – Summer sermon series – What are people talking about? – God’s 2050 plan**

... will not be looking

- “Is climate change occurring?”
- “What might be the causes of climate change?”.

Bible believing gospel centred followers of Jesus hold views on this topic that represent the full spectrum of views available.

**Dangers we face****The danger of dualism**

... we separate the physical world from the spiritual world.

**The danger of materialism**

... the material world is ALL that exists.

**The danger of pantheism (and panentheism)**

... “Creation IS God” (pantheism)

Or ... “Creation is part of God” (panentheism).

**What does the bible say?**

... God is NOT the same as creation or the universe.

... creation is GOOD.

Humanity is special in God’s good creation.

Hosea we see the environmental the consequences of human rebellion towards God clearly spelt out.

Hosea 4:1.. humans reject God

Hosea 4:2 ... humans hurt each other

Hosea 4:3 ... the environmental impacts follows

**The solution to the problem**

**Colossians 1:15-20**, “15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20

*and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

### **Godly living today**

- 1) ... be aware of the dangers of the false beliefs
- 2) ... we should groan, as we see the impact of sin in our world and on the environment
- 3) Not lose sight of where we are heading.
- 4) ... not to be people driven by or focussed on consumption or greed.
  
- 5) ... we need to love our neighbours.
- 6) ... a bigger goal than simply the care of the environment