

## 3 Bullet Points

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If you spend your entire life in search of the truth of God, the Bible, religion, and life, you will eventually wind up with a lot of information and knowledge. All the stuff you learn will come down to three bullet points:

1. **Religion**

Religion, all of it, is the greatest satanic deception ever perpetrated upon mankind.

2. **Religion**

There are many religions about God. There is only one relationship with God.

3. **Religion**

The relationship with God is not religion. It is the abiding Spirit of God.

Really. That's it. But don't take the pilot's word for it. Spend the next 90 years studying, praying thinking, learning, asking, seeking, knocking, and sitting in a church pew. And of course, you'll want to read all the books.

## What is Religion

All religion is little more than people trying to do their best. You know, live good lives and do good things - being good. Everyone knows what good is: we're all born with that knowledge. Ever hear of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil? Our first parents were once perfect and innocent, without a sin nature. They simply went happily about their day-to-day. As such, they could commune with an all perfect God.

That all changed. The Devil, along with a third of the angels, botched an attempt to overthrow the government of God and were thrown out of Heaven. Now, Satan really doesn't like God. In this all-out war of Satan v God, mankind got caught in the middle. Every day, 24/7, Satan does everything in his power to destroy mankind and condemn us to an eternal separation from God. Just to get back at God. If he can't have Heaven, he'll make certain no one else can either.

## Good and Evil

Satan's first attack, and a decisive blow against mankind, was convincing Eve to eat from the aforementioned tree. Adam and Eve's minds were affected in such a way that they gained a broader range of knowledge, and passions, desires, self awareness, and of course, they knew what was good. As their children, we inherited that knowledge of good. So, like a bird naturally knows how to fly, we naturally know what is right and good. Our problem is not "knowing good", it is doing the good we know. That's the business of all religion: reminding you and encouraging you to do and be good.

So much for the good stuff. How would you know good without evil? Good doesn't exist without its contrast, comparable, and counter balance. Satan convinced Eve that this greater knowledge, this "yin and yang", was a good thing, desirable, so that she would be like God. Turns out this "awareness 2.0" is anything but good, and does nothing but get us into trouble. Turns out we have a penchant for all things evil. Besides that, God told Adam that in the day that they ate from the tree,

they would die. Sure enough, that's what happened. At that moment, 6000 years ago, sin and death entered the world and we have been dying ever since.

## Religion: Satan's Tool of Choice

Satan uses two aspects of our human nature against us: our knowledge of, and inclination toward, evil, and our propensity for all things self. Self is the root of all sin. Evil could not exist if we didn't have self. But we do have self and always will.

Another aspect of our human nature comes in the form of God making us aware of Him. That's how the creator created us. God put His signature on our heart so that we would know Him and have a sense of Him, and an emptiness without Him. Even created nature reveals God to us so that all men are without excuse when they deny God. Satan uses our self-awareness, our knowledge of good, our attraction to evil, and our desire to worship something beyond ourselves to keep us from God. That's the religion piece.

The Devil cleverly redirects our attention and focus to a vast array of objects, deities, missions, works, words, and fake religions of false gods and false gospels. We take these many religious notions and invent all types of belief systems centered on doing good things, and being good, and saying good things, and thinking good things, following our made-up laws about good things, and sharing our good things with others, all the while striving to attain a higher spiritual plain for ourselves, all on our own power. This is a good definition of religion. It is man doing things in the name of God, trying to please and satisfy God, rather than having a relationship with God. The problem is that none of this good that we think to do can ever be good enough. Despite our best efforts, man remains always estranged from God. We are always lost in a self-centered, evil nature.

## God's Plan

Fortunately, all is not lost. At the very beginning of the world, God had a two-part plan: **First**, He, Himself, would come to earth and pay the penalty of death He leveled against mankind. This was the man Jesus. His sacrificial death in our place, on our behalf, reconciled God and man. His sacrifice made it possible for all men to have a relationship with God despite our self and our evil nature, and that through simple faith in turning to God - religion not required or desired.

Just a simple relationship with God. All anyone ever needs to do is ask. "*God, Help Me*". It's that easy. Three little words God longs to hear you say - and mean it. Three little words: the difference between eternity with God and an eternity of separation from God. Paul calls it "the simplicity that is in Christ." And it really is simple!

(Satan works tirelessly through religion to complicate and hide from you this simple gift of God.)

**Second**, God had a secret. Those who turn to Him would receive Him. God would be in them. It is the Spirit of God abiding in man. This abiding Spirit is the miracle that replaced all miracles mentioned in the Bible. The Spirit of God indwelling means that we are the living temple of the almighty God. This eliminated "Church" and temples and synagogues and cathedrals and alters. We needn't go anywhere to worship God as He is always with us, and in us. God's Spirit within guards and guides our hearts and minds, and our affections and desires, our thoughts and intentions. The Spirit of God is the required key that unlocks the secrets of the Bible and reveals the truth to our mind through many avenues, not the least of which is God's Word. The Spirit of God is the modifier of our fallen nature and naturally redirects our lives. But we are not "robots" or "possessed". Our life with God through the Spirit is our desire and we wouldn't have it any other way.

The Good news is that this whole “man in sin” thing only lasts 6000 years and is right on schedule to end very soon, so says the Bible. (Check out the article on this website [\*\*“The End is Now”\*\*](https://www.ppgpilot.com) PPGpilot.com)

## One Bullet Point

If you find it difficult to remember all three bullet points, you can reduce the whole thing down to just one. You can have your pick, as both work equally well and you can't go wrong with either one.

***Love the Lord your God with all your Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength.***

or my personal favorite,

***Desire God more than anything else.***

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**Fun Fact:** The Christian Church as we understand it today is an outmoded notion, a model of the pagan temples to their gods, and the Old Testament Jewish temple worship. Nothing here applies to the Body of Christ, that is, Christ's Church.

**Fun Fact:** The religion we know today called Christian is not the Body of Christ.

**Fun Fact:** Christianity is nowhere found in the Bible. It is not a biblical religion. It is a made-up religion like Mormonism, Catholicism, Pentecostalism, Amishism, and other such belief systems. These are all creations of men who took words from the Bible, out of context, to concoct their false ideas, and/or traditions, superstitions, imaginations, beliefs, extra-biblical writings, and errant practices that have no biblical support.

**Fun Fact:** Christianity is not a valid expression of Bible truth.

**Fun Fact:** Generally speaking, Christianity is nothing more than a collection of random Bible verses taken out of context.

**Fun Fact:** Consider, in the 30 plus years of ministry and writing, neither Peter, Paul, James, John, nor Jude ever used the term Christian to describe themselves, their followers, or their church.

**Fun Fact:** Religion of every type is the single greatest satanic deception ever perpetrated upon the world, including idolatry, Confucianism, Islam, Christianity, and the rest.

The Body of Christ is not a religion, it is a relationship with God.