

## Is Tithing a Thing?

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**NO.**

The religions of Christianity today promote the concept of the tithe: giving 10% of your increase to God. Some go so far as to demand your giving, offering payroll deduction and insisting you tithe before taxes. They say things like "You must put God before the government", "The 10% of your increase is all you earn, not after taxes", etc."

From a biblical viewpoint, this is not accurate: the tithe does not exist in the Pauline epistles and does not apply to the Body of Christ. It does not even apply to the false religion called Christian that chose to follow the Old Testament Jewish law of tithing to the Levites.

The Old Testament records information for us to understand the past, but these records of history are **descriptive** for our knowing, **not prescriptive** for our doing today. It is the same with the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews.

The Old Testament Jews tithed under the Mosaic law and this does not apply, and never applied to the Gentiles or the Pauline believers. Tithes collected from the Israelites went to the tribe of Levi who were priests. When the Jews crossed over the Jordan into the land God promised the Jews, the Levites did not receive an allotment of land as did the other 11 tribes. This tithe balanced the scales.

Christianity today has a misguided view of the Bible. It is fair to say that the entire Christian religion is nothing more than a collection of random Bible verses taken out of context. Through the centuries, individuals took verses out of the Bible as it suited them, out of context, disconnected from the textual flow, then constructed laws and doctrines that do not exist in Scripture. Tithing is one such false doctrine.

The Christian religion uses the concept of the tithe to meet expenses and that is fine as it goes. If you want a club house, there are expenses, and those who derive a benefit from the facility should share the cost. So, let's just call it what it is: "dues", and not a requirement or commandment of the Almighty God.

**Fun Fact:** 1600 through 1900 years after Christ, the man-made religion called Protestant Christian simply went through the Bible picking out various verses to create the hodge-podge of things they chose to believe, totally disjointed and out of context. Their belief system has no continuity with the Bible and so, it is a false religion, plain and simple. This is why the Christian religion can believe

- The seven Churches of the Revelation belong to them
- They are the center of all religion
- They are the true Israel
- They are God's chosen
- God rejected the Jews and transferred all the blessings He gave to the Jews to The Christian religion
- The Jews retain all the curses,
- Deciding God did not really give the Jews the land of Canaan

- Jesus spoke directly to Christians 2000 years future telling them to “GO YE”
- Baptism is a thing, and
- Tithing is a thing,
- ...and I’m going to be an astronaut.

None of this is remotely true. It’s fun to just say stuff. Just saying it doesn’t make it so.

But the dishonesty surfaces when church management tells the parishioners they must tithe because it is a requirement of God, simply because the word “tithe” appears somewhere in the Bible. Some religions dishonestly claim people gain extra blessings from God if they give more; and if they don’t give, they are sinning against God, or God cannot give to them, or God will take away from them; and the more you give the more God will give to you, and other such nonsense. All deliberate lies, as these people know better.

The tithe is not the only thing these non-biblical religions do not understand. Comparing their various belief systems to the Bible reveals a plethora of errant concepts, practices, superstitions, traditions, and false doctrines, all lacking biblical support.

Save your money. Leave these false religions. Turn to God. Find a personal relationship with God through His Spirit. Then you will learn the truth of the Bible and be free from the errant religions of our day.

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**Fun Fact:** The Christian religion appears nowhere in the Bible.

**Fun Fact:** The Christian religion is not a valid expression of biblical truth.

**Fun Fact:** The Christian religion is nothing but a collection of random Bible verses taken out of context.

**Fun Fact:** The Christian religion, Protestant, Catholic, and the rest, are made-up religions, like Mormonism.

**Fun Fact:** The Christian worship model of going to a Church building to corporately worship God and confess sins is decidedly Catholic, and the Roman Church picked that up from Old Testament Jewish anthology and pagan temple worship. “Church” and “religion” as our culture defines these words today, does not exist anywhere in the Bible and are not part of the Body of Christ, aka Christ’s Church of Pauline believers of Paul’s ministry.

The indwelling Spirit of God, the mystery hidden in God from the foundation of the world, was part of Paul’s Gospel and replaced not only the first-century

miracles, signs, and wonders, tongues, and healings, but also the Jewish sacrificial system and the idea that there is a place man must go to approach God in temples, tabernacles, synagogues, alters, churches, and other such worship buildings and things of worship.

The Protestant churches are derivatives of Jewish / Catholic / pagan practices and decidedly not biblical. As Paul says, we are the temple of the Holy Spirit and God is in you. This indwelling of God is the miracle that replaced all miracles and negates the brick and mortar, putting us spiritually “online” with God.

**Consider** In the four Jewish Gospels, during His three-year ministry, Jesus went to the Jew only, deliberately omitting the Gentiles and calling them “dogs”, His words. Neither Jesus nor His disciples ministered to, or interacted with the Gentiles, avoiding them entirely, and referring to both the Gentiles and Samaritans as heathens, and sinners.

Post-ascension, Jesus commissioned the Apostle Paul to minister to the Gentiles with a new message that Christ never spoke to His disciples; information the world had never heard, information that God chose for the Gentiles to receive from the mouth of the Apostle Paul, information that had nothing to do with the Jewish Old Testament or the four Jewish Gospels.

That the Christian religion of today believes that Jesus, 2000 years ago, spoke specifically to them, a misguided, biblically ignorant group of Gentiles, without God or the Spirit of God, despising the Jews, preaching a false gospel, a false Spirit, and a phony Jesus, ignoring Christ’s messenger to the Gentiles, the Apostle Paul - and they thinking Jesus commanded them into the mission field to convert the world to their brand of made-up religion is beyond absurd.

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

The Body of Christ is not a religion, it is a relationship with God, and the indwelling Spirit