

Nominal Christian Religion

“Christian” today means a religion dating back to the early second century; a time just after the Apostolic era. This religion was the seed that would ultimately become the Roman pagan Christian Church and later, its offshoot, Protestantism.

Fun Fact: The Christian religion, Protestant and Catholic, is found nowhere in the Bible. It is a made-up religion of many systems loosely defined by Bible verses taken out of context, and/or made-up traditions, superstitions, imaginations, mysticism’s, stories and fables, extra-biblical writings, errant beliefs and rituals, all in a false religion of candles, statues, beads, chants, costumes, empty practices, wrapped in a form of liturgical pomp and show. Nothing here has biblical support and is totally void of God’s Spirit. Mormonism was also created in the same manner.

Christianity is not the Pauline Body of Christ.

The Body of Christ consists of individuals having a relationship with God and God’s abiding Spirit. In fact, modern-day religion has little to do with Paul. Yet, Christ called the Apostle Paul specifically to take God’s message to the Gentiles. It was a new message never known before that time; a message for the final 2000 years of humanity in this Age of Grace.

Instead of Pauline doctrine, the Christian religion of today preaches

- 1) the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews
- 2) often a false Jesus
- 3) the Jewish Hebrew epistles as doctrine (Hebrews through the Book of the Revelation)

All three of the above were rendered obsolete in this Age of Grace with the abiding Spirit of God, and the Christian religion takes each out of context. These religions are non-biblical and are not teaching biblical truth.

Fun Fact: Christianity in any of its many forms is not a valid expression of biblical truth.

Fun Fact: What passes for religion today is an out-of-context understanding of God and the Bible. Satan has so succeeded in his ploy to destroy God’s attempt to save mankind that today, with billions of Bibles in circulation, due to misteaching and a lack of God’s Spirit, even while holding their Bibles in their hands, no one has a Bible.

Satan, who hid the Bible for 1500 years, has hidden God’s word yet again, this time in plain sight, in every church, in every home, and in every hand, rendering them totally useless by way of confusion. All the while the people, overflowing with religion of every kind, believing they have the truth, wallow in deception, lost, blind, separated from God, and damned for all eternity.

It’s ingenious!

The Christianity of today is largely Covenant religion. Covenant Theology began 1700 years ago, is satanic in nature, and has the single purpose of keeping humanity from God, and hiding God's truth found in the Bible. More than 2.5 billion souls follow these errant teachings. (These religions include Replacement Theology, Reformed Theology, Evangelicalism, Roman religion, Amillennialism, to name a few.)

Christianities latest false iteration is the Emergent Church that calls itself Christian, but is full-on humanism in a new age religion of far-east mysticism.

See the article "[How to Spot a Covenant Church](#)" [PPGpilot.com](#)

Fun Fact: If the Apostle Paul were with us today, he would tell the Body of Christ to have nothing to do with the religion called Christian. And he would throw in a couple of anathemas for good measure

This leads to a very important question:

Why Remain in a False Religion?

An individual belongs to a religion or attends a church for many reasons, but primarily these five:

- 1. To learn about God, grow in the faith, and mature spiritually**
- 2. For the Children:**
 - a. to learn biblical values
 - b. that they can be around other children of like values, and
 - c. to grow up with a religious foundation
- 3. The Church Attendance "Mandate"**
 - a. Because they believe they must attend religious services as a direct command of Scripture
 - b. A person is not a Christian unless they belong to and attend a church
 - c. If a person does not belong to or attend a church, God won't let them into Heaven
 - d. They believe God is in the church building and they must present themselves before God.
 - e. They believe the act of going to church has some mystical or spiritual benefit.
- 4. To be with other Christians**
 - a. We need to be with other Christians because "iron sharpens iron".
 - b. Being with other Christians is a biblical mandate.
- 5. A Social Life and a sense of community**
 - a. Meeting other people with similar values

Let's examine each point.

Points 1 & 2: Teaching, Spiritual Growth, and the Children

Doubtless, there are many Christians who believe they are following a true religion and receiving sound, biblical teaching. However, Christian religions follow a form of Covenant Theology that, at the very least, confuses the Bible to the point that these church goers do not have a Bible. They have a book that says "Bible" on the cover, the words are all there. However, if the teaching they receive says those words mean something they do not, something other than the truth, and contrary to the Bible's message, do these people really have the truth of the Bible? Do they really have a Bible?

These same church attendees would immediately recognize the many errant cult religions by name and know:

- their teachings are false
- the people who belong to such religions are blind to the truth
- many of these religions have the same Bible they do, but the followers are taught something other than what the Bible says and means
- someone is teaching those poor souls false information,
- they are not receiving sound doctrine,
- Satan's deception is behind the error of their religion, and
- the people in these wayward religions should leave their false religions at once for their own sake and for the sake of their children.

The above list describes religions such as Mormonism, the Jehovah's Witnesses, Pentecostalism, and Catholicism. What Christians fail to see and understand is that this list applies equally to them: Charismaticism, Evangelicalism, Presbyterianism, Lutheranism, Emergent-ism, and many more names under the umbrella of Protestantism.

Fun Fact: Religions of every type represent the single greatest satanic deception ever perpetrated upon the world, from idolatry, Confucianism, Islam, Christianity, and the rest.

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

Both the cult members and the Christians truly believe they are receiving sound teaching from the Bible, and both groups believe they have a right understanding of that Bible, a true faith, God's message, God, and salvation. Neither group does. Simply looking at the diversity of doctrine, dogma, and thought in the scores of various religions makes it clear they cannot all be right. Just because someone thinks they're right doesn't make it so. What do you believe? Is it right? How would you know?

There is no difference between the two groups: both are deceived and receiving false doctrine.

Fun Fact: Satan doesn't care what religion you attend as all roads lead to Hell.

Fun Fact: Satan doesn't care which god you worship so long as it is not the one true Creator God.

People in these religions can't even imagine that their church, of whatever religion it might be, is false, wrong, and full of error. If they thought that, they would never attend. Ask a Mormon. What people do not understand is that the many religions about God, or a god, is not the same as a relationship with the one true almighty God, and possessing the abiding Spirit. This relationship with God stands alone as the one and only path to truth and salvation. Religion is not required or desired. The rest of these belief systems are nothing more than fortune cookie religions with trite sayings and maxims that sound good, but are meaningless, powerless, and cannot change your life or save your soul. In that respect, they are all the same. **All of them**

Like the cult members, modern day Christians are walking down the same path of false theology with a Bible that is mistaught, a Bible they do not understand, heading in the same direction to the same destination as the cults.

1. Many Christian religions misinterpret the Bible and do not teach sound doctrine. As a result, attendees do not have the truth of the Bible or a relationship with God. All they have is a religion about a god.
2. The children in these religions are learning an errant religious dogma: brainwashed from youth by their parents who themselves are victims of a false religion. Still, they believe they are doing their best for their kids. It was the same for their ministers, pastors, priests, preachers, Sunday school teachers, their parents, their grandparents, and so on, going back centuries.

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 Christians 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 ago telling them to "GO YE"
- Everyone must hear else no salvation
- Baptism is a thing
- Tithing is a thing
- Mandatory Church attendance is biblical
- ...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.

Points 1&2 Fail. You cannot learn the truth in a religion that does not know the truth and cannot teach the truth.

See the many articles on this site, especially "[How to Spot a Covenant Church](#)", "[A Discussion on Protestant-ism](#)", "[The History of Christian Religion](#)", "[All the Little Children](#)", "[All Scripture?](#)", "[Religion Not Required](#)", "[It is Finished](#)", "[Missionary Madness](#)" and many more [PPGpilot.com](#)

Point 3: Mandatory Church Attendance

Point three comes from an error taught in Christianity that does not understand the Bible. They took a non-applicable verse out of a non-applicable Jewish book of the Bible, then took that verse out of context. As they see it, church attendance is a mandatory requirement. Keep in mind, nowhere in the Bible is there a single word mandating church attendance for the Body of Christ, or tithing, or baptism for that matter.

As stated above, the modern-day religion called Christian is not the Body of Christ. Christianity simply went through the Bible choosing what they wanted to believe, whether or not it was true, or made sense, or applied to them. They focused on the obsolete Jewish books of the Bible and wound up taking obsolete Jewish ideas to create their false religions.

Fun Fact: The Body of Christ is not the Christian religion. It is completely different.

Fun Fact: The Christian worship model of going to a Church building to corporately worship and confess sins to a deity is decidedly Catholic, and the Roman Church picked that up from both pagan temple worship and Jewish anthology depicting Temple worship and sacrifice. This is not Christ's Church of Pauline believers that Paul preached to the Body of Christ, who's members are each the temple of God. The abiding Spirit of God superseded all the miracles, signs, and wonders, including the church and temple.

For an overview on this subject, see the article "[The Modern-Day Church Model](#)" and "[Is Church Attendance Mandatory?](#)" [PPGpilot.com](#)

The only verse religion can find in the entire Bible to push their mandatory church attendance is from Hebrews, an obsolete Jewish book that has nothing to do with the Gentiles, or the Body of Christ, or for that matter, the Christian religion that pulled this verse out of a hat and called it their own.

Hebrews was written by a Jew, to Jews, for Jews, about Jews, the Jewish law, and Jewish things and Jewish times. It was not written to the Gentiles or the Body of Christ, has no Pauline language, and does not speak to the Gentiles past of present. The Jews never had anything to do with the Gentiles.

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is];

Applying this verse to Gentiles is wrong on so many levels.

This verse refers to a Jewish law called the minyan that

1. required Jewish men to come together for prayer three times daily
2. in groups of no less than 10

3. This Jewish law does not apply to any but the Jew under the Jewish law.
4. The Jewish laws do not apply to the Gentiles
5. Paul, in his epistles, explains that the law is dead, replaced by God's grace.
6. Nothing Paul ever received from God for the Gentiles ever spoke of any church attendance.

The writer of Hebrews is saying to the Jews: obey the Jewish law. To the Gentiles: Hebrews says nothing, means nothing.

- Modern-day religion appropriates this verse for themselves, and wrongly applies it to their religion, a religion that is not the Body of Christ. This religion is not biblically based as it takes any number of verses out of context including mandatory church attendance, baptism, tithing, and tongue-speak, to name a few.
- The book of Hebrews is a Jewish epistle written by a Jew, to Jews, for Jews, about Jews, the Jewish law, and Jewish things and Jewish times. It has no Pauline doctrine and does not apply to Gentile Pauline believers in the Body of Christ.
- The Body of Christ has nothing to do with the modern-day Christian religion.
- Hebrews is an informative epistle for the Pauline Body of Christ of today in the same way the Old Testament and the four Jewish Gospels are informative, but none of these Jewish biblical writings have doctrines for, or speak to the Gentile believers.
- Paul never taught mandatory church attendance as Christ never gave that message to Paul to take to the Gentiles.
- Paul would never have sanctioned attendance in any false religion, including the Christian religion: an errant religion teaching a false gospel, a false Spirit, following a false Jesus, whose members are not the Body of Christ.
- Paul encouraged his charge to be with other like-minded, Spirit-filled members of the Body of Christ, using their spiritual gifts for the good of the members. The current religious culture called Christianity, in all its many forms, is not that.
- Christianity simply picked this verse from Hebrews to make a case for people attending their church services. There is no scriptural support for this position. Scripture always interprets scripture, and the lack of any confirmation anywhere in the Bible for what they believe this verse says is just bad Bible study, and should have been their first clue that they were barking up the wrong tree.
- This is a good example of a false doctrine looking for a verse. Someone with a false doctrine found a verse they could twist to validate a faulty belief.
- This is also a good example of the blind approaching the Bible with a cane, hoping to magically divine some truth from God's Word. That never happens.

Fun Fact: Some believe the Apostle Paul authored Hebrews. He did not.

See Hebrews 2:3 Paul would / could have never written these words Also see the article on this website ["Did Paul Write Hebrews"](#)

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Point 3 Fails – Church attendance is not a requirement for the Body of Christ, neither does it have anything to do with the false religion called Christian. Tithing and baptism do not apply to anyone, rendered obsolete by the indwelling Spirit of God. These are errors taught by Covenant Theology due to their inability to understand the Bible because they lack the key to the Bible: the Spirit of God. They are also not the Body of Christ. If they could understand the Bible, they would understand the miracle that is the Spirit of God replaced water baptism, signs and wonders, tongue-speak, healings, and church buildings, temples, cathedrals, tabernacles and alters. All these things, and more, are in the past and have no connection with the Gentiles of Paul's day, or today.

Not only is Church attendance not mandated, the Christian religion should be avoided, as the current religion models have nothing to teach you, and will do a person more harm than good.

Point 4 & 5: Other Christians and Community

The question is: are you a Christian or are you in the Body of Christ? These are not the same thing.

See the article on this site ["Christian or Body of Christ"](#) and ["Don't be a Christian"](#)

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Attending church to be with like-minded people is a fine sentiment. If you are part of the nominal Christian religion of our day, then you have your pick of religions to attend. But, what do these "like-minded" people believe: first century Pauline doctrine, the truth of the Bible, or something else? What do you bet it is something else? Attending a religion to learn from others is beneficial if the "others" are part of the Body of Christ. Otherwise, you will likely learn error and bad doctrine from your new friends. They will infect you long before you will have a chance to influence them.

People in churches that teach doctrines not found in the Bible are not Pauline believers in Christ and not receiving God's message Christ sent to the Gentiles through Paul. They are not in the Body of Christ and do not have the Spirit of God or salvation. Instead, they are misled. There is nothing in these gatherings for the Body of Christ. Paul warned his Churches to avoid those who preach a "different Gospel", a different Jesus, a different Spirit and false doctrines. Sadly, this is the standard fare in religions today.

Galatians 1:

6 ¶ I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any [man] preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

II Corinthians 11:

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

While the people in these many Christian religions may be friendly, moral, upright citizens, pay their taxes, wash their cars and mow their yards, have good intentions and do good things:

- So are the Mormons, JW's, Scientologists, non-believers, atheists, agnostics, Wicca, and those in any other cult, religion, or non-religion you can name. They all have pot-lucks and Bar-B-Q's, bowling leagues, softball teams, and have parties to watch their favorite sports shows.
- Do these Covenant church members
 - have a relationship with God?
 - possess the indwelling Spirit of God?
 - understand the Bible?
- What do these "church people" believe?
- What do you believe?
- Is what you believe biblical?
- Do you know what biblical truth is?
- Does your church teach biblical truth?
- Do you know what your church believes and teaches?

Most people think they know the answers to the questions above. Most do not.

People want to believe their religion is right on everything.

Most religions today are not right on anything.

Paul taught that we are all part of the Body of Christ, related to one another through Christ if we have God's indwelling Spirit. The Spirit is the all-important connection. The Spirit of God indwelling is what differentiates the Body of Christ from the thousands of fortune cookie religions of our day that teach their good words and trite sayings but cannot offer anything to change them into a child of God. Religions today lack God's indwelling Spirit, pushing instead a religion about a god and good words and good thoughts and good works, rather than a relationship with the one true God.

Members of the Body of Christ, because of the indwelling Spirit, have spiritual gifts for the corporate good. That is the "iron sharpening iron". However, gathering together with those that are not members of the Body of Christ has no advantage and was not at all part of Paul's message. There is no iron in these false religions, just a lot of people sharing their ignorance, and that includes anything you hear from a pulpit.

Gathering together in a religion with worldly people, in a pagan style temple, to listen to false doctrines and feel-good sermons on self-help and a false gospel, to confess sins, chant, and pray to a false Jesus or a false god is not Pauline doctrine and will be of no benefit to you or your family. It is at best a placebo, an inoculation against the real thing, and worst case, it is a lie, robbing you of your spiritual growth, your relationship with God, and your place in eternity. Satan, through the religions of the past 2000 years, has misled people into believing what they have of "church" is biblical when it is not, and followers of these religions cannot see they are not the Body of Christ and lost.

What? You think a religion is true simply because it has a lot of members, and has been around a long time? Think again. When it comes to religion, the majority is always wrong.

See the article on this site "[Size Doesn't Matter](#)"

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Church attendees in many Christian religions and denominations are not of the Body of Christ, believe false doctrines, and can only lead others astray with false teachings and pagan practices. Paul warned his church to stay away from false religions and the people who follow these beliefs lest they be pulled away from the truth. These modern religions, and those who attend them, should be avoided for your own spiritual health and well-being.

Points 4 & 5 Fail: You can most certainly have friends, acquaintances, neighbors and co-workers that are not in the Body of Christ, be they Christians, pagans, heathens, or sinners. However, the "iron sharpening iron" doesn't happen in a group of nominal church-goers or non-believers, neither of which have the Spirit of God. True fellowship comes from others in the Body of Christ who each have the one same Spirit of God and thereby share true unity and understanding in a common bond.

Spiritual Growth or Self-Help?

If your goal is spiritual growth; understanding the Word of God, and finding all that God has for you here and in eternity, consider trading your **religion about God** and the feel-good / self-help model of the false Christian Church, for a **relationship with God**, the Spirit of God, and the knowledge of the truth that God will reveal to you through the Bible.

Become a Biblicist: choose God, receive His Spirit, dust off that Bible and allow God to show you the truth that will change your life. And Bonus: you will be part of the rapture. These other folks have a standing date with the Tribulation.

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