

What's Wrong with the Christian Church and Religion?

Christian religions are not all the same and many have distinct differences. They all say religious stuff, but most, if not all, do not align with the Bible. That sounds extreme, but it is true. They are all religions about God or a god, but not the all important relationship with the one true God.

A relationship with God is a foreign concept to the religions of today. It is the Spirit of God indwelling a person that makes a person part of the Body of Christ. The Body of Christ is not a religion at all, it is a relationship with God joined by the abiding Spirit of God. Christianity is a religion with out the relationship or the Spirit. Religion is lost in form, formula, and format, and has been for 1700 years.

That's what's wrong with the Church and religion.

NOTE Any mention in this article of “the Body of Christ” refers to those individuals who have a relationship with God and possess the Spirit of God. This mention does not mean those followers of Catholic, Protestant, Covenant / Reformed Christianity who do not belong to God and have neither.

The Body of Christ is not a religion.

The unfortunate fact is that religion today lacks the Spirit of God and so, there is no foundation for its followers to understand the Bible. Incredibly, this has been the case for most of the last 2000 years, ever since the time of the Apostles.

The Christian religions of today are not biblical and preach a false gospel. This is nothing new as Paul battled with false religions in his day.

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.

Nothing has changed. Today, the “**some that trouble you**” are the religions of our time that preach a false gospel, a false Spirit, a false Jesus, and in many instances, a false god.

NOTE: Paul says if anyone preaches another Gospel **unto you than that which we have preached unto you...** It is Paul's Gospel, the Message God gave to Paul, that is the foundation of biblical truth for us today just as it was in Paul's day. It is not Jesus' Jewish Gospel found in the four Jewish Gospels delivered to the Jews. That Gospel message has expired and is obsolete. It is not Peter's Jewish Gospel delivered to the Jews in the book of Acts. That Gospel message has expired. and is obsolete

Yet, the Christian religions today preach the Jewish Gospels of Jesus and Peter in ignorance, completely ignoring Paul's Gospel that God gave to Paul to take to the Gentiles.

False apostles in Paul's day were preaching false gospels, something different, and leading people astray. Today, religions are preaching a false gospel, something different, and leading people astray, just as they have for the last 2000 years. And there is no Apostle Paul to sound the alarm.

II Corinthians 11:4 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.

Paul 101

Fun Fact: If the Apostle Paul were with us today, he would warn the Body of Christ to have nothing to do with the many false religions called Christian. And he would throw in an anathema or two.

If the Churches today are preaching a false gospel, what is the true Pauline Gospel that God gave to Paul to take to the Gentiles? The ascended Christ gave to the Apostle Paul the ministry of reconciliation to **GO** to the Gentiles, and the word of reconciliation to **PREACH** to the Gentiles (you and me). Christ also gave to Paul the mystery hidden in God since the beginning of the world (Christ in you). Paul's 13 epistles collectively represent God's message to man in this 2000-year Age of Grace. Paul's Gospel says **Salvation is available to all by God's Grace through our faith**. We need only turn to God. Turning to God, we receive the Spirit of God, and that is what every other religion in the world lacks, including Christianity. Without the Spirit, every other religion on the planet is no more than an empty religion, purveyors of fortune cookie wisdom, without salvation, including Christianity.

The confusion occurs when these false religions state the Gospel, and read other lines of text right out of the Bible verbatim. All this proves is that they can read. Their religion does not conform to the Bible or teach biblical truth. Instead, they teach something else, using words from the Bible that they redefine.

- Christianity turns away to "another Gospel" as is the case with the Evangelicals, who see a mandate given to them by Jesus to evangelize and missionize the world. He did not. This is not a biblical concept. It is not in the Bible.

- Christianity does not acknowledge the Apostle Paul who Christ called to the Gentiles with God's message to the world. Instead, they ignore Paul, and in so doing, they ignore God who sent Paul.
- Christianity takes words from Paul's epistles out of context to support their false agenda and propaganda.
- Christianity promotes a disdain for the Jews, God's chosen. In their Replacement Theology and anti-Zionism, you can see their despise of the Jews and this has set God against them from the conception of their religion.
- Christian religion, in ignorance and arrogance, usurps the position of the Jews, believing and claiming themselves the true Israel.
- Christianity tells God He did not give the promised land to Israel.
- Christianity concocts a non-biblical Jesus who they worship instead of God.
- Christianity promotes the false doctrine of tongues and healings in the Pentecostal / Charismatic type religions that have nothing to do with Bible truth.
- Christianity pushes a concept of tithing that is not biblical, and the false gospels of money-for-money, Name-it-claim-it, The Word of Wisdom, casting out the devil and others.
- and more and more and more.

Every Christian religion in the world can read words out of the Bible. However, their words and actions show them as anything but the Body of Christ or connected in any way to God or the Bible. The problem is that the whole package does not measure up to Bible truth.

Fun Fact: The religion called Christianity today did not exist in the time of the Apostle Paul and cannot be found anywhere in the Bible.

What is the Church Thinking?

Christianity does not understand the Bible because it does not have the Spirit of God. Without the Spirit of God, it is impossible to understand the Bible, so says the Bible. This leads to the numerous errors seen in religion today.

- **Why does modern religion teach and preach the Jewish writings** The four Jewish Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and the Jewish Hebrew epistles? These writings of the Bible have nothing to do with the Gentiles. They are all Jewish centered and concern the Jewish law and the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises and the prophets. They contain no doctrines for the Gentiles, yet, these writings have been the focus of the Christian religion for most of 2000 years. The four Jewish Gospels are connected to, and the continuation of the Old Testament. They are about the Jews, and represent the final act in the story of man in sin that began in Genesis. The four Jewish Gospels bring closure to the story of man and sin and salvation, Jesus having secured a reconciliation between God and man and salvation for mankind.

Jesus said "It is Finished". Once Jesus ascended, salvation won, the Gospel story ends, the Gospel Jesus ends, the Jews end and are put away for the the last 2000 years of mankind, a time called the Age of Grace. The Jewish writings end as the law has ended.

A new story begins. The World turns the Page. The ascended Christ calls the Apostle Paul into the ministry of the Gentiles. It is Paul who takes a new message - God's message - to the Gentiles. The Old Testament, the four Jewish Gospels, the Jewish Hebrew epistles - all Jewish, are retired and obsolete. They are history, information, reference, providing background and understanding for our life today. They are not active and do not provide doctrine for anyone, including the Jews whose laws have been replaced by grace.

- **Why do religions today preach the Hebrew epistles** (Hebrews through the Book of the Revelation)? These books have nothing to do with the Gentiles. They are all written by Jews, to Jews, for Jews, about Jews, the Jewish law, and speak of Jewish things and Jewish times. None of these epistles were written to, or say anything about the Gentiles. These writers, James, Peter, John, and Jude, make it clear in their writings, they had no respect for the Gentiles, never wrote to or ministered to the Gentiles. They shunned the Gentiles. They had no understanding of Paul, his Gospel, or the mystery God kept hidden since the beginning of the world. Their letters contain no Pauline doctrine and have nothing to do with the Body of Christ. Instead, they speak of the Jewish condition, the law, obedience to the law, the coming Tribulation, and the Kingdom of Heaven on earth (this is the Jewish Gospel found in the four Jewish Gospels, Acts 1-8, Peter, and James). The Jews are put away, hardened, blind, scattered throughout every corner of the world in a 2000 year "time-out". Do you believe their writings have anything to do with the Body of Christ today? They do not. Nor do they have anything to do with the Christian religion that one day decided to make these writings their own, and mistakenly and regrettably spend their lives following them.
- **Why do religions today focus on the Jesus of the four Jewish Gospels** that specifically came to the Jews under the law and never said anything to the Gentiles? The same Jesus that called the Gentiles "dogs" and ignored the Gentiles throughout His time on earth. The Jesus who, post ascension, sent the Apostle Paul (Not Peter, James, or John) to minister to the Gentiles with a message that had nothing to do with the information in the four Jewish Gospels, or the Jewish Hebrew epistles. That message, God's message to mankind, delivered to Paul by the ascended Christ, is the message that religion ignores today.
- **Why do religions preach a fake Jesus?** Be like Jesus, follow Jesus, conform to Jesus, have the love of Jesus, be the love of Jesus, share the love of Jesus, give the love of Jesus, be a disciple of Jesus, make disciples for Jesus, have the heart of Jesus, be the heart of Jesus, share the heart of Jesus, have the mind of Jesus, have the ministry of Jesus and so on. This is not the Jesus of the Bible. It is a made-up Jesus with fake, made-up attributes, a phony god for their followers to pray to, follow, emulate, and worship.

This false Jesus exists for one reason only, to distract people from the one true Creator God to whom we owe all our worship; the real God that sent Christ to die in

our place that mankind might be reconciled to God. That God might again have a relationship with His creation. This is the same purpose behind the deified Mary, a false goddess conjured up by Satan to distract the hearts and minds of the people from God. Satan wants you to worship something; to scratch that itch. He doesn't care who or what mankind worships so long as it is not the One True Almighty Creator God and he is all about giving you options.

- **Why do religions today not teach the Apostle Paul or his letters?** It makes sense that if God sent Paul to the Gentiles with His message, that the Gentiles would pay attention to the letters Paul wrote to the Gentiles. They do not. And that is what is wrong with the the Christian religion today. Instead, they focus on the four Jewish Gospels about the Jews, and a phony Jesus. The four Jewish Gospels do not contain doctrine or guidance for the Body of Christ, or the Christian religion, and Paul never referenced the four Jewish Gospels when writing to the Body of Christ. Whatever religious stuff the Christian religion today imagines they are getting out of the four Jewish Gospels is not what God intended then or now. Otherwise, God would not have sent Paul or included his 13 epistles in the Bible.

Christianity will not teach the Apostle Paul's letters, God's message to the Gentiles, because Christianity does not like God's message: that the Jews are very much God's chosen people and the apple of His eye, and His peculiar people who He loves. Christianity does not like God's message of election. Christianity does not like God's message that all men can find God, even through created nature, and they can do so outside the artificial boundaries created by that religion called Christian.

Why do religions today preach and teach an evangelical message today? There is no biblical mandate for the Body of Christ to evangelize or missionize anyone. Christianity (not the Body of Christ), takes a few verses from the Bible, out of context, and makes from these an imaginary mandate of seeking and saving the lost, claiming all are hell-bound unless this religion tells them about Jesus, shows them a verse in the Bible, baptizes them in water, and they join their church of false doctrines and errant religion. They wrongly believe Jesus gave them this mission 2000 years ago. Christianity preaches and teaches the evangelical message because they are blind and do not see the real message God gave to man through the Apostle Paul.

Whatever these mission-minded zealots are taking to the world, it is the wrong message, the wrong Bible, the wrong Jesus, the wrong Gospel, and the wrong God. But, are they not doing all this in the name of their Jesus? Ever hear the one "**I Never Knew You**"?

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.

Religion Without

Without Paul's Christ-given message, religion wandered away from the faith into apostasy and error.

Paul saw in his day, contenders for the minds of the people, who brought false ideas into the church: false gospels, a false spirit, and a false Jesus. That is exactly what happened then and that is exactly what we have today. Even with billions of Bibles in circulation today, people do not have the Word of God or the Truth of God. Instead, they have a collection of satanic lies to deceive them and distract them from the truth and from God.

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!

Paul was fully aware that after his death, the Body of Christ would fall under attack and fall apart. That's exactly what happened. Read his words from 60 AD.

Acts 20:

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

Summary

The above text defines the problem with the Christian religion and here is the take-away:

- Christianity is a religion about God, not a relationship with God
- Christianity is a false religion created by men using words from the Bible, out of context
- Christianity is not a valid expression of biblical truth
- Christianity is a collection of Bible verses taken out of context
- Christianity does not understand the Bible
- Christianity cannot and does not teach the truth of the Bible
- Christianity confuses the Bible by running all the books together and ignoring the divisions God placed in the Bible
- Christianity ignores the Apostle Paul because his epistles contradict what the errant Christian religion chooses to believe
- Christianity ignores God's message to man He sent through the Apostle Paul and his epistles because Paul's words do not fit the Christians false agenda and false teachings.
- Christianity ignores the Apostle Paul because his epistles contradict their misguided belief in a mission they wrongly believe God gave them: to missionize the world as this religion chooses to believe.
- Christianity refutes the Apostle Paul's teachings from God on the Jews as God's chosen people
- Christianity holds the Jewish people in disdain
- Christianity does not teach the writings of the Apostle Paul, but takes bits and pieces of his epistles out of context to suit their need of the moment.
- Christianity does not want any part of God and His message to mankind in this 2000-year Age of Grace and God has turned his back on this false religion
- Christianity is the stuff of satanic inspiration with the single goal of confusing the Bible, perverting the truth of the Bible, preventing your spiritual growth, keeping you from God, and condemning you to an eternity without God

Most of the individuals who belong to the man-made Christian religion of today

- are not the Body of Christ in Christ's Church
- do not have a relationship with God
- do not have the Spirit of God
- do not have the Word of God
- do not know the truth of the Bible
- do not have the salvation God offers
- will not be included in the coming rapture of the Body of Christ
- will experience the coming Tribulation
- are lost for all eternity

Conclusion

What is wrong with the church and religion today is that it is not the first century Pauline Body of Christ. It is something else: a shallow, false religion, void of the Spirit of God; an impostor pretending knowledge and wisdom, the blind leading the blind, deceiving the multitudes. Those who frequent these religions do not have a Bible and do not know the truth of the Bible. They are estranged from God, without the Spirit of God, lacking salvation, blissfully content in the trappings of their religion, unaware of the danger these institutions pose to their soul and their eternal destiny.

What is wrong with religion today is Satan, who, for 2000 years, has manipulated mankind and the church, hiding and confusing the Bible, creating a false facade of worship that leads people astray.

Finally, consider the Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Charismatics, Pentecostals, Catholics, Protestants, and others who all claim to follow the same Bible. Yet, they worship a false god and preach a false gospel. They are all content and secure in their false religions. God allows these individuals to continue in ignorance without the Bible, without His Spirit, and without His blessings, until that day of judgment. A real "wheat and tares" situation.

Exactly how do you think Protestant Evangelicalism and the rest of Christianity is any different?

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

The Body of Christ is not a religion, it is a relationship with God, and the Spirit of God. The abiding Spirit is the difference between knowing the true God, and the world of worthless, fortune cookie religions pawning off trite, humanistic quotes and notions that do nothing for their followers.

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