

World Religions and False Cults

Part 5 – What Sets Christianity Apart?

Understanding Truth and Error

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What Makes Christianity Different?

God does not intend our faith to be a leap in the dark. What makes Christianity unique is that it is based on clear facts and undisputable evidence. The evidence for Christianity includes:

- God’s revelation of Himself: Christianity is not based on one person’s idea about reality or someone’s secret “vision”. When God revealed Himself to the 40+ authors of the Bible (individuals from different backgrounds, languages, cities, etc.) over a 1,600 year period (all having the exact same message), God was removing any doubt that He was speaking. Miracles further verified this. (Heb. 1:1-2; Acts 2:22)
- Historical evidence: With all of the historical details given in Scripture, Christianity opens itself up to scrutiny. However, archeological research only validates the historical record. The Bible is based on solid facts, not legends, myths or speculations. For this reason, eyewitnesses willingly faced martyrdom because they were confident in what they saw and knew to be true. (Luke 1:1-4; I John 1:1-4)
- The person of Jesus Christ: The greatest evidence of all is that Christianity is the only faith that has a perfect, sinless Founder, who came back to life from the dead. The resurrection of Christ proved what He said was true. Not only did Christ’s birth, life, death and resurrection fulfill OT prophecies written hundreds of years earlier, but His life changed history forever. (Acts 13:16-39; I Cor. 15:1-20; Gal. 4:4-5)

The Truth of Christianity

Christianity is driven by faith, but grounded on truth (John 8:32). And when we see it for what it is, we realize it is not merely a religion, but an act of God drawing people to Himself!

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