

World Religions and False Cults

Part 11 – The True Christ of Christianity

Separating True Christianity from the Cults

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A Biblically Accurate View of Jesus Christ

Below are the key verses that can be used to teach and defend the Bible's teaching on the person and nature of Jesus Christ:

- The Trinity: There is one God (Deut. 6:4), existing in three persons, who are equally divine (the Father - John 6:27; Jesus Christ - John 1:1; the Holy Spirit - Acts 5:3-4). Jesus is one with the Father (John 10:30 - "one" = perfect unity in nature and actions; note v. 33), yet distinct (Matt. 3:16-17). Jesus is the "image of the invisible God" (Col. 1:15; 2:9).
- Jesus' Divinity: Jesus was involved in activities attributed only to God (creation - Is. 42:5; John 1:3; forgiving sin - Mark 2:5-12; etc.), was prophesied to be the coming "Mighty God" before His birth (Is. 9:6), was recognized and worshiped as being God (John 20:28; Matt. 14:33), and He Himself claimed to be God (John 8:58, with Ex. 3:14).
- A Perfect Savior: Jesus took on flesh (humanity) and lived a sinless life (II Cor. 5:21). He alone was worthy to take upon Himself the sin of mankind (I Pet. 3:18). His death, burial and resurrection accomplishing what no other person could do, providing forgiveness and salvation to those who place their trust in Him (Rom. 3:23; 5:8; 6:23; John 3:16; 14:6).

Holding to the Truth of Christianity

Twisting Scripture and distorting the person and nature of Jesus Christ is nothing new (II Pet. 2:1; 3:14-18). However, what God has revealed in His Word stands true. As Christians, we must be able to recognize error, defend against false teaching, and take a stand for truth (Eph. 4:11-15). Sharing the truth of Jesus Christ and the life changing news of the gospel is one of the greatest privileges and honors that we have as His followers!

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