

THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE FAITH/RELIGION

John 4:19-22

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: Only God would know for sure just how many false religions/faiths there have been and still are in this world. Each one thinks that it is the one and only true one and that all the others are false. Just how can one be sure that his/her faith (religion) is the right one? The Samaritan woman that Jesus met at a well thought that her faith/religion was the true one until Jesus got through to her that her faith/religion was false and He was the source of the ONLY true faith/religion, worship. There are countless more in today's time that think just like this woman, that their religion/worship is the only true one. True worship is worship based upon and coming from knowledge revealed of God and by God, Himself. It is not from what somebody "thinks" or somebody wants it to be. Where did YOU get your faith? Your type of worship? Your religion? Do YOU know the living God?

I. THERE ARE COUNTLESS FALSE RELIGIONS/FAITHS TODAY AS THERE ALWAYS HAS BEEN

1. The Samaritan woman's faith/religion was the main one of her time.
 - The Samaritans were a mixed race, part Jew and part Gentile and were therefore exiled by the Jews.
 - The Assyrians invaded Israel and carried off many to other lands and then brought in others from other lands with their gods and ways of worship to live in the Samaritan area.
 - Through the years, intermarriage happened and the gods and ways of worship were accepted and incorporated into the once true Jews lifestyle.
 - **2 Kings 17:29-33**
 - This Samaritan woman had had several husbands as she had several gods as well.
2. The Jews would not accept any Samaritan, would not travel through their land as well because of their leaving the one true God and following after pagan religions and gods.
 - The Samaritans, like people of today, had many gods, many religious ceremonies and many different names for their faiths/religions.
 - The Samaritans, like the faiths/religions of today, accepted ALL other religions/faiths even though they refused to worship with them.
 - There were many different names for their different faiths/religions, their manner of worship was basically the same, just as the many different faiths/religions do today.
 - **"..There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death..." (Proverbs 14)**
 - Everyone worshiped as he/she chose.
 - The religions of Samaria were like many of today, based upon human works, not divine mercy.
 - The religions of Samaria were of human origin, like the false religions of today, designed to please, entertain and indulge in the desires of people.
3. All who seek to gain righteousness by something they do are unknowing of the righteousness of God.
 - They go about their "worship" even on Sunday, observe Holy days, etc....but they are totally ignorant of the true and living God, totally ignorant of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - There is no salvation for any person whose conscience is not purged from sinful, dead works by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - **Hebrews 9:14**
 - **Philippians 3:3-10**
 - **Revelation 18:4**
 - **2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1**

II. THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUE FAITH/RELIGION, ONLY ONE GOD AND ONE SALVATION

1. Jesus spoke very plainly and clearly to the woman at the well very bluntly.
 - *vv19-22*
 - *John 14:6*
2. Today's world is under the delusion of any faith, any religion is as good as the other and all are acceptable, everyone is trying to get to the same place.
 - The woman at the well was told very clearly and plainly that she must give up her false faith/religion and husbands and that Jesus was the only way for her to find acceptance with God.
3. If any one would be saved then:
 - The Lord, Himself, must come and make Himself known.
 - One must worship God alone in His true character as He has revealed Himself in the Bible, through the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. True worship can be done only through the only true Lord Jesus Christ.
 - The priest is Jesus Christ.
 - The Mercy Seat is Jesus Christ
 - The Altar is Jesus Christ
 - The Sacrifice is Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.
 - The place is at His Temple.
 - At His Throne.
 - In His Way.
 - Christ alone (*1 Corinthians 1:30-31*)
 - Grace alone (*Ephesians 2:8-9; 2 Timothy 1:9*)'
 - Faith alone (*Romans 4:16*)
5. To be saved as the Samaritan woman was, one must identify with the Lord Jesus Christ, His Gospel, His worship and His people.
 - Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ
 - Be baptized, publicly identifying with the Lord Jesus.
 - *Matthew 10:32-33*

CONCLUSION:

1. Do you know who you worship? Who you have faith in?
2. There is no righteousness but the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - There is no atonement but the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - There is no access to God but the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - There is no hope but the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Jesus Christ is enough!
3. It is not a church/denomination name, it is not some preacher or evangelist, it is not some theology of some student of the Bible, it is not some "inspiration" received.
 - True worship, true faith is found ONLY in the Lord Jesus Christ and nothing, nobody else.
4. Follow the woman at the Samaritan well's example.