

CHANGE CHRISTIANITY AND IT WILL DIE

Introduction: It is almost impossible to keep up with all the changes taking place in today's generation and the changes are in every area, including religious beliefs.

A pastor of a "people-seeker" church wrote that "...in today's times, churches have to be careful not to put new wine in old wineskins..." That means that churches need to change their message, music and worship style to accommodate the "new" attitude toward worship for the "old" ways are out of date and do not relate to today's generation.

It seems that today's generation doesn't see the need for God nor care for any mention of Him to be in public schools, courtrooms, workplaces or any public place. God and the things of God, His Church, Christianity must be confined to only Church activities and in non-public places. Sadly, it is against the law for a family to invite others into their home for Bible study in some communities. Military Chaplains cannot use "in the Name of Jesus" anymore in their prayers and efforts are being made to remove "crosses" from military burial sites.

No matter how hard the world tries to do away with Christianity, such as Christmas and Easter traditions, (Santa and the Rabbit), there are some truths which even they cannot change!

I. IT IS ONLY BY FAITH IN JESUS THAT A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD HAPPENS

1. *Ephesians 2:8-9*
2. Neither reason nor experience will enable one to have a relationship with God.
3. Logic, ritualism, nor any human effort will bring one to God.

II. GOD REVEALS HIMSELF TO MANKIND THROUGH HIS WRITTEN WORD

1. *John 1:1-8*
2. Scientists and their ideas and theories about how things got started are but ideas and theories.
 - "Big Bang," all at once there was this "big bang" in outer space and here things and people are.
 - Every air breathing thing started in water and changed to breathing air.
 - Things have "evolved" into what is today and are continuing to "evolve" into something else.
 - Israel crossed the Red Sea in shallow water, when the waters had ebbed out, however there is no explanation as to how the Egyptian army drowned in ankle deep water.

III. JESUS WHO DIED ON THE CROSS IS THE ONLY WAY TO BE RESTORED TO GOD

1. *John 3:16-17; 14:6-11*
2. Jesus was not just some "spirit person" among others.
3. Jesus is the Son of God and was born into the human race as every human is born, lived as any human being lived and died as a human being dies physically.
4. The Biblical Christmas story and Easter story are real!

IV. GOD'S TRUTH IS THE FOUNDATION OF RIGHT AND WRONG AND HOW TO LIVE

1. *Matthew 5:17-19*
2. Changing cultural values are not the ways of determining what is right or wrong.
3. God never changes nor does His ways or His laws for humanity.
 - Man's ideas of right and wrong change every day, therefore God's truth/ways are the only basis of knowing what is right or wrong.

V. TRUE WORSHIP IS ENCOUNTERING GOD

1. *Isaiah 6:1-8*
2. True worship is not about what people want or need.
 - True worship is "what does God want?"
3. Just why do most people go to "worship" who go? What are they calling "worship?"

VI. THE CHURCH HAS BUT ONE MISSION

1. *Matthew 28:19-20*
2. The Church's goal, mission is not to help bring people to their fullest capacities of life with various programs, themes, performances, and presentations. (Entertainment)
3. The purpose of the Church is to bring people to Jesus Christ in belief and then to teach them God's Word.

VII. ETERNAL LIFE WILL BE SPENT IN EITHER HEAVEN OR HELL

1. *Revelation 20:11-15*
2. When one's earthly life is ended, he/she will NOT come back in another life as another being or some creature or just go off into oblivion or cease to exist in any for whatsoever.
3. Every human being will stand before Jesus in judgment and will spend all eternity in the place God has prepared for those who have accepted His Son, Jesus or they will spend eternity in the place God prepared for Satan and all who have rejected His Son, Jesus. Heaven or Hell.

CONCLUSION:

1. Any change in Christianity will indicate that it was never anything in the first place.
2. Christianity will not change for God, Himself, designed it, brought it into being and sustains it.