

Exclusive Christianity

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Christianity is distinctly different from any other religion in the world. The claims of Jesus and the Bible may seem a bit narrow, or even bigoted, to some, but Christians should never act haughty, arrogant or better than others because of them. At the same time, truth cannot be changed. Allow me to quote from Paul E. Little extensively:

“The cornerstone of the Christian message is Jesus Christ — God come to earth. Without this basis, any other parts lack meaning. Multiple verses in the New Testament give this basic thought. I’ll quote three of them here: ‘*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved*’ (Acts 4:12, emphasis added). The apostle John said, ‘*No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known*’ (John 1:18, emphasis added). Jesus made His summary statement, ‘*I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me*’ (John 14:6, emphasis added).

“Christians believe this not because they have made it their rule but because Jesus Christ and the Bible, their source, states it. In fact, this core message is woven through both the Old and New Testaments. Christians are not giving their own bias but are explaining the biblical facts.

“If we should say we would like to change this truth and vote in something more inclusive, here is our dilemma. We would be changing something that is not humanly changeable. It is fixed and is either completely true or completely false. It is ‘true-truth,’ as Francis Schaeffer stated it.

“There are some laws or truths *we could change*. For instance, the penalty for driving through a stoplight is determined by society’s vote. It is not inherent in the act itself. The penalty, likewise, could be set at fifty dollars or at ten dollars, or the law could be abolished completely.

“Other laws, like gravity, are irrevocable truths *we cannot change*. They are not socially determined no matter what the opinion polls or culture. Truth is solid, fixed and certain. People could vote unanimously to suspend the law of gravity for an hour, but no one in his right mind would jump off the roof to test it! No, the penalty for violating gravity is inherent in the act itself, and the person who violated it would be picked up with a blotter despite the unanimous resolution!

“As there are inherent physical laws, so there are *inherent spiritual laws*. ...” [Know Why You Believe, pp. 145-147]. God is a God of truth, and truth cannot be overthrown! God is forever true, and we should believe and obey Him!

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