

Is Christianity a Religion?

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The answer is an emphatic NO! Jesus did not come to found a religion. I say that for the simple reason that Jesus' purpose was to turn people to God, not a religious organization. He came to be the Way, Truth and Life; the light and Lord of mankind. The Christianity which truly represents him is not a religion as most people think of religion. Religion is rightfully a human search for God or a philosophical quest for truth. Jesus, whom God made to be the Christ,—His Anointed One—is the self-revelation of God Himself, opening all truth to the faith and the obedience of man to it. As the Apostle Paul, in his letter to Titus 2:11–14, puts it:

“The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world; looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of the Great God and our savior Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works.”

All man's questions are answered in Christ. All thoughts are fulfilled in him. He is one in all—our savior. All other lords must give way to this one Lord, because he is the only Way, Truth and Life.

If at any time Christianity is spoken in this article as though it were to be a religion to be compared with other religions, it is only because it is a concession to common forms of speech. Christianity in its original and authentic form is not to be classified as a religion. Christ is not a religion, He is our King, our Lord, our High Priest, our Shepherd.

Christianity is a way of life. It recognizes only one body (of believers), one spirit (Christ), one hope (of His return), one Lord (the King, Christ Jesus), one faith (in Christ Jesus) and one immersion (Greek baptisma). Read Ephesians 4:1–6.

Christians do not bow or bend their knee to idols made by human hands. Read God's command in full: Exodus 20:4–6. We worship God in spirit and truth, for this God seeks from us. Read John 4:21–24. We need no reminder (statues, pictures, or images) to worship God. We pray to God in spirit only, through the name of His only begotten Son, Jesus. He is the only name by which we must be saved, and He is our only mediator.

“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).

“For there is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5).

All Christians should be able to say with the Apostle Paul:

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Gal. 2:20).

“Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. We live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord” (2 Corinthians 5:6–8).

This is Christianity: To know God and his Son Jesus the Christ. It is not religion. It is freedom. It is a way of life as revealed by God through his Son. As the Apostle John so rightly said in his first letter (1 John 2:6):

“Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did.”

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