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What Do You Believe About....



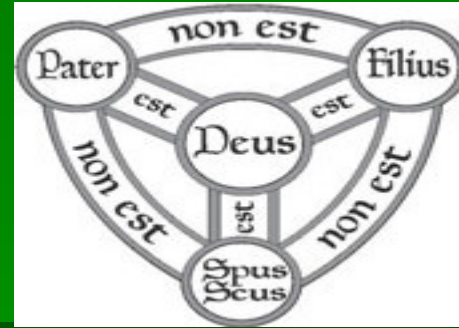
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**The main reason
people don't act
like Jesus is be-
cause they don't
think like Jesus.
Behavior stems
from what we
think.**

Romans 12:1-2



Belief One: God



- Deuteronomy 6:4-6
- NOT Tritheist, Polytheist, Pantheist, Deist, Finite Theist, Open Theist
- “...the tsunami does not disprove the existence of the God of the Bible. It disproves the existence of the kind of god we make up for ourselves.” Gene Veith
- We are Trinitarians: Father, Son, Spirit; He is above us and beyond us, but can also be with us and in us.

Belief Two: Revelation

- II Timothy 3:16-17
- God revealed Himself supremely in His Son and truthfully in His Word.
- We know God through His Word.
- Two Extremes
 - Calvinist: Knowledge through Enlightenment
 - Charismatic: Knowledge through Experience
- It is one thing to say you believe the Bible and something completely different to know it and obey it.



Belief Three: Creation

- Psalm 19
- The starting point of evolution is not science, but the premise of atheism.
- God created all that is *ex nihilo*.
- There is no room in evangelicalism for theistic evolution.

Belief Four: Human Beings

- Romans 3:9-20
- As God's image bearers we have been given a capacity for rulership, relationship and reason.
- Since we are sinners in open rebellion against God, His grace fosters a humility and appreciation for salvation.
- We affirm the sanctity of all life, not quality of life as an ethic for assigning value.

Belief Five: Jesus Christ

- Phil. 2:6-11
- Your beliefs about Jesus are the fulcrum of your worldview.
- What you think about Jesus determines every decision in your life.
- It is not a biblical option to say, “I will accept Jesus as a great moral teacher.”
- He is Lord of all or nothing at all.

Belief Six: Salvation by Grace Alone Through Faith Alone In Christ Alone

- John 14:1-6
- Most all religions teach that you reach up to God through works.
- Christianity teaches that God reaches down to you in a personal relationship.
- There is no place in the Bible for:
 - Pluralism: Many ways to God
 - Inclusivism: God will include you if you do the best you can with what you know and have.

Belief Seven: The Family

- Ephesians 5:21-6:4
- Nothing is under greater attack today than the biblical model for family.
- Sex without guiding parameters or principles is what has resulted



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Don't Be a STAT



- 65 million Americans have an STD
- 42,000 people contract an STD every 24 hours.
- 30 years ago there were only 4 types of STDs. Today there are more than 25. (Focus on the Family)
- 70% of families headed by women who became mothers under the age of 25 live below the poverty level. (CFPO)
- 36% of churched teens said they cannot state that sexual intercourse is morally unacceptable before marriage (Josh McDowell)

Belief Eight: Government and Society

- Romans 13:1-7
- In an age that rejects all authority, we affirm the divinely ordained authority of family, church, and government.
- The Church's mission is not to make better Americans, but to make better Christians.



Belief Nine: Social Action

- Romans 12-14
- We do not preach a social gospel, but we will be socially active.
- Christians have a mandate to be involved politically, socially, and personally in promoting justice and kindness.

Belief Ten: Judgment

- Revelation 20:11-15
- Existence is not reincarnational or cyclical.
- Contrary to popular hopes or sentimental beliefs everyone will not be saved.
- Jesus spoke of hell and damnation more than anyone else in the Bible.

“I believe Christianity as I believe the Sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because I see everything by it.”



C.S. Lewis

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