

UNITY IN DIVERSITY?

OR—WHICH JESUS SHOULD WE LOVE?

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The Lord Jesus Christ as revealed through Scripture is God the Father in eternity, manifested to man in time. Thus Jesus is the Creator of all things, and the One to whom all things are to be made subject. He is "*the Lamb without spot*" who came to redeem His people. "Jesus" is His Name, and His title is "The *Christ*" or the anointed One.

Many churchgoers are quite unaware that the Bible warns about "*another christ*" and "*another gospel*". Because of this ignorance they talk about seeking "unity" with all sorts of other christs. "Unity" is the present buzz-word.

Listed below are about thirty popular christs different from the Lord Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible. With so many false christs, how ever could there be any "*unity in diversity*". Could "*tolerance*" possibly be practised by those actively seeking Truth? Tolerance is the enemy of Truth, and when tolerance is sought, Truth is the first casualty. We must therefore be careful not to have fellowship with any form of a false Christ, and we must therefore watch out for false teachers who promote "*unity in diversity*".

WHICH "JESUS" SHOULD WE LOVE OF THESE BELOW?

Of all the list below, the last on the list is the most dangerous, because it is the least obvious.

1. The **JESUS WHO IS NOT GOD**, that is, the Lord God Almighty revealed in the flesh.
2. The **POSSIBILITY JESUS** of the Crystal Cathedral with Robert Schuller and Normal Vincent Peale.
3. The **MORMON JESUS** who was a polygamist with many children after the flesh.
4. The **MODERNIST JESUS** who was not born of a virgin.
5. The **MASONIC JESUS** who denies what Jesus says about "*sware not at all*" but instead demands terrible oaths.
6. The **UNITARIAN JESUS** who was not God.
7. The **UNIVERSALIST JESUS** who will not allow anyone of Israel or anyone else to go to Hell.
8. The **PROSPERITY JESUS** who came to make people wealthy in money and goods.
9. The **LAUGHING JESUS** who "slays" people with his spirit and causes them to laugh uncontrollably and to stagger like drunken men, even if they are unrepentant and living in open sin.
10. The **SELF-ESTEEM JESUS** who never condemned man as a sinner and who came merely to build up their self image.
11. The **REVOLUTIONARY JESUS** who was the founder of the political Liberation Theology.
12. The **LATIN JESUS** who is one with Voodoo and witch-craft, and is always shown as a baby or as being still on the Cross.
13. The **HARE CHRISHNA JESUS** who can take the form of an image of Krishna to be prayed to.
14. The **MUSLIM JESUS** who was an ordinary prophet amongst other prophets
15. The **HINDU/WORLD CHURCH/ECURNENICAL JESUS** who is one of the many ways to the Father.
16. The **JESUS OF ONE'S OWN IMAGINATION** of those who live in a world of make-believe fantasy.
17. The **FEEL-GOOD JESUS** who can be psyched up in a meeting but from whom all feelings are lost the next day.
18. The **POP-UP JESUS** of those who say, "*behold He is here, behold He is there*" and who run about looking for 'spiritual' experiences.
19. The **REVIVAL/SHOW US MIRACLES JESUS** of "*an evil generation: they seek a sign*" whose followers pray for everyone else but God's people to be revived.

20. The **PROMISE-KEEPERS' JESUS** who believes that racial integration will solve the world's racial problems.
21. The **HOMOSEXUAL JESUS** as He is portrayed by some modern writers.
22. The **FREE LOVE JESUS** who is supposed to have had several wives.
23. The **STUPID JESUS** who thought he was God.
24. The **BROAD-MINDED JESUS** who "loves the sinner but hates the sin".
25. The **TOLERANT JESUS** who tolerates the Doctrine of Balaam and allows Jezebel into the church-[Rev. 2:14 and 20].
26. The **LENIENT JESUS** who is not a bit like that in the letters to the seven churches.
27. The **NEW AGE CHRIST** which is the Lord Maitreya, the god of the New Age who calls himself Jesus or "The Christ".
28. The **"MARCH FOR JESUS" Jesus** who marches with Roman Catholics, Mormons, cults and any of the others above.
29. The **WAFER JESUS** who is worshipped and crucified afresh in the blasphemy of the Roman Catholic mass, who shows his presence by a light in a box in the church. The Bible says "pray not" for those who worship the Queen of Heaven. These belittle the Lord Jesus Christ by saying that Mary is a mediator between God and man.
30. The **CHOOSE ME JESUS**, who does not accept, "*You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you*"
31. The **EVERY RACE JESUS** who does not accept, "*I am not sent but to the lost sheep of the House of Israel*".
32. The **POPULAR CHURCH JESUS** who does not demand allegiance, commitment, or obedience to God's Commandments, and one that does not understand that we have to "*be dead with him*"- [2 Tim. 2:10-11]- in order that "*they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory*". Possibly the most important item of unbelief is in what the true Jesus says, "*If you love me, keep my commandments*". In doctrine the popular church campaigns against keeping "*the commandments of God*".

CAN WE INDULGE IN COMPROMISE WITH 'FALSE CHRISTS', WITH 'ANOTHER GOSPEL', 'ANOTHER SPIRIT' AND 'ANOTHER JESUS'?

2 Corinthians 11:4 + 14-15 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Obviously not! There are such false apostles, the Bible says. The Biblical proportions are hundreds of false prophets to one true prophet.

The Corinthian church was careless and carnal and tolerant in an unscriptural sense, and Paul was afraid that if false teachers came to them *and preached "another Jesus" "another spirit" or "another gospel,"* they would put up with them instead of separating from them.

CAN WE FELLOWSHIP WITH THOSE WHO FOLLOW ANY OF THE 'CHRISTS' ABOVE AND EXPECT OUR REWARD?

2 John 7-9 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

Obviously not! Each deceiver is an anti-Christ!

ARE THERE UNGODLY MEN TRYING TO MIX “THE FAITH” WITH ALL SORTS OF “CHRISTS”?

Jude 3-4 *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*

For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Obviously! There is only **one** Lord Jesus Christ who is not of all those listed above.

But “men creep in unawares”, so we always have to be watchful!

2 Peter 2:1-3 *But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they **with feigned words** make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.*

SHOULD WE EXPOSE FALSE TEACHERS?

We have to identify false teachers and refuse false christs and false gospels. It is impossible to love the true Jesus without hating the false Jesus. Those who claim that God has called them to preach only a positive message and not to enter into controversy are greatly deceived. These want to build, “*on what we have in common*” exercising “*tolerance*” towards anything else. They claim there is only a 2% difference in what is believed in the churches, whereas from the above we can see it is the other way around.

Obviously the answer is yes!

SHOULD WE SEPARATE FROM ANYTHING ECUMENICAL?

In this mixture of ‘christs’ we have a perfect description of many who are involved with the modern ecumenical movement. Instead of testing everything carefully by the Word of God and exposing false christs and false gospels, they glory in their “*tolerance*” and “*unity in diversity*.”

Paul says,

Eph. 5:15 *“Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, **but rather reprove them**”.*

1 Cor 5:11. *But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. **Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.***

The popular church says, “*we must not judge*”, but we have to judge and excommunicate those whom it is necessary to excommunicate.

Jesus says,

Luke 21:8 *And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: **go ye not therefore after them.***

Matt. 24:24 *For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*

In short, one way to be deceived is to be “*tolerant*” in the way Jesus never was, and to believe “*unity in diversity*” is possible. Such people are lawless towards God themselves, and thus cannot preach the true gospel with authority. They want another way, the way of “*tolerance*”. In the letters to the churches in the Book of revelation, Jesus confirms that He holds *tolerance* against the churches!

It may seem that the objective of ‘unity’ is good, but it is not if it is not based upon the Gospel as Paul proclaimed it! Those advocating unity want to ever “try this” and “try that” and connive to get people together, the idea being, “*Well they do this at such a place, and perhaps we should try the same here. If we do the same we will have unity*”. But the converts will be in unity with themselves, i.e. they will be *tolerant*

clones of themselves-[see Matt. 23:15]. Which Jesus are they sharing? The awesome vision of Jesus with the two-edged sword of judgement upon sin is missing. “*Tolerance*” does not permit a broken heart. It is “another spirit”.

Instead the object should be the Biblical injunction to preach the Gospel of “sin and salvation”, attacking lawlessness using the *moral* Law of God, and letting God demonstrate His power to save His people through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, by the conviction of the Holy Ghost *who is given to those who obey Him*.

The popular church claims that obedience to the “*commandments of God*” is “legalism” and thus take away the right to the tree of life in the same way the Pharisees did, but Jesus says, “*If you love me, keep my commandments*”. Through the Bible, “love” and “God’s *moral law*” walk together; it is law on its own that is legalism.

Revelation 22:14

*Blessed are they that **do his commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.*