

## Christians crucified Christ.

Modern Christian church carries on truth-hating Pharisaic tradition.



hristians crucified Christ, and they still do. They crucify people who *believe* in Christ. They, themselves, do not believe in Christ, but in the pop religious icon that they call "Christ." I am differentiating between the true Son of God and the pop religious icon sometimes termed "Christ" but mainly referred to as "Jesus." This pop icon is the god of Christianity. The Scriptural Christ came to save, not condemn, and yet the modern Christian faction condemns anyone insisting upon the total saving power of the Scriptural Christ. This is a disturbing irony.

Christians worship the pop icon Jesus because He is a mainstream celebrity. Celebrity (mass acceptance) trumps truth in any era. Modern so-called believers "want" to follow "Jesus" as long as they don't have to look different t doing it.

In every era of this 6,000-year slogfest, the vast majority of humanity sides with the popular and powerful and persecutes what is unpopular. Christians wrongly suppose that anything accepted by the majority is truth. The Pharisees thought similarly, with poor results.

The true Christ, in His day, was a homeless, unpopular fringe-dweller. In short, He was a radical. He skirted temple society, operating outside the boundaries of "acceptable church teaching." Modern Christians (being the literal embodiment of the ancient Pharisees) distrust anyone daring to thrive beyond the confines of what they deem to be acceptability. Thus, had they lived in Christ's day, they'd have distrusted Him. Why? He was not a celebrity then. They'd have sided with the Pharisees against Him—thus the title of this edition. In every generation, truth operates on the edges of popular movements, if not beyond. God makes sure of this. By this means (that is, by making truth unpopular), God demonstrates to the Earth-world and to the celestial realms who loves truth and who prefers acceptance.

As in the first century, modern truth seekers still must leave the institution to suffer with Christ "outside the camp." Hebrews 13:13—

Now then, we may be coming out to Him outside the camp, carrying His reproach.

In Jesus's day, anyone wanting truth had to leave Jerusalem and wander out to the hillsides and fishing wharfs, where Jesus was. Or, oddly, seekers found likeminded souls in the drinking establishments and tax collectors' offices of that day, where Jesus' ministry flourished. Nothing has changed. Christians imagine that the time of Christ could never be repeated. But alas, it is upon them, and they perform the role of antagonists. Their fatal mistake is imagining that the true Jesus has somehow graduated to superstardom; good for Him.



But no. Jesus Christ still operates outside the temple precincts, not in them. Thus, the true Christ is not to be found in the world's most popular religion. The "Jesus" of that world is a satanic substitute.

The Jews of Jesus's day advertised themselves as truth seekers. This was but pretense. When truth came, the Jews killed it. The heinous act of murder exposed the Jewish pretense to universal view. The clergy of Judaism valued their popularity more than anything else—certainly more than truth. They held truth in form, but not in substance. They clasped to the bosom their sway over the populace; the admiration of their fellow clergymen; their formal education; their money. Only truth was dispensable. Today, Christianity occupies the dubious "so-near-to-God-and-yet-so-far" throne that Judaism once claimed.

How the modern Pharisees vehemently deny this unpleasant truth. You cannot tell them what I have just said without incurring some sort of crucifixion yourself.

## MY MESSAGE TO CHRISTIANS

Search the Scriptures, for it is these that testify that Jesus Christ is to reconcile the heavens and the earth to God through His own blood on the cross (Colossians 1:16-20). Yet you teach that evil and sin are eternal, and that a significant part of the universe shall never return to God. Jesus Christ came to abolish death, yet you make death an eternal condition for millions of men, women and children who fail to accept your twisted renditions of "truth."

Adam condemned the entire human race and Christ redeemed it (Romans 5:18-19). Yet you teach that Christ fails to redeem as many as Adam condemned. You teach that millions of men, women and children will thwart the grandest intention of God's heart, and who will therefore never see the light of salvation. Thus, you make Adam greater than Christ. Christ cannot redeem all that Adam lost. Do you not then make Adam greater than Christ?

The Scriptures say that God wills all humanity to be saved and to come to a realization of the truth (1 Timothy 2:6). But what if a human wills otherwise? According

to you, the human accomplishes *his* will, yet God cannot accomplish His; the human is lost. In saying and teaching this, you make the will of the human stronger than the will of God.

I and others come teaching the truth, and you expel us from your assemblies. We come teaching a God Who is the Savior of all humanity, to which Scripture attests (1 Timothy 4:10), yet you subvert the evidence to say that Christ is merely a *potential* savior. This makes us the false teachers, you say. Yet who has undone God's saving work for humanity, making salvation dependent upon an uninfluenced human ("free will") rather than upon God? Whomever has done *that* is the false teacher.

You claim that all is of God, yet you say that evil is not of God. You cannot believe the Scriptural testimony that God created evil (Isaiah 45:7), for you wrongly suppose evil to be eternal. Poor yet popular translations of God's Word have tricked you, and thus the purpose of evil eludes you. See then how you make Satan sovereign in evil. While attempting to disconnect God from the more unpleasant aspects of His plan (you assume evil to be sin; it is not), you remove Him from His throne, granting Satan an opposing and successful monarchy. God *wants* to undo the works of the devil (He tried), but can't. Thus, you make the will of Satan stronger than the will of God.

How different from all of this is the truth: God assumes responsibility for all creation, including evil. (All is out of God—1 Corinthians 8:6). In this He did not sin (God cannot sin), for evil provides the necessary contrast to good. You do not see how this can be (you fail to grasp the transi-

tory nature of evil), and thus force yourselves to attribute evil to the devil. In this, you make Satan a co-sovereign with God—but no. It's worse. Whomever thwarts God's intention trumps God's power. Satan thwarts God's intention, but God cannot thwart his. Thus, Satan is greater than God.

God originally intended for every created being to enjoy eternal good. Satan despised this plan, and—according to you—overthrew it. Satan opposed God and, shockingly, succeeded. In opposing the original will of the so-called Deity, Satan realized his intentions, while God fell short of *His*. Thus, Satan succeeds where God failed, snatching a vast percentage of God's creation away from His well-intentioned clutch. This is your universe.

In teaching the eternality of sin and death, you deify Satan and dethrone God. This you call, "good news." But here is some other news, and it is true: All religion is but closed-eye superstition and the lording of fear over humanity's head. In the original Greek language of the New Testament, the elements of the word "religion" are "DREAD-TEACH." How fitting.

You say that you have a burden for souls, yet when told that the power of the cross will one day win every soul to God, it grieves you. Your so-called burden is a sham. You are shown how the salvation of the world accords with Scripture, yet you hate the news and ignore the verses placed before you. Then you say concerning the bringer of the gospel, that he has a demon. Yet it is you who teach the falsehood. Who then has the demon? The cornerstone of



*your* joy is not Christ, but the thrill of eternally possessing what others will lack.

You honor Jesus with your lips, yet dethrone Him with your traditions. You raise your hands to God, but your heart lies far from Him. You nullify His work and His Word for the sake of that which tickles your hearing. You etch the name of Jesus upon your gorgeous churches, but these are instead whitewashed tombs, for inside are crammed the bones of the dead: dead doctrine; dead worship; a fatal lack of curiosity. Within your own soul, you relish at having succeeded where others have failed: you gathered enough personal will to believe in Jesus. You do not know that you are but clay pots, void of any personal righteousness.

The world cannot worship the well-meaning but helpless "God" of your dark profession. They cannot worship the "God" ambushed by Satan in Eden, dragging large chunks of His universe—eventually—to hell. They cannot worship the "God" Who, knowing ahead of time what endless misery would engulf the majority of His creatures, started the ball rolling anyway—and kept it rolling. They cannot worship the "God" Who, being able to make everything right, for some unaccountable reason fails to do so.

The world cannot worship the "God" Who, subjecting His dearly Beloved to the most shameful death imaginable, can salvage but a handful of those for whom His dearly Beloved died and rose. Who could praise with any sort of pure heart a purportedly omnipotent Being watching helplessly as most of His creatures forever burn?

The world rightly scoffs at such a "God." The only reason *you* worship this caricature is because the power of religion (demonic power) has rendered you senseless. So intoxicating is the elixir of Christianity that you who imbibe of it imagine that you are fighting Satan. But no. You are working Satan's will. Satan best defames God, not within classic dens of iniquity such as bars, gambling houses or strip clubs. No, for it is within such places that honest, institution-hating reality-seekers sit primed to receive truth. Satan best defames God via misplaced religious zeal, self-righteous condemnation and absurd, contradictory teachings found neither in polite company nor in properly translated Scripture.

May God help you all. And He will. —MZ

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