

CHRISTADELPHIANS

SINCERE OR JUST SINCERELY WRONG?

Christadelphians are very diligent Bible students yet their studies lead them into error not truth.

HOW COULD THIS BE SO?

Not always readily identifiable, their advertising appears in the daily press inviting people to attend seminars, discussions or talks on the coming end of the world.

As with many other cults, their emphasis on the “final days” can impress and interest people who don't know what the Scriptures say about it.

They reject all Christian churches as not teaching correct salvation, and object to the fundamentals of Christianity on almost all points which they see as a negation of Bible teaching. The sect was founded by John Thomas around 1840 in America.

We'll look at what the Christadelphians believe against what the King James Version says, namely:

1. The Trinity
2. Jesus Christ
3. The Holy Spirit
4. The Devil
5. The Atonement
6. Heaven and Hell
7. Salvation
8. The Immortality of the Soul

“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ ...should shine unto them.” 2 Corinthians 4:4

BACKGROUND

'Christadelphians' diligent Bible studies lead them into error not truth. How could this be so? Very simple! Without the illumination of the Holy Spirit error is inevitable. They deny that the Holy Spirit is a divine Person so it's not surprising that He will deny them. “when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.”(John 16:13). Quite simply, he doesn't dwell in them.

THE TRINITY

They believe in one God and not three persons. They deny the Christian Trinity. They deny that Jesus is God or that the Holy Spirit is God.

WHAT'S GOD GOT TO SAY ABOUT THIS?

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” Matthew 28:19

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.” Titus 2:13

“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.” 1John 5:7

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Comment: How wrong can you be? Which Bible are they reading? When you're not saved you don't have the Holy Spirit. The Bible's the only book whereby you must have been saved by the author to understand it.

JESUS CHRIST

They teach that Jesus was not the eternal Son of God and that he had no existence prior to His birth by Mary. His nature is not sinless. He was merely a manifestation of the Father begotten by the Spirit. Jesus Christ is not to be worshipped in the same way as the Father.

WHAT'S GOD GOT TO SAY ABOUT THIS?

"... for if ye believe not that I am he - (the pre-existent One) - ye shall die in your sins." John 8:24
"That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father..." John 5:23

Comment: The Scriptures clearly show that the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit to be all one and the same - one God yet three distinct Persons.

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	Father	Jesus Christ	Holy Spirit
Omnipresent	Matt19:26	Matt 28:18	Ps 139:7
Called God	1Peter 1:2	John 20:28	Acts 5:3,4
Almighty	Gen 17:1	Rev 1:8	Rom 15:19
Eternal	Ps 90:2	Micah 5:2	Heb 9:14
Omniscient	Rom11:33	Matt 9:4	1Cor2:10
Truth	John 7:28	Rev 3:7	1John 5:6
omnipotent	1Peter 1:5	Matt 28:18	Rom 15:19
Holy	Rev 15:4	Acts 3:14	John 16: 7-14
Lord	Rom 10:12	Luke 2:11	2Cor 3:17
Powerful	Jer 32:17	Heb 1:3	Luke1:35

THE HOLY SPIRIT

They believe that the Holy Spirit is not a personal God distinct from the Father, but the instrumental power of the Father, radiant from His person and presence.

WHAT'S GOD GOT TO SAY ABOUT THIS? See the above chart. Let's let the Scriptures speak for themselves.

Comment: Jesus Christ said that His departure would bring the coming of the Holy Spirit, to "guide you into all truth." (John16:13). As the Christadelphians deny that the Holy Spirit is a divine Person, it's not surprising that He (the Holy Spirit)

won't guide them into truth. Without the illumination of the Holy Spirit, heresy and deception is inevitable. No illumination because they have no Holy Spirit who indwells the believer. No indwelling would bring us to the conclusion that they can't be saved! Makes sense doesn't it?

SATAN

They believe he doesn't exist. The devil is only the spiritual personification of sin in the flesh.

WHAT'S GOD GOT TO SAY ABOUT THIS? Obviously they haven't read Job 1: 6-12 and Zechariah 3:1, 2.

Comment: Now here's the question, If Christ was without sin and Satan doesn't exist, where did His temptation come from? See Matt 4:1-11

THE ATONEMENT

They believe that Christ's death contained no expiatory (paying the penalty for) element. Christ didn't die to appease the wrath of the Father. They believe that if the blood of Christ could be found it wouldn't be of any spiritual value.

WHAT'S GOD GOT TO SAY ABOUT THIS?

"...as the Son of man came ... to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Matt 20:28

"... being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." Romans 5:9 *"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Cor 5:21* **Comment:** Are these people reading the Bible or a Phantom comic? See also Isaiah 53:5 "But he was wounded for our transgressions..."

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HEAVEN AND HELL

Heaven doesn't exist and the earth is where the saints will dwell. Hell is only the grave and not a place of torment. Eternal punishment is just theological fiction.

WHAT'S GOD GOT TO SAY ABOUT THIS?

Man has a distinct soul, is conscious after death and hell is a place of everlasting suffering.

See Philippians 1:21-23; 2 Cor 5:8; Luke 16:19-31; Rev 6:9-10; Rev 20:10-15.

"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."
Matt 25:46 (**aionios*)

Comment: People want to pick and choose! Everyone wants eternal life but no-one wants eternal punishment, yet the Greek word (aionios) for the words 'eternal' and 'everlasting' in Matt 25:46 means exactly the same thing i.e. forever, without end, stretching out to infinity! How many ways can you say it?

The people that populate hell will be the ones who never believed it existed.

Also see Matt 10:28; Luke 12:4-5;

SALVATION

Water baptism is essential for salvation, but only after accepting and believing all their doctrines - also necessary for salvation.

WHAT'S GOD GOT TO SAY ABOUT THIS?

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life..." John 3:36

"by grace are ye saved through faith..." Eph 2:8, 9 *"But to him that worketh not..."* Romans 4:4,5

Comment: What about the thief on the cross with Jesus? He couldn't jump off and get water baptized could he? But Jesus clearly states that he would be with Him in paradise that day. The thief got saved minus water baptism!

THERE ARE ONLY TWO RELIGIONS

1. The DIY'ers - the "Do-It Yourselfer's". Man tries to be his own Saviour.
2. The CHDIFU group - the "Christ-Has-Done-It-For-Us" people who rely on Christ's finished work on the cross for salvation.

The Christadelphians remind me of the man who was about to jump off the Eiffel Tower without a parachute. People rushed up to him trying to get him not to do it. They begged and pleaded with him, to which he confidently replied, "I just don't believe in gravity!" and he jumped. On the way down he was heard to say, "Oops! I think I've made a mistake!"

You can't believe it can you? Who would dare to enter heaven relying on their own resume or as the Bible puts it 'our own righteousness'. Scripture abounds with the fact that man's righteousness are nothing but filthy rags. **NOTE!** Not their unrighteousness but their absolute best is a stinking dung heap in God's nose!

There's the Scriptures, there's the rules, there's the way to enter heaven - what could be more simple. The original DIY'er was Cain, the son of Adam. He knew what the deal was, he knew that God required blood sacrifice to make amends. Why would he be surprised and upset that God rejected his fruit and vegies that he'd grown himself with the sweat of his own brow?

Why would he be upset with Abel?

It's been the same ever since - the DIY'ers have been killing the CHDIFU group. Did you know that it has been conservatively estimated that the Roman Catholic (Cain-tholic) church - the DIY'ers, has systematically exterminated 70-90 million people who have opposed her. Cain has the martyr's blood dripping off him everywhere.

Now the Christadelphian church may not have gone this far with persecution, but in God's eyes they are doomed because they insist on saving themselves. They insist on bringing their "fruit and vegies" to God as a means of appeasing Him. Why, if the car manufacturer says only put petrol into the fuel tank would people keep on using a sugar and water solution, or sewerage or crushed dust and honey in an attempt to make the car drive? Why not follow the manufacturer's instructions?

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SATAN USES THE BIBLE TOO!

Satan doesn't dare use anything other than the Bible - the KJV is his chief tool. It is to be noted that all cults and heresies use the Bible as their manual and can prove their doctrine by misapplying the Scriptures. (The Mormons pride themselves that they use the KJV but they use it as a starter motor is used in a car. You'll notice that they refer to the KJV at the start of a conversation only to lay it aside and then go to the Book of Mormon.) The Christadelphian is very tenacious once contact has been made - not too ready to let his 'victim' go. Their activities are directed at drawing people away from orthodox churches rather than reaching the outcast and the unsaved with their message. This is very similar to the Seventh Day Adventists who ride the coat-tails of true Christian missionaries in order to draw the believer away.

As with the cults of Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses, the Christadelphians focus largely on 'end of the world events' and can appear knowledgeable to those who don't know their Bibles. They are all similar in their approach (which is the same as the Roman Catholic church) in that salvation can only be had through their system of religion.

"MAKING THE WORD OF GOD OF NONE EFFECT THROUGH YOUR TRADITION..." MARK 7:13

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