

Jesus did not say all religions lead to same place

Many people believe all religions are good and are just different paths to the same end. Does the Bible provide any basis for believing that?

Really, it is not even logical to think God would have the Bible recorded if it didn't matter what we believe or how we worship. What a huge waste of time it would have been for him to have men record 66 books of information on who He is, what He expects of us and what we should believe if it didn't matter at all!

Jesus told religious leaders in his day that they taught things that conflicted with his Father's will and teachings.

At Matthew 15:5, 6 he says, "But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, 'Whatever I have by which you might get benefit from me is a gift dedicated to God,' he must not honor his father at all.' And so you have made the word of God invalid because of your tradition."

We can set up whatever rules or traditions we want, but if they conflict with Bible teachings, they do not have God's approval. As many know, Jesus often told the religious



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leaders they were hypocrites. If we don't want to be the same in God's eyes, we need to be more concerned with what the Bible teaches than with traditions or teachings from men.

For example, many people believe God, Jesus and the holy spirit are three persons in one God. Is that what the Bible says?

John 17:3 says, "This means everlasting life, their taking in knowledge of you, the only true God, and of the one whom you sent forth, Jesus Christ."

If they are one and the same, why list them both, as if we need knowledge of two people? If the holy spirit is another person of equal importance, why not mention it?

Jesus told his disciples at John 14:28: "You heard that I said to you,

I am going away and I am coming back to you. If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going my way to the Father, because the Father is greater than I am."

If God, the Father, is greater than Jesus, are they part of the same "God?"

A common custom that does not have God's approval is celebrating birthdays. There is no mention in the Bible of Jesus or any of the early Christians celebrating birthdays. But there are birthdays mentioned. Mark 6:21, 22, 24-28 says, "But

a convenient day came along when Herod spread an evening meal on his birthday for his top-ranking men and the military commanders and the foremost ones of Galilee. And the daughter of this very Herodias came in and danced and pleased Herod and those reclining with him. The king said to the maiden: 'Ask me for whatever you want and I will give it to you.' And she went out and said to her mother: 'What should I ask for?' She said: 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she went in with haste to the king and made her request, saying: 'I want you to give me right away on a platter the head of John the Baptist.' Although

he became deeply grieved, the king did not want to disregard her, in view of the oaths and those reclining at the table. So the king immediately dispatched a body guardsman and commanded him to bring his head. And he went off and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter, and he gave it to the maiden, and the maiden gave it to her mother."

Many may think that celebrating birthdays is a good thing, since gifts are given.

The apostle Paul said in Acts 20:35, "I have exhibited to you in all things that by thus laboring you must assist those who are weak, and

must bear in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, when he himself said, 'There is more happiness in giving than there is in receiving.'"

If we live by those words, do we need a special day to give gifts?

Just because people around us have certain beliefs or participate in a custom doesn't mean that it is OK. If the Bible says otherwise, that is what is what we will heed if we truly want to please God. His opinion of us is more important than fitting in with the people around us.

Proverbs 29:25 says, "Trembling at men is what lays a snare, but he that is trusting in God will be protected."

Meeting to teach on-line sales strategies

A two-day meeting in Oberlin will provide information on selling property on-line and free-land programs becoming popular in some parts of Kansas.

The Tri-State Initiative for Economic Development quarterly forum and business meeting will be Thursday and Friday, June 9 and 10, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

Make reservations by Monday, June 6, by calling (785) 475-2901.

The meeting on Thursday begins at 2 p.m. Mountain Time, with a conference planning committee meeting and dinner to follow. Dinner will be at 4:45 p.m.

Dave Rose of Mid West eServices of Salina will speak at 5:30 p.m. He has been successful in selling schools and other buildings on the on-line auction service eBay, bring-

ing sellers and prospective buyers together.

He is president of Mid West eServices, which he founded in 2003. In northwest Kansas, the company has had successful sales for a home in Downs, a church in Logan and school buildings in Bazine, Morland and Dighton. Those sales have resulted in new jobs, he says, and most brought in new families.

Economic Development Director Anita Hoffhines from Ellsworth County will talk on Kansas free-land program. She will share lessons learned from central Kansas and tell how communities represented can benefit from a free-land program.

The business meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Friday with adjournment scheduled at 9:30 a.m.

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District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

April 13—Nathan S. Salois, 19, Liberty, Mo., \$177 for improper parking.

Patrick L. Lord, 24, Shawnee, \$108 for improper parking.

Brian C. Maschler, 27, Lees Summit, Mo., \$132 for speeding.

Herlindo Palacios, 33, Santa Ana, Calif., \$168 for speeding.

Sarah E. Booze, 25, Aurora, Colo., \$132 for speeding.

Shuiming Yu, 41, Corona, Calif., \$186 for speeding.

Heather R. Pittman, 30, Good-

land, \$222 for speeding.

Justin L. Horinek, 17, Colby, \$10 for no seat belt.

Nguyen V. Than, 44, Littleton, Colo., \$126 for speeding.

Brad D. Logan, 40, Lawrence, \$126 for improper parking.

April 14—Jason L. Baze, 30, St. Louis, Mo., \$144 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

Neil S. Goldstein, 35, Saint Michaels, Md., \$150 for speeding.

Jason L. Herron, 30, Siloam Springs, Ark., \$126 for speeding.

Daniel J. Collinson, 22, Evergreen, Colo., \$255 for speeding.

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Evening Service: 6:30 pm
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Sunday: Sunday School: 10 am

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First Christian Church

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Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233
Sunday: Worship Service: 10:30 am
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Pastor: Bob Willis

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899-2080 or 899-3797

Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:50 am

Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 pm

First United Methodist Church

1116 Sherman
899-3631

Pastor: Rev. Janet Hernandez
Saturday: Informal Worship: 5:30 pm

Sunday: Sunday School: 9:15 am
Worship Service: 10:30 am

Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400

Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 am

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Wednesday: AWANA (Winter)
and prayer: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Pastor: Travis Blake

Fifth & Center • 890-3450

Sunday: Sunday School for all ages:
9:15 am (Child care provided)

Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Wednesday: Bible study 7 p.m.

Call church for information
Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.

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1160 Cattletrail

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Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 am

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10:15 a.m.

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