



ASKING FOR A FRIEND

Tough Questions, Honest Answers

The NIV version of the Bible is used for all questions.

1. Many people claim that it doesn't matter what you believe about God or Jesus, that if you are sincere and do your best whatever you believe, we will all end up in heaven, what do you think? Read John 4:6, 10:7-9, and Acts 4:10-12. What do these verses claim about Jesus? What does this mean?
2. Many people claim to be Christians. Read John 1:12, 3:16-18, and Romans 10:1-4. What does the Bible say makes a person a Christian?
3. What characteristics do all religions have in common that is different from Biblical Christianity? Read 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 and 2 Corinthians 4:3-4. What does Paul say is responsible for all the false beliefs about how to have a relationship with God?
4. Pastor Rick said that when you talk to people from other religions, what should you never do? He then said that there is a "ROAD" to follow when talking to others about their religious beliefs, what four things make up this "ROAD"?
5. Read 1 Peter 2:11,12. We know that our actions, how we live our lives, in no way affects where we are going when we die, our faith in Christ determines our destination. At the same time, why is it important that we as Christians live the way Jesus commands us to in front of those who have not trusted in Him as their savior?

ANSWERS

1. *The above verses make the claim that there is no other way to go to heaven except through Christ, so the claim that you can believe anything you want as long as you are sincere and still go to heaven are false. You must accept Christ as savior.*
2. *The Bible is very clear that a Christian is a person who is trusting in Jesus alone as their only hope of salvation. Anyone who is trusting in their own goodness to get to heaven is not a Christian, no matter what religion they belong to.*
3. *What all religions have in common is that they teach that for man to restore their relationship with God, they must do many good things, which is saying you must do good works to get to heaven. Paul said that Satan is the source of all false beliefs about God and therefore he is the source of all teaching that you must be good to get to heaven. Religion is the biggest lie of Satan, it fools people into thinking they are going to heaven when they are not. Religion is a heavenly way to wind up in hell.*
4. *We should never be argumentative when we talk to people of different religions. The four things we should do are: a. Recognize absolute truth from the Bible compared to other belief systems; b. Overcome differences and dissension with gentleness and respect; c. Approach every individual conversation with love for those we are talking to and d. Determine to live what I believe more than just talk about it.*
5. *When we share the gospel with those who do not know Christ and at the same time they see us doing things that are wrong, they will believe we are hypocrites and will not listen to us. People judge God based on how they see us live, which is not fair to God. Many times unsaved people have a higher standard of how they think Christians should behave than Christians do. So even though how you behave has no bearing on your eternal destination, it will have a huge bearing on whether or not unsaved people will listen to you.*