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## The Unique Purpose of Christianity

*Luke 5:31 Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."*

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*1 Peter 2:20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.*

*<sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.*

*<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."*

*<sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.*

*<sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.*

*<sup>25</sup> For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

Key: Page 1: doctrine itself. Page 2: truth; assumptions.

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## **“There Can’t Be Just One True Religion” Give Me an Answer—part 1**

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*2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.*

### Pluralistic “Adages”

- “All major religions are equally valid and basically teach the same thing.”

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*Exodus 20:2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. <sup>3</sup> You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup> You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or worship them;”*

Ironically, the insistence that doctrines do not matter is really a \_\_\_\_\_.

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- “Each religion sees part of spiritual truth, but none can see the whole truth.”

Everyone makes \_\_\_\_\_ claims, and everyone has \_\_\_\_\_ undergirding their truth claims.

*Exodus 6:2 God also said to Moses, "I am the LORD. <sup>3</sup> I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself known to them."*

*John 15:15 ...I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*

- “It is arrogant to insist your religion is right and to convert others to it.”

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*Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. <sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.*

*Isaiah 5:21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.*

- “Why can't we just keep religion completely 'private' or only at the place of worship?”

Christianity gives a firm basis to respect people of other faiths.

*Matt. 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*

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