

The Spirit of Truth and The Spirit of Error

"What God has said on Seven Fundamentals", and "What men are now saying!"

The Truths of Christianity Compared to:

Christian Science, Spiritualism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Armstrongism, Mormonism, Eastern Mysticism, The Way International, Unity, Unification Church

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Compare The "Truths" of The Word of God to the "Errors" of The Way International

The following provide a side by side, topical comparison of the Truths of Christianity, "What God Has Said on Seven Fundamentals", and the Errors of The Way International, "**What Men Are Now Saying**".

- God
- Christ
- Holy Spirit
- Sin
- Redemption
- Salvation
- Retribution

The Word of God

Personality Of The Godhead

- In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1).
- He is God; there is none else beside him (Deuteronomy 4:35).
- God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).
- For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man, Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5).
- Go . . . and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).
- Jesus was baptized; the Spirit descended; the Father spoke (Matthew 3:16-17).
- Come, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one

The Way International

God

Elohim, God alone, is Creator of heaven and earth. The Bible teaches that there is only one true God, that God was in Christ, that God is Spirit, and that God is eternal whereas Jesus was born (Wierwille, *The Word's Way*, p. 26).

God is most holy; God has no equal. God alone holds the power of salvation (Wierwille, *Jesus Christ Is Not God*, p. 124).

The trinitarian dogma degrades God from His elevated, unparalleled position. Besides, it leaves man unredeemed (*JC*, book jacket).

Biblically there are three: 1) God who is Holy Spirit, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 2) Jesus Christ,

another's speech (Genesis 11:7).

- From the time that it was, there am I; and now the Lord God, and his Spirit, hath sent me (Isaiah 48:16).

Jesus Christ

- In the beginning was the Word,. . . and the Word was God (John 1:1).
- When, as His mother, Mary, was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:18).
- Behold, the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).
- God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the nations, believed on in the world, received up into glory (1 Timothy 3:16).
- And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth (John 1:14).
- No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him (John 1:18).
- And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead (Romans 1:4).
- And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain (1 Corinthians 15:17).
- Wherefore, he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them (Hebrews 7:25).
- This same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into Heaven (Acts 1:11; cf. John 14:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

Holy Spirit

- When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, . . . he shall testify of me (John 15:26).
- When he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:8).
- When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth (John 16:13).
- The Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, . . . he shall teach you all things (John 14:26).
- His spirit that dwelleth in you (Romans 8:11).
- Be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18; see also 1

the Son of God and the son of man, and 3) the holy spirit, God's gift, which God made available on the day of Pentecost (*JC*. p. 123).

Jesus Christ

- The gospel of John established the truth of God's word that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, but I not (God the Son -- or God Himself (*JC*, p. 16).
- Jesus Christ's existence began when he was conceived by God's creating the soul-life of Jesus in Mary (*WW*. p. 37).
- The created word (Jesus Christ) was with God in His foreknowledge -- the same way that "we the chosen of God" were called in Him in His foreknowledge (*JC*, p. 85).
- When Jesus was born, he came into existence.... Foreknowledge became a reality (*JC*, p. 85).
- Jesus and God are not one from the beginning, but they were one in purpose (*JC*, pp. 119-20).
- Jesus just "took part, not all" of Adam's flesh and blood (*JC*, p. 71).
- He was sinless because he was conceived by the Holy Spirit, yet was born of Mary with a body of flesh, as all mankind (*WW*, p.161).
- Jesus Christ was a man . . . whose life was without blemish and without spot, a lamb from the flock, thereby being the perfect sacrifice. Thus he became our redeemer (*JC*, p. 79).
- After Jesus Christ was sacrificed, was resurrected and then ascended, it was possible for God to send His gift which dwells permanently in all believers (*JC*, p. 113).

Holy Spirit

- God is holy, and God is Spirit. The gift that He gives is holy spirit (*JC*, pp. 27-28).
- Many confuse the Giver, Holy Spirit, with the gift, holy spirit (*JC*, p. 128).
- In the new birth, man receives spirit from God, who is the Spirit (*JC*, p. 128).
- The speaking in tongues was the external manifestation of the receiving of the gift of holy spirit (*JC*, p. 131).
- At Pentecost the speaking in tongues was the external manifestation of the receiving of the gift of

Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 3:16).

- But ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his (Romans 8:9; see also vv. 14, 16).

Sin

- There is none righteous, no, not one (Romans 3:10).
- For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Roman, 3:23).
- If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us (I John 1:10).
- If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (I John 1:8)
- Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law (I John 3:4).
- All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not unto death (I John 5:17).
- Whatever is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:23).
- Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin (James 4:17).

Redemption

- We have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7).
- Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things . . . but with the precious blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19).
- Unto him that loveth us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us a kingdom of priests unto God and his Father (Revelation 1:5-6).
- Without shedding of blood is no remission (Hebrews 9:22).
- Made peace through the blood of his cross (Colossians 1:20).
- This man. after he had offered one sacrifice for

holy spirit.

- At the conclusion of his (Peter's) message, he taught them how to receive the new birth and speak in tongues (*JC*, p. 131).
- The holy spirit field ... is the field God raised me up for. . . . There's no one I can't lead into speaking in tongues, if they are Christian and want to do it (Elena S. Whiteside, *The Way--Living in Love*, p. 178).
- To worship by the spirit we must operate a manifestation of the holy spirit . . . which produces true worship in speaking in tongues (Wierwille, *The New, Dynamic Church*, p. 90).

Man and Sin

- We, as well as Jesus Christ, were with God in His foreknowledge, but not in existence, before the foundation of the world (*JC*, p. 29).
- The Bible teaches that all men since Adam are born dead in trespasses and sin" (*JC*, p. 70).
- When Adam sinned, Satan, who was the supreme enemy of God, obtained absolute control over all that which God had originally given to Adam (*NDC*, p. 59).
- What does God see on the palms of our hands? He sees on them nothing but sin, doubt, fear, bitterness, quarrels, lies, hatred -- everything that stains a sinner (Wierwille, *The Bible Tells Me So*, p. 108).
- Man fell because of disobedience to God's Word (*JC*, p. 66).
- The spirit departed from Adam.... Adam and Eve's spiritual connection with God was lost (*JC*, p. 67).

Redemption and Salvation

- The Bible clearly teaches that Jesus Christ was a man conceived by the Holy Spirit, God, whose life was without blemish and without spot, a lamb from the flock, thereby being the perfect sacrifice. Thus he became our redeemer (*JC*, p. 79).
- Jesus brought righteousness because he willingly gave himself as a perfect, sinless sacrifice, a perfect redeemer (*JC*, p. 76).
- There are two parts: sin and disease, one is removed by the blood of the lamb and the other by the flesh of the lamb (*BT*, p. 87).
- Christ has redeemed us, not only from some of the things mentioned in the curse, but from all of them, which includes sickness and disease (*BT*, p. 84).

- This man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God. . . For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified (Hebrews 10:12, 14).

Salvation

- Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house (Acts 16:31).
- But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name (John 1:12).
- He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the . . . only begotten Son of God (John 3:18).
- He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life (John 3:36).
- Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5).
- For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not of works, lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- Justified freely . . . through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Romans 3:24).
- Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth (Romans 10:4).

Retribution

- The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).
- Those who sleep in the dust . . . shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, and everlasting contempt (Daniel 12:2).
- And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Hebrews 9:27).
- And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God. . . . And the dead were judged out of those things written in the books, according to their works (Revelation 20:12).
- The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven . . . in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel. . . ; who shall be punished with everlasting destruction (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).
- If thy foot offend thee, cut it off; it is better for thee to enter lame into life than, having two feet, to

- the physical punishment which he went through brought our healing (*BT*, p. 84).
- When we have salvation, we have wholeness, even physical wholeness, if we simply accept it (*NDC*, p. 31).
- God is our Savior as the author of the plan of salvation. Jesus Christ made the new birth available as the agent of the plan of salvation and as the finisher of faith (*JC*, p. 147).
- All born-again believers have "the faith of Jesus Christ" which is the measure given to EVERYONE when he believes. After a person has confessed with his mouth the Lord Jesus and has believed in his heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, he is a privileged son of God with access to all His promises (*NDC*, p. 29).
- you are made alive spiritually but also your physical body is made alive even now (*NDC*, p. 33).
- NOTE: The church of Israel, which is the bride of Christ is the church of the period of the Law and of the gospels.... also the church of the Revelation. The body of Christ began on the Day of Pentecost and continues until the return of Christ. Everyone who is born again by God's Spirit is a member of the Church of Grace, the body of Christ (*NDG*, pp. 7, 10).

Retribution

- The result of the one man's work (Adam's) was death; the result of the other was life (*JC*, p. 75).
- Man's freedom of will permits him to choose the seed he wants and thus determine his own destiny.... One who accepts the seed of God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has his seed eternally.... When a person accepts the seed of the devil, he has it eternally.... One seed means eternal life; the other, eternal damnation (*WW*, p. 70).
- Death for the believer is referred to as falling asleep because in sleep there is an awakening point. But for the unbeliever, the Christ rejector, the ungodly, their resurrection is temporary for they shall meet a second and final death (Wierwille, *Are the Dead Alive Now?* p. 98).

be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched (Mark 9:45).

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