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It's ALL ABOUT YOU!



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In a world where there are roughly 4200 different religions of which 8 specific religions are 'known' as the majority, how does one know which is the true religion to invest their entire life in? This is the question that has baffled many people and that is a serious understatement based on the fact that the world population is standing at over 8 billion people. There are those that set out on a quest to find the one true religion by spending their entire life 'sampling' each religion until they are satisfied.

I don't need to tell you that the world is a big place, I also don't need to tell you that there is a lot of nonsense out there. I will tell you this though; there is only one true God out there which is the Creator of heaven and earth – the question is; what is He all about?

Having said all that, allow me to introduce you to Christianity – *it's not a religion, it's a relationship.*

Many people 'think' that Christianity is just another religion. They think that they have a basic understanding of it because they attended a few church services as a kid. Many close themselves off to God based on bad experiences with other Christians.

Some people close themselves off to God based on the negative report of others.

So what makes Christianity different to every other religion out there? Well, for one, *it's not a religion, it's a relationship.* Who many refer to as "God", is actually a Father. In the New Testament of the Bible, it reveals to us that all fatherhood came from Him. Romans chapter 8 confirms this (referring to those that give their hearts to Jesus), it says that *'we received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.'* (see Romans 8:15). That word 'Abba' is a personal, intimate Jewish way of addressing a father and it means "Papa" or "Daddy". God isn't a God that we slave after and sacrifice ourselves for. He is a Father that desires to adopt more and more children into His loving family.

I've heard of many religions where their followers have to 'prove' their dedication to their specific gods by doing wicked things or even taking their own lives. I've heard of religions where the women aren't worth anything and are used to serve their husbands. However, did you know that Christianity is the only belief where our God laid down His own life for us? Instead of us proving our dedication to Him, He proved His unfailing love to us when He

sent His only Son into the world to be our sacrifice.

Some people might try and use that as an excuse to disregard Christianity but allow me to explain: In the beginning when God created the first man and woman, they were made as His children. As any loving father would teach his children the difference between right and wrong, God taught Adam and Eve what to do and what not to do. I'm sure you know the highlights of what happened in the Garden of Eden; Adam and Eve did that very thing which the Father told them not to do. Because of the couple's actions (not the Father's), sin and the curse came into the world. Both Adam and Eve were separated from a loving Father and were connected to a new father, one that was the complete opposite of love.

When the Father told them not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, He wasn't being controlling – He was being a protective loving Father as He knew what the consequences of that action would cause. Sin was what separated God and man and when God sent His Son Jesus into the earth, He did that out of pure love for the human race so Jesus could take all of our sin and the punishment that came with it.

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Jesus took our fall so the human race could be reunited with our original Father. Christianity is all about having a relationship with our Father. Christianity is the biggest family on earth and you can understand why – because the human race was originally created for fellowship.

You don't have to spend a second more contemplating which religion to "try". You no longer have to question the meaning of life. You no longer have to continue your quest for the truth. You know the truth, you know the meaning of life and you definitely know what to believe.

If that is you, if you are ready to become a son or daughter of the one true God, I want you to pray this simple prayer out loud and mean it from your heart:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I come to you in the name of your precious Son Jesus, your Word says: "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21).

Your Word also says: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:9-10).

So I call on you LORD and I ask Jesus to come into my heart and to be my Lord and Saviour. I confess Jesus with my mouth and I believe it in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

I thank you LORD for this free gift of salvation and I thank you LORD that I am now saved!

Amen

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