

## **Christ DOES NOT Hate Religion – He Defined What It Is**

**Many churches and Christians keep repeating an anti-Christ statement that “God hates religion.” God does not hate religion – He defined what religion is supposed to be - in:**

**James 1:27 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**“<sup>27</sup> Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.” (NKJV)**

**Notice the last part of that scripture – “...and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.” (James 1:27 NKJV)**

**What does “unspotted” mean? It means free of sin.**

**What God REALLY hates is hypocrisy. What God Really hates is when people say they believe in Christ and then do the exact opposite of what He says to do. That includes your actions, words, beliefs, deeds, what policies you support and contribute to through voting, what you buy and sell with your monies, how you invest your monies, and what kinds of beliefs and actions you financially support through contributions.**

**Matthew 7: 13 – 28 (New King James Version)**

**“<sup>13</sup> Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.<sup>14</sup> [c] Because narrow *is* the gate and [d] difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.**

**<sup>15</sup> Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Therefore by their fruits you will know them.**

**<sup>21</sup> Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’<sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’**

**<sup>24</sup> Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: <sup>25</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.**

**<sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: <sup>27</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”**

**<sup>28</sup> And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, <sup>29</sup> for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.” (NKJV)**

**Let's pray:**

**Lord Jesus Christ,**

**We confess all the times we've used our spirit, soul, and bodies, mind, will, and emotions in opposition to you - your kingdom, your word, and your will, either knowingly or unknowingly. We repent, and we renounce, all evil forces that have attached themselves to those sins. We ask that you tear down all evil strongholds, break every evil yoke, tie, and curse, and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Lord Jesus, we believe that you are the Son of God and that you died on the cross to save us from our sins. We believe in your resurrection, and your resurrection life for ourselves. We ask that you come into our hearts, into relationship with us as our Lord and Savior. We ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the baptism by the Holy fire of God. We ask that you guide and direct us, protect us all the days of our lives, and help us to fulfill YOUR plans for our lives. We thank you Lord Jesus we believe that we have already received the answers to our prayers. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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