

SO CLOSE! ...And Yet So Far?



The Teachings Of Jesus In Dialogue With Other Beliefs

Part 1: "Don't All Religions Lead To God?"

BAHA'I & THE NEW UNIVERSALISM



Introduction – The Prodigal In All Of Us

Luke 15:11-32

Our Spiritual dilemma – We all want independence from our _____, while at the same time we hunger for _____.

Romans 1:18

Let's Talk Dirty...

2 Things we can learn from Baha'i...

Galatians 3:28

1 Thing they can learn from Jesus...

Matthew 7:13-14

Truth is not...

Truth is...

John 14:6

The Political Incorrectness Of Christ

John 1:1; 3:18, 36; John 14:6; 20:28

Matthew 28:18-20

Acts 4:12

Philippians 2:10-11

2 Corinthians 10:5

Something Better Than Tolerance

We must go beyond tolerance to _____.

Ephesians 4:14-15

Acts 17:16-34

1 Peter 3:15

Conclusion – Of Wine & Wineskins

Matthew 9:16-17

Religion demands we _____ what Jesus offers as a _____.

Romans 6:23

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

1. What's your story? Take time to briefly share about your spiritual and/or religious background and where your journey has brought you to today.
2. What are you looking forward most to getting out of this series?
3. At this stage, how would you respond to the statement "All religions are pathways to God"? Can you think of any Bible verses that can help clarify your answer?
4. Read **Acts 17** closely. a) What examples do we see in this chapter of the importance of reason and rational thought to the Christian faith? b) What are the Christians of Berea complimented for? What practical lessons can we at Upper Oaks learn from their example? How are you like or unlike the Bereans? c) List the many ways that Paul puts into practice Peter's principle of "**gentleness and respect**" (**1 Peter 3:15**) in this chapter, especially in **verses 16-34**. d) What is your favourite verse in this chapter? Why?
5. Close by praying that truth will be discovered by us all through this series.

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