

“Why Christianity Is Hard To Believe”

INTRODUCTION: Why are there more lost than saved?

- **Matthew 7:13-14** – Christianity is “*narrow-minded*”.
- Don’t “*water-down*” the Gospel to make it more palatable.
- If it were “*easy*”, then why aren’t more people saved?
- The Gospel message is “*simple*” but “*hard*” – Lk. 13:22-23
- Don’t make the Gospel into “*Christianity-Lite*”!

WHY CHRISTIANITY IS “Hard To Believe” ...

1.- The Authority of the Scriptures – John 17:17-19

- You must believe the Bible is the authority ... the “*absolute*”
Judges 21:25
- The Bible is too “*Hard To Believe*” for the lost world.

truth” – Romans 10:17,

2.- Salvation Through Christ Alone – 1 Corinthians 1:20-25

- It’s not politically correct or popular – Galatians 1:8, Jn. 14:6
- God limits salvation to CHRIST ALONE – John 10:1
- To the lost world, this is “*foolishness*”.

3.- The Cross and the Blood – 1 Corinthians 1:18

- The cross was repulsive to the Jews – 1 Cor. 1:23-24
- We are saved by the “*blood of Christ*” – Eph. 1:7, 2:13
- Salvation is through the execution of Jesus, not “*good things*”.
- This is “*foolishness*” to the lost world.

4.- The Concept and Condemnation of Sin – James 1:14-15

- “*Doing wrong*” is against a person ... “*sin*” is against God.
- “*Sin*” requires a personal accountability to Almighty God.
- This is “*Hard To Believe*” for the lost world.

5.- The Concept of Hell – Matthew 23:15, 23:33

- The lost world can’t imagine God allowing a place called Hell.
- Our passion for evangelism is because there IS a Hell.

- We don’t have to “*sell*” Christianity – John 6:44
- We are to “*plant*” & “*water*” the Gospel “*seed*” – 1 Cor. 3:6
- Salvation is a spiritual battle ... a “*God-thing*”.

- “*The Bible says that God loves you enough to ... send His Son, Jesus, to ... die on the cross, to ... take your punishment for sin, so that ... YOU won’t be punished in Hell.*” – John 3:16

- The Gospel is “*foolishness*” to the lost – 1 Cor. 2:14
- Don’t be alarmed when the lost reject the Gospel message.
- God has to open up their Spiritually “*blinded*” eyes.
- Don’t “*water-down*” the Gospel to make it more palatable.
- Tell them the truth, and let God do the rest.

CONCLUSION:

- The Gospel is “*Hard To Believe*”, but it’s SIMPLE ... Jesus can’t do for yourself.

did it all for you, so trust Him to do what you