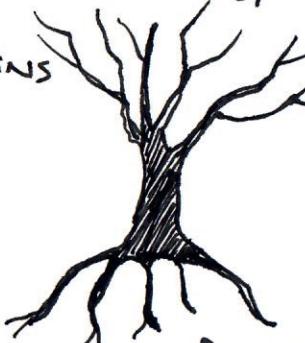


3 The real problem w. mankind is not education, politics, economics, technology... but ~~SIN~~ ► Sin beneath the sins



Religion?

If you know Bible's

story Fall... Cain + Abel unbelief
this should not surprise you! identity
Luke 11:33-36 ► eyes to see apart from Jesus
 fear
 shame
 religion

→ Christianity is the only "religion" that requires you to repent of Religion!

① Jesus critique of Pharisees, religious lawyers

☰ Context: Pharisee invites Jesus to dinner, is astonished to see that he did not wash before dinner.

PHARISEES

1. Focus on external vs. internal cleansing
"You fools..."

2. Prioritize the minor (doable) requirements of the law vs. majors love of God... justice... "Woe"

3. Use religion for personal honor +
man's approval "like unmarked graves"

EXPERTS
IN THE
LAW

4. Load people with burdens they
don't bear themselves "woe"
Cf. Romans 2:1ff

5. Respond with violence to Θ's message
of judgment and grace "blood of
all the prophets... may be charged against
this generation"

6. Close the door to Knowledge ► heaven
"woe"

I'm ok b/c not a Pharisee... But you default
to Religion!

I'm against Religion b/c of
inherent violence ... → Surprise you, Xity
is too!

② The Cross  is Θ's NO! to Religion

1. Religion is the default of the human
heart Adam + Eve ► Israel ► Pharisees ► Galatians
+ Cain

Examples See this default in your ❤?

2. It was religious leaders/people who had Jesus crucified **vs. 53** ► Luke 23ff

3. Religion is the last human possibility
Karl Barth ► the last hiding place of man from Θ **vs. 53 and on**

4. The Cross is Θ 's final and irrevocable
NO to religion!

Application ► Call you to "third way" of the Cross = Neither Religion or irreligion, but repentance by faith in the Crucified Savior **Hardest Part... Admit you are wrong**

Religious Person Christian or another religion

See that your religion keeps you from Θ and repent of it by trusting Jesus

See what a big, ugly sinner you are "sinfulness of sin... religion" and repent of it, rejoice in Jesus **Apostle Paul, Philippians 3**

Irreligious Person See that your irreligion, like religion, is just another way of self-salvation.
See that there is Holy Θ you should **Love** + Moral Law ► **Justice** ► Repent + Believe in Jesus

Story