

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

this should not surprise you!

Luke 11:33-36 ▶ eyes to see

→ 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"

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 \blacktriangleright heaven "woe"

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

I'm against Religion b/c of inherent violence ... \curvearrowright 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 \blacktriangleright Israel \blacktriangleright Pharisees \blacktriangleright Galatians + Cain

Examples See this default in your \heartsuit ?

EXPERTS
IN THE
LAW

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