

THE ONE AND ONLY
The Basics – Part 6

ON TV:

- Only **3%** have a **favorable view** of Christians.
- **87%** said that Christians were **judgmental**
- **85%** said that Christians were **hypocritical**
- **78%** said that Christians were **old-fashioned**
- **75%** said that Christians were **too political**

ON TV: A favorable view of Christians is **not** one of the basic essentials of Christianity.

ON TV: What must a person **believe** in order to be a faithful follower of Jesus?

ON TV: What are **the basics**; the **essentials**?

ON TV: Each of them is **absolutely confident that they're right**.

ON TV: What are **the basics** and the **essentials** of Christianity, and **what's not**?

ON TV: #1: Jesus is **God's Son**, and **our King**.

ON TV: #2: Jesus came to **reveal** what God is like.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "...Anyone who has seen me **has seen the Father**..." John 14:9b

ON TV: #3: Jesus defines **sin** as anything that **harms you** or **another person**.

ON TV: #4: Jesus promised **justice in the end** and invites us to **trust him in the meantime**.

ON TV: #5: Jesus **died** for your **sin** to **reconcile you to God**.

ON TV: Having faith in Christians is **not** one of the basics that a person must believe in order to be a faithful follower of Jesus.

ON TV: *"I don't reject your Christ; I love your Christ. It's just that so many of your Christians are so unlike your Christ." -- Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi*

ON TV: Jesus is **God's Son**, and **our King**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: "13b '...Who do people say the **Son of Man** is?' 14 They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 15 'But what about you?' he asked. '**Who do you say I am?**' 16 Simon Peter answered, '**You are the Christ**, the Son of the living God.' 17 Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, that you are Peter, **and on this rock** I will build **by church**...' Matthew 16:13-18a

ON TV/OUTLINE: "3 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; ...they form **one body**. So it is with Christ. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and **each of you is a part of it**." 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27

ON TV: *"The absolute center of what God does to help us change is to reveal Himself to us, to give us a taste of what he's really like and to pour his life into us. And a critical element in the revealing process is to place us in a community of people who are enough like him to give us that taste firsthand, a gathering. **Showing up with** one another, **showing up for** one another, **it's how we encounter Jesus**." Larry Crabb, Connecting*

ON TV: #6: The **local church** is God's agent of **transformation** personally, culturally, and globally.

ON TV: When information is king, **isolation** is not far behind.

ON TV: Gen Z is statistically the **most highly connected generation** and yet it's also the **loneliest** generation in history.

ON TV: **Incarnation** gets left behind as well.

ON TV: *"Embodied In"*

ON TV: Gathering as a Christ Follower at church isn't essential belief or practice to be a faithful follower of Christ.

ON TV:

- Christians that attended church, read their Bibles and were in groups dropped from **47%** in 2010 to **25%** in 2020
- Non-practicing Christians grew from **33%** to **43%**
- Non-Christians grew from **20%** to **32%**

ON TV: Is the local church **essential**?

ON TV: *"No **Perfekt** People Allowed."*

ON TV: Is the local church **salvageable**?

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church and **the gates of Hades will not overcome it.**" Matthew 16:18*

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"23 Let us **hold unwaveringly** to the **hope we profess**, for he who promised **is faithful**. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 Let us **not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing**, but encouraging one another..." Hebrews 10:23-25a*