

Today we're in 1 John 1:5-10 – Authentic Christianity'...While you turn – Darnell in Barel

- Today is going to be a bit of a reset on what we believe and why...head into kick-off
Vermeer – Dutch Painter mid 1600's – 66 paintings and 34 known today
unknown was to have surfaced in the 1940's - [Christ and the Disciples at Emmaus](#)
Han Van Meegeren –= 30 Million Dollars...Fake
- Looks like the original...but it had been changed...altered...adulterated = Worthless
What makes a painting so valuable? The artist...just looks then they would all have same value (Go)
- There are a lot of forgery Jesus' out there that then produce forgery Christianity's
 - Islam = Great prophet but not divine
 - Mormon = Spirit brother of Lucifer one of many gods...literal son heavenly mother and father
 - Jehovah's W – Archangel Michael and not part of the Trinity
 - Christian Science – Divine principle but not God incarnate
 - New Age – Enlightened master who is a spiritual guide not the messiah
 - Political Rebel – Benevolent Holistic Caregiver – Ideological Humanitarian

For thousands of years...Satan has done a good job altering the deity of Jesus to empty Cross
We need the Real Jesus...Biblical Jesus...God-Man Jesus...the second person in the trinity Jesus
I challenge you to think about that as we read 1 John 1:5-10

This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and word is not in us.

John's warning is clear: **BIG IDEA –Do Not Fall for Counterfeit Christianity ...Seek the Authentic**

Do not fall for those who take God's Design, make alterations, and present it as the pure original

1. Authentic Christianity: Is Unapologetically Unadulterated (5) | Corrupted – Debased – Altered (5) This is the message we (apos) have heard from Him (Jesus) and proclaim to you, that *God is light*, and in Him is no darkness at all. **2 things: unadulterated message – Where it came from | What it is**

- **Where did it come** – Jesus through Apostles – God Himself to God's Hand Selected Messengers
Early church – [Acts 2:42](#) 'And they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.' **Unadulterated is devoted apostolic teachings about Jesus**
Are there Apostles today? No...Apostolic age began at Pentecost and ended when John died
Apostle Qualifications: Resurrected Jesus | Explicitly Chosen | Given Abilities: Signs and Wonders
Seeking to restore / continue apostolic age = Dangerous | Speak equal to God – No biblical evidence
So where do we go? The book the book and nothing but the book – No idea how important!

- **What is the message** – God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all
Singular – 1st Decree (Gen. 1) | Moses Refl. (Ex. 34) | Cloak (Ps. 104) | Salvation Believers (Ps. 27)
Surrounded by (1 Tim. 6:16) | Lights our walk (Ps. 119) | Jesus = Light of the World (Jn.8)

Light = The Truth of God revealed in His Word and Person – Perfect in virtue and moral purity

- Unadulterated Truth = God can do no wrong and no wrong can live in the presence of God
Divine light and life are critical in distinguishing genuine faith from counterfeit claims
- Arguing with a catholic about praying to Mary and her perpetual virginity...
 - 'Show me in the Bible' – 'I don't care what that says...it's what we believe!
Only believe what is in here because its all we need to believe!

- **How well do you know the Jesus of the Bible? Read John**

When we commit ourselves unapologetically to the unoriginal and unadulterated message...receive:

2. Authentic Christianity: Brings Unbreakable Unity (6-7a)

bond of divine fellowship cannot be broken by human efforts

If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

Warning against self-deception – **Hypocrisy** | Darkness = Emblem of ignorance, error, and sin

- You say you're one of us...but how can that possibly be? You don't do what God commands
 - Our unity is found in that we are all striving for righteousness and you're seeking sin!

Soccer – Jim from the Office – Slaves to sin submit to sin | Slaves to Christ submit to Christ

Our unity isn't in ethnicity, wealth, gender, or geography

How to test our actions are unadulterated – protect unity? [Conviction – Commitment – Conduct](#)

- Conviction = Why All Christians - The biblical mandate / prescription / command we adhere
- Commitment = How We Forever – Philosophy of ministry
- Conduct = How We for now – Changing methodology how tangibly live theology & philosophy
Disciple – (3 W's) Worship in Service | Live in Groups | Serve on Teams = High Impact | Training | Groups
Elders – Office | Elder Governed and Staff Led | Doctrine – Direction – Discipline | 2x month meetings
Kids – Doctrine (Train...Spare...provoke...model) | Glorify God – Lead, Love, Protect, & Provide – Serve | ?

Conviction – Commitment – Conduct | Great Pastor (Joke)...how does that protect unity?

Easy...understanding = Biblical | Extra-biblical | Un-biblical

- Biblical = We are in unity with everyone who subscribes to Biblical Truth
- Extra-biblical = We are in unity with everyone who practices their Biblical Truths differently
 - Sing different songs / Have different discipleship ministries / Evangelism strategies

Disunity arises when we confuse biblical convictions with personal convictions

When is the best time to come up with your personal convictions? When you're not tempted!

Christmas – Movies – Halloween – Social Media – Alcohol – Alone with the opposite sex

- We have no unity with people who reject Biblical Truth and subscribe to unbiblical practices
 - Absolutes = Jesus + | Many roads to Heaven | Diminishing the God-Head

The people have no unity with us because they have no unity with the Father

Does that mean we throw out? NO! It means we don't do what they do/believe what they believe

Our commitment to an Unoriginal, Unadulterated Gospel leads to Unbreakable Unity and...

3. Authentic Christianity Gives: Undeniable Assurance (7b-10) –

Security in this world & in the next is only assured by Jesus

and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and word is not in us.

John emphasizes that the death of Christ is what brings salvation and security into fellowship...

Not false teachers.

- False Teachers who say – You have no sin (Perfection)
- False Teachers who say – Try harder and you can do it (Works)
- False Teachers who say – Traditions and Man-Made institutions (Church)
- False Teachers who say – There is no God | Truth is subjective | No absolutes

All of that is to make Jesus a liar and the word is not in us...God is the God of second chances (TIME)

How are we saved into eternity – Given joy in this world – Guaranteed eternal fellowship?

(9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- How much unrighteousness? All! – Forever your unrighteousness will not be held against you

DO YOU NEED THAT MESSAGE RIGHT NOW...TODAY?

Fill up and overflow with that authentic Christian message anything else is a worthless counterfeit

People have been selling fake Jesus for thousands of years...don't buy a forgery...receive the real Assurance when our lives are brought to auction...they have been purchased by our faith in Christ