

Another Gospel Series

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Sources:

Christian Standard Bible (CSB)
“Another Gospel” by Alisa Childers
“A Grand Illusion” by David Young
gotquestions.org

II Timothy 4:3-4 For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear what they want to hear. ⁴ They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths.

II Peter 2:1 There were indeed false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, and will bring swift destruction on themselves.

Jude 1:4 For some people, who were designated for this judgment long ago,^[a] have come in by stealth; they are ungodly, turning the grace of our God into sensuality and denying Jesus Christ, our only Master and Lord,

8 In the same way these people—relying on their dreams—defile their flesh, reject authority, and slander glorious ones.

Review.....

“Progressive Christianity is a recent movement in Protestantism that focuses strongly on social justice and environmentalism and often includes a revisionist (or non-traditional) view of the Scriptures.” gotquestions.org

Deconstruction is defined as “The process of systematically dissecting and often rejecting the beliefs you grew up with” Alisa Childers

What did the earliest Christians believe?

I Corinthians 15:3-5 For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was

raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.

The core beliefs of progressive Christians

The Core Values of Progressive Christianity

**By calling ourselves progressive Christians,
we mean that we are Christians who...**

1.

Believe that following the way and teachings of Jesus can lead to experiencing sacredness, wholeness, and unity of all life, even as we recognize that the Spirit moves in beneficial ways in many faith traditions.

2.

Seek community that is inclusive of all people, honoring differences in theological perspective, age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, class, or ability.

3.

Strive for peace and justice among all people, knowing that behaving with compassion and selfless love towards one another is the fullest expression of what we believe.

4.

Embrace the insights of contemporary science and strive to protect the Earth and ensure its integrity and sustainability.

5.

Commit to a path of life-long learning, believing there is more value in questioning than in absolutes.



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V. The signs and problems with progressive Christianity

Signs Your Church Might be Heading Toward Progressive Christianity by Alisa Childers

1. A lower view of the Bible
2. Feelings over facts – A person’s feelings become the ultimate authority and practice.
3. Essential Christian doctrines open for reinterpretation – John Pavlovitz said,
4. Historic terms are inaccurately redefined.
5. The heart of the gospel message shifts from sin and redemption to social justice.

VI. False teaching is not a new thing

“The topic of false teachers and false teaching is addressed directly in twenty-two of the twenty-seven New Testament books.” Alisa Childers

The Circumcision Party – The circumcision party was trying to *add* something to what Jesus accomplished.

The Gnostics – Gnostics, therefore, believed that Jesus came not to save us from sin but to impart special knowledge that would essentially lead us to participate in the divine pleroma. To find this knowledge was to find salvation.

The Marcionites – Marcionites rejected all aspects of God and Christianity that included wrath, hell, or judgement.

Close:

“Progressivism is the last step one takes before leaving the Christian faith altogether. Think of it as a “gateway drug.” David Young