

TWISTED

Caricatures of Christianity

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Books

Tim Keller '[The Reason for God](#)'

Andrew Wilson '[If God, then what?](#)'

Series description

A caricature seeks to take something and exaggerate, distort, or over simplify it. The result can be comical and slightly hideous, as well as off putting (think [Spitting Image](#)). When it comes to Christianity there are many caricatures about God, Jesus and what the bible really says; this might lead you to dismiss, be put off or simply find it comical that people would actually take the bible seriously in the 21st Century.

TWISTED is a new teaching series launching in October. Each week we'll be exploring a different caricature of Christianity; including subjects like '[The God of the Bible is blood thirsty and violent](#)'. Big statements! We'll be highlighting the caricatures and then seeking to set them back in the context of the Bible's bigger story of God's amazing grace.

Weekly Schedule

Week 1 | 23rd Oct '16

Belief in God is out of date and old fashioned

Week 2 | 30th Oct '16

God doesn't care about my suffering, otherwise he'd stop it

Week 3 | 6th Nov '16

It's up to heaven (if you're good) or down to hell (if you're bad)

Week 4 | 20th Nov '16

Gentle Jesus meek and mild

Week 5 | 27th Nov '16

I can do what I want and God will forgive me

Week 6 | 4th Dec '16

WEEK 5: I can do what I want & God will forgive me

Speaker: Goff Hope

Overview

Expound the amazing nature of the Christian Gospel, of Justification by faith alone, that we are saved by grace alone and that our works count for nothing. Grace is truly amazing, and it naturally leads to the question: 'So shall we keep on sinning so that grace abounds?' Rom6:1. But, writes Paul, that would be crazy because we have been regenerated & have a new identity that will lead to a new lifestyle. It's not about rules, but about offering everything of ourselves to God. Rom6:13

The main points

1. Christian Gospel is unique - we can't **accumulate** peace with God, access to God, His love poured into our hearts - it has to be **accepted**, through faith in Jesus. Romans ch5v1-11.
2. The reason we don't just go on sinning is that we have **a new identity**, our old nature was buried with Christ & we have been regenerated, born again - the resurrection life of Christ has invaded our lives! Rom6:6-10
3. This calls for **new way of living**. The challenge is that like slaves who've been enslaved for years, we can keep going back to serving an old master who has no authority over us now. Instead we should remember whose we are now and offer ourselves to Him. Rom 6:11-13

Questions

1. On a daily basis, in your walk with the Lord, do you still battle to earn God's approval & win his acceptance, or have you really understood the radical gift of God's free grace?
2. Have you experienced God's love poured out (in torrents!) into your heart by the Holy Spirit (Rom6:5)?
3. What do you think 'offering every part of yourself to God' looks like on a daily basis? And what might offering yourself to sin look like?! Rom6:13