"Worldviews Compared" Sermon Series: $\mbox{\bf Christianity \& Islam}$



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	Key Truth: Islam Offers Reverence, Rules but It Cannot Offer Assurance	
-	An Overview of Islam	
I.	A Biblical Response To Islam	1 John 5:9-13
7	Our Twofold Mission	

Mid-Week Devotion (Take time to pray & respond to the following)

The appeal of Islam to the roughly 1.9 billion people who practice it lies in its structured daily life, its sense of communal belonging, and the belief that one can approach Allah directly without an intermediary. Yet many—including some Muslims—struggle with its demanding legalism, strict social expectations, and the absence of any guarantee of salvation. Islam offers reverence, rules, and judgment, but it cannot offer assurance of salvation. Only the grace of God, received by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, provides that assurance.

The true God of the Bible and Allah of the Qur'an differ profoundly. Scripture reveals that God is Triune, personal, relational, and compassionate. He offers salvation by His grace, love, and mercy to all who respond to the Gospel in faith. The Qur'an, by contrast, presents Allah as absolutely one and sovereign, requiring submission rather than seeking personal fellowship. In Islam, salvation depends on obedience to Allah's will—expressed through faith and righteous deeds—while ultimately resting on His mercy at the Day of Judgment.

A vital biblical response to Islam is that eternal life is a present and secure reality for everyone who trusts Jesus for salvation. It cannot be earned through tradition, law-keeping, or any human effort. In striking contrast to the uncertainty of works-based religion, God offers in Christ the unshakable assurance of His love and the confident possession of life that never ends.

As followers of Christ, we must ask ourselves: Do we see Muslims as people made in God's image, worthy of love and compassion? Are we willing to cross cultural barriers to share the good news of Jesus with patience and humility? Does our daily conduct bear witness to the transforming power of the Gospel we proclaim?

Let us pray for hearts that love like Christ, for boldness to share His Word, and for the Spirit to open doors for the Gospel. May God use our words and lives to draw many, including Muslims, into the certainty of His saving grace.