

Identity Crisis: God

Stand Read Isaiah 44:6-8 Pray

Who is God? It is the question of the ages. It is a question mostly asked in ignorance.

The man upstairs. The big guy. The old man on the mountain.

For ages people have looked everywhere else for this answer. Most come up with the idea that we can't really know.

But the one place that has the answer, the church, it seems God has an Identity Crisis.

What kind of God are we representing to the world? Is it a God of our own making or the God of the bible? Why has the church made God more of a mystery than the world?

We are going to take the time over the next four weeks to look at the Identity of the Godhead and who we are, the church, and as we do, we will see it compared to what most people believe and will see we have an Identity Crisis!

We are going to look at 5 points on each and see the true Identity of the God we represent.

First is easy, you must believe that God is...

We know how the world responds to this,

Exodus 5:2

And Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go."

The world knows:

Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse

Our response:

Hebrews 11:6

...for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Well, if He is, what is He like?

2. God is Holy

Isaiah 43:3

For I am the Lord your God,
The Holy One of Israel

Leviticus 11:45

For I am the Lord who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

Isaiah 6:3

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!

Holy = Completely Separate - Qados in Hebrew and Hagios in Greek

Isaiah 46:9

For I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like Me

That Means He Is Exclusive!

ABRAHAMIC FAMILY HOUSE

ABOUT THE ABRAHAMIC FAMILY HOUSE

The Abrahamic Family House will be a beacon of mutual understanding, harmonious **coexistence**, and peace among people of faith and goodwill. It consists of a mosque, church, synagogue, and educational center to be built on Saadiyat Island, the cultural heart of Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. Through its design, it captures the values shared between Judaism, Christianity,

and Islam, and serves as a powerful platform for inspiring and nurturing understanding and acceptance between people of goodwill. The vision for the Abrahamic Family House originated after the signing of the Document on Human Fraternity by Pope Francis and Grand Imam Ahmed Al-Tayeb in February 2019. This landmark will be a place for learning, dialogue, and worship – open to all and a true reflection of the UAE’s belief in tolerance and hospitality. Within each of the houses of worship, visitors will have the opportunity to learn about religious services, listen to holy scripture, and experience sacred rituals. A fourth space— not affiliated with any specific religion—will be an educational center where all people can come together as a single community devoted to mutual understanding and peace. The Abrahamic Family House will host a variety of programming and events—from daily religious services to international summits. Currently under construction, the project’s anticipated completion date is in 2023 and will be one of several undertakings the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity will advise upon.

New Survey Reveals 60 Percent of Christians Aged 18 - 39 Believe Jesus Not Only Way to Salvation.

Billy Crone says it is up to 70% now.

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3. God is Righteous!

Deuteronomy 32:3-4

For I proclaim the name of the Lord:

Ascribe greatness to our God.

4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect;

For all His ways are justice,

A God of truth and without injustice;

Righteous and upright is He.

Psalms 45:6

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

Revelation 16:7

And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

Pastor Prays Blessing on Abortion Clinic

Liberal clergy may call the sacrilege of abortion "sacred," but the evidence from Church history that Christianity was pro-life from the beginning is as clear as the scientific evidence today that babies in the womb are human beings.

From the first church Somerville UCC:

A public service announcement from our drag-queen-in-residence, Serenity Jones:

"God is GOOD all the time! That means God is a DIVA... and girl... Jesus is FIERCE! Can I get a witness up in here!? Can I get an AMEN my siblings!? For one weekend in October, First Church Somerville becomes FIERCE Church Somerville for two joyful days of Spirit in worship and praise, using our GOD-GIVEN musical and artistic talent, creativity and FASHION WITHOUT BORDERS, welcoming all God's children to her FIERCE DIVA queen-dom. Hallelujah!

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What about Love?

4. God is Love

1 John 4:7-11

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Love is Action!

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

And finally, 5. God is Relatable

Isaiah 1:18

“Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean;
Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes.

Cease to do evil,

17 Learn to do good;

Seek justice,

Rebuke the oppressor;

Defend the fatherless,

Plead for the widow.

18 “Come now, and let us reason together,”

Says the Lord,

“Though your sins are like scarlet,

They shall be as white as snow;

Though they are red like crimson,

They shall be as wool.

God wants to relate with you but on His terms. The world would have you believe in a god that just winks at sin. Just brushes it under the carpet. A god that loves you the way you are in your sin. That is an earthly love that cannot save you. He loves you enough to send His Son to pay for your sin. To step into the place, you deserve. All this so He can relate to you!

You can come to him today!

Recognize - Repent - Receive
Stand Pray Song