

The Uniqueness of Christianity

(Selected Scriptures)

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Acts 11:26 - And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.
The word "Christian" means "a Christ-like one"

Christianity is not merely a "religion", but a relationship (this is essentially what makes Christianity stand apart from all other world religions and cults). True Christianity is not a list of man-made rules (Legalism), but a living relationship with a living Savior.

What is it that separates Christianity from all other world religions, cults, and "isms"?

I. Christianity is inseparably anchored to a unique SAVIOR

(Jesus Christ is LORD, NOT a mere teacher, political leader, or military deliverer)

Matthew 1:23; Hebrews 7:26; Matthew 3:17; John 5:23; John 7:46

What other religion has a Savior who was virgin born, lived a sinless life, died a substitutionary death and rose again on the third day?

II. Christianity submits to the authority of a unique BOOK

(The Bible is the true Christian's only authority for his/her beliefs and practices)

Heb. 4:12; Eph. 6:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

III. Christianity proclaims a unique GOSPEL MESSAGE

(Salvation is by Grace alone, through Faith alone, in Christ alone)

Ephesians 2:8-9

IV. Christianity models the character and conduct of a unique MASTER

(A Christian will reproduce the transferable attributes of Jesus Christ)

Matthew 10:25; Luke 6:40; John 13:15; 1Cor 11:1; 1 John 2:6; Col 1:28; Rom 8:29

V. Christianity produces a unique FRUIT

(A true Christian has a new Spirit, a new heart and life and bears a new fruit)

John 13:35; John 15:8; Galatians 5:22; Matthew 5:13-14; 1 Peter 2:9

VI. Christianity shares a unique FELLOWSHIP

(Truth, love, unity, worship and service are characteristics of a Christian Church)

Acts 4:32-33

VII. Christianity exhibits a unique POWER

(Christianity is not a pretend game; It involves a living God showing Himself and His Power to believers)

Romans 14:17; 1 Corinthians 4:20; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 John 5:4; 1 Corinthians 10:13