

THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE IN A MULTI-CULTURAL SOCIETY.

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Biblical emphases in a confused world of conflicting ideas.  
See Isaiah chapter 45 verses 14-25 N.K.J.V.

The One True God of the Bible is the personal God Who speaks and acts with perfect integrity.

He is:-

1/ The mighty God - there is no other besides Him.

He is the infinitely great Maker of time and space, of the heavens and the earth.

As the Apostles' Creed says:- I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

He brings idolaters to confusion, and confounds their plans and activities.

One modern man I heard speaking has constructed his own idea of God, therefore he is an idolater, like many others today.

Here in Isaiah 45 we see part of the One True God's all-powerful purpose - to shame and disgrace His opponents and to save His people with an everlasting salvation.

2/ The God of the Bible is the majestic God - there is no other besides Him.

He is a just God and a Saviour.

Because He is a God of justice He must either punish sin or suffer its consequences in Himself. In the horrible, agonising death of Jesus Christ God takes all His peoples' punishment upon Himself.

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Sin is not a trifle, but treason (and rebellion) against almighty God.

3/ This majestic God is also the missionary God - there is no other God besides Him.

The One True God gives a world-wide call to all people. A universal call.

Christianity is the universal Faith.

Take a trusting look at the Saviour. (see Matt. 28 and John 3)

There is only One True God, and only one missionary message, to be taken by God's people to all people.

The missionary Paul at Athens declared that the Creator God commands all people everywhere to repent, (to change their attitudes and behaviour). This is in view of the coming Great Day of Final Judgement of all people, living and dead.

4/ Biblical distinctives for a multi-cultural society. According to God's Book, the Bible, there is only one God, one message (of justice and mercy), one Saviour - the God-man Jesus Christ.

Only one way of Salvation, by grace - God's unmerited favour, only one Book of God, the Bible - the true God's revealed mind and purpose.

Here is the heart of the God-given Christian message:-

1/ The depravity of man - his fallenness, lostness, and revolt against his rightful Master.

2/ Redemption accomplished through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of the world.

3/ The life of gratitude. Giving thanks in word and action for what the sovereign Creator God has done in His undeserved goodness.

Jesus Christ, God's Final Word, is alive today and for ever. He calls all people to live to please Him, in the company of God's chosen people (the Church) and in the community where God in His providential government has placed them.

Paul, a spokesman for Jesus Christ, once declared to a crowd of pagan idolaters: we bring you Good News, that you turn from these vain things to the living God who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and all that is in them.

In the past generations He allowed all nations to walk in their own ways, yet He did not leave Himself without witness in that He did good and gave you rains and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and happiness. (Acts 14: 15-17, Jer. 10: 10)

Who is on the Lord's side?

Will you be a soldier for the victorious Lord Jesus Christ? He is the Master of every situation, even a worldwide nuclear holocaust!