

Why Is There So Much Confusion

1. When speaking to others about being a Christian

- a. much confusion about what a Christian really is
- b. no basis in scriptural fact
- c. confusion a product of Satan's influence ?

2. Power & political influence

- a. **John 18.36** - my kingdom is not of this world - if it were
- b. **Lk 22.24** - there arose a contention about who would be the greatest
- c. **Lk 22.25-26** - gentiles strive for mastery - you are not to be so
- d. **Heb 11.13** - strangers and pilgrims
- e. **Heb 11.16** - looked for a better country
- f. **1 Cor 4.5** - do not judge the world before the time
- g. **2 Pet 2.5** - Noah preacher of righteousness
- h. **Rev 2.4** - Ephesus - forgotten their first love

3. Prevalence of false teaching

- a. **1 John 2.18** - there are many antichrists - we know it is the last time
- b. **1 John 2.19** - they went out from us but were not of us
- c. **Matt 7.14** - few there be that find it
- d. **Matt 18.7** - woe to them through whom this comes
- e. **Acts 20.29** - grievous wolves not sparing the flock
- f. **Gal 3.1** - Galatians that you should not obey the truth
- g. **2 Cor 11.14-15** - Satan and his disciples as angels of light
- h. **2 cor 4.4** - god of this world - hides the light of the gospel
- i. **1 Pet 4.11** - Must know and speak God's word - entirely
- j. **Acts 20.27** - Paul declared the whole counsel of God

4. Confusion leads to lack of acceptance

- a. **1 Cor 14.33** - God is not the author of confusion
- b. **John 3.16** - comforting doctrine - God just loves everyone - doesn't matter
- c. **Rom 3.23** - all have sinned
- d. **Acts 17.30** - God commands all men everywhere to repent
- e. **Luke 13.** failure to repent leads to eternal loss - shall likewise perish
- f. **John 18.37,38** - Christ bore witness to the truth - Pilate - what is truth
- g. **John 14.6** - Christ is the way the truth and the life - no man comes to the Father
- h. **John 1.4-5** - Christ was the light of the world and darkness comprehended not
- i. **2 Pet 3.11** - all these things to be burned up - reality of the world
- j. **2 Tim 2.25** - those who will not listen oppose themselves - not God - Lord will save

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2. Power & political influence

Jn:18:36: Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Lk:22:24: And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

Luke 22.25-26 - And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.

26: But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

Heb:11:13: These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Heb 11.16 - But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

1Cor:4:5: Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

2 Pet 2.5: And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

Rev 2.4: Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

3. Prevalence of false teaching

1 Jn:2:18: Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

1 John 2.19: They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

Mt:7:14: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

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Matt 18.7: - Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

Acts:20:29: For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Gal 3.1: O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

2 Cor 11.14-15: And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
15: Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

2 Cor 4.4: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

1 Pet 4.11: If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Acts:20:27: For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

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1Cor:14:33: For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

John 3.16: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Rom 3.23: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Acts 17.30: And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Luke 13.3: I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

John 18.37: Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

John 18.38: Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?

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John 14.6: Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 1.4-5: In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5: And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

2 Pet 3.11: Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

2 Tim:2:25: In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

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