

Church Signs

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

Do you ever notice church signs with various messages on them? Some have great thoughts expressed on them, some are humorous, many are interesting, and some are ignorant sayings that have no value. I saw a picture of one that said, "God is too big to fit inside one religion." That doesn't fit what God has said in His Word.

The evil one wants us to believe that any religion, or faith, is as good as any other. Many people subscribe to this view, but it is in conflict with the Word of God. Jesus didn't say that, on this rock I will build one of my churches, but He said, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matt. 16:19). He said, "it", not them. There is one church that is going to heaven and it is not some man made

blasphemy that some may call a religion. Any faith that rejects Jesus is worthless at best. Those who claim to follow Jesus and yet, reject what He said, is no better.

The preachers of the gospel, in the days of the apostles, or now, will teach what God has said, not what man wants. In **1 Corinthians 4:17** Paul said, "For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church." He didn't preach one thing in one place and some different gospel somewhere else. Look at all the different dominations and religions that there are in this world. Pretty confusing isn't it? Do you honestly think that this is of God? Consider **1 Corinthians 14:33**. "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." When the gospel is preached and someone else says, "No, you don't have to do that," you know that person is not sent by the Lord. God is true and there is one path of righteousness. Jesus said,

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man can come to the father; but by me." (John 14:6). This offends many people around the world, but it is still true. **Acts 4:12, 1 John 2:23, 1 John 5:12**, and many other scriptures show that without Jesus there is no hope. I know that it sounds good to say that all people should get along and worship together. There are those who push for a one world church. Sounds great doesn't it? If that meant that everyone would serve God and receive Jesus, the Son of God, it would be wonderful. But, if it means that we have to deny Jesus to satisfy the man made religions of the world, it would be an abomination.

Someone used to say, "you have to go along, to get along." I'm sure we all want to get along and have harmony, but not at any cost. If we go along with the world then we will be going against God. I'd much rather go along with God and do His Will. This is the way to eternal life and heaven. The way of the world and compromise leads to death and hell. You decide which way you are going to go. Remember the Lord said, "He that is not with me, is against me." (Matt. 12:30).

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The Blind Prophet
JEROBOAM'S SON HAS FALLEN ILL AND NOW, SINCE HE HAS BECOME KING OF ISRAEL, JEROBOAM KNOWS HE HAS SINNED AND CAN NOT TURN TO A PROPHET FOR HELP...

...WHEN I HAVE SINNED?!

THE PROPHET AHIJAH WHO DIDST PROPHESY THY KINGDOM - HE CAN HELP THEE!

HOW CAN I GO TO HIM...

WHEN I BECAME KING OF ISRAEL DID I NOT FORBID THE PEOPLE TO GO TO THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM?!

IN THIS I DID SIN!

I WAS AFRAID, IF THE PEOPLE WENT TO WORSHIP GOD IN JERUSALEM, THEY WOULD RETURN TO REHOBOAM, SON OF SOLOMON, KING OF JUDAH, AND I WOULD NO LONGER BE KING!

I BUILT A TEMPLE IN BETHEL AND ONE IN DAN AND SET GOLDEN CALVES IN THEM AND TOLD THE PEOPLE, "HERE ARE THY GODS, O ISRAEL, WHICH BROUGHT THEE OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT!"

BUT OUR SON MUST HAVE HELP - LEST HE DIE!

HA! WE SHALL YET RECEIVE HELP FROM THE PROPHET - FOR HE WILL NOT KNOW!

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