

WHY APOSTOLIC?

Why Are There So Many Religions/Denominations in the World?

Sometimes new belief systems are created when people know the truth of God but reject Him. When people refuse to love and accept the truth, God will send a delusion to them so they will believe a lie (**Romans 1:18-25; II Thessalonians 2:9-12**).

Throughout Scripture we see the existence of idolatry and various divergent religions. While we cannot always pinpoint the exact cause of a new religion, we can biblically infer that many contrary belief systems are the result of the desires of flesh or the work of the devil (**Exodus 20:3-4**).

What Distinctions Do Apostolic Believers Have from other Denominations?

Apostolics strive to believe, preach, and teach the same message the apostles did in the New Testament. They believe that the God-inspired words of the Bible are more important than any church tradition or creed (**II Timothy 3:16; Mark 7:8**).

There is an emphasis on the absolute oneness of God as opposed to the unbiblical idea of the trinity (**Deuteronomy 6:4; Acts 4:12; Colossians 2:9; I Timothy 3:16**).

Some denominations believe water baptism is only ceremonial or to be done using the titles "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," but Apostolics believe water baptism is necessary and should be done by immersion in the name of Jesus (**Mark 16:16; John 3:5; Acts 2:38; 4:12; 8:16; 19:4-5; 22:16; Ephesians 4:5**).

Apostolics believe that receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost (as evidenced by speaking with another tongue) is necessary for salvation (**John 3:5; Mark 16:16-17; Acts 2:4; 2:38; 10:44-46**).

Apostolics believe that living a life of holiness unto God is necessary (**Hebrews 12:14; Peter 1:15--16; I Corinthians 3:16-17; II Corinthians 6:17; I Thessalonians 4:7-8**).

Do All Religions and Spiritual Paths Lead to the Same Place?

Some people would have us believe that all religions lead us to God, but this is neither scripturally supported nor is it logical (**Ephesians 4:5; Philippians 2:10-11; John 14:6**).

Not everyone (*not even every "Christian"*) will get to Heaven (**Matthew 7:13; 7:21-23**).

It is not our place to judge other believers or other religions. However, it is our responsibility to discern what God has given us through His Word (the Bible) and to live our lives accordingly (**II Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17; II Corinthians 5:10**).