



## Q1: Aren't all religions basically the same?

1. Nobody can \_\_\_\_\_ the whole \_\_\_\_\_.

## Q2. Why do Christians think they have a monopoly on truth?

2. After Constantine won the Battle of the Melvian Bridge, Christianity became \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

"You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different." — Mark 10:42,43

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." — John 13:34,35

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. — 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning. God will judge those on the outside — 1 Cor. 5:12,13

My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins. — James 5:19,20

3. Nobody can monopolize \_\_\_\_\_ truth.

That's even more true when the truth is a \_\_\_\_\_.

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. — Psalm 19: 1,4

God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. — Ephesians 1:9,10

What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift? — 1 Corinthians 4:7

And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. — Hebrews 1:2

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. — Colossians 1:15

Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ... Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. ... They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" — Luke 24:27,31–32

"And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." — John 8:32

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth." — John 16:13

#### 4. Jesus told his disciples to be \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

"You will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." — Acts 1:8

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" — 2 Corinthians 5:19,20

"And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? ... Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye." — Matthew 7:3,5

Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. — 1 John 2:6

You have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. — Colossians 3:9,10

#### 5. Jesus' disciples hold truth in tension with \_\_\_\_\_.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ... The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. — John 1:14,17 NRSV (SO NIV, ESV, CEB, etc.; compare NLT)

For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. — Titus 2:11

Be patient with everyone. See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people. — 1 Thes. 5:14,15

You must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. —Colossians 3:12–15

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