

## June 1<sup>st</sup> CBM Today Broadcast – Answering Submitted Questions

Will only diligent Christians enter the marriage celebration?

The marriage supper of the Lamb includes the entire bride of Christ comprised of all the redeemed. All believers are saved by grace and possess all the same spiritual blessings in Christ. Thus, all believers are destined to be present at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

However, all believers must give account of themselves at the judgment seat of Christ and may suffer loss of rewards at that judgment. Rewards will not be the same for every believer (1 Corinthians 3:8-15; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10).

How can believers respond to workplace policies that promote certain lifestyle choices and values over others in the name of “inclusivity” and “diversity” while neglecting Christian values? Christian values are seen as “offensive.” How should Christians respond especially if there is a conflict?

First, stay committed to the things that maintain your testimony:

- Maintain your integrity: Demonstrating integrity in the workplace can be as simple as refraining from workplace gossip, working diligently and enthusiastically, and being honest with one’s colleagues and superiors.
- Work with excellence
- Be trustworthy and reliable
- Treat others with respect, even those with whom you disagree
- Working as unto the Lord

Don’t lose sight of these things. Next, living out our convictions in the face of potential persecution is not easy. Two passages: Matt. 5:10-12; 1 Peter 5:15-19.

Why do we say Jewish people believe in the same God we so, but Muslims do not?

## 1. The Nature of God

Christian and Jews accept the revelation of God in the Old Testament. The only true and living God has revealed his attributes and the promise of his Son in the OT. He is called the God of Israel in numerous places and is never called Allah in the Scripture. While Islam is monotheistic the sad truth is they do not seek the God of Israel and do not worship him. It might be more appropriate to say Christians believe in the God of Israel even though many Jews have strayed from the God revealed to them historically and in Scripture.

Christianity teaches the doctrine of the Trinity:

- One God in three Persons:
  - Father
  - Son
  - Holy Spirit

Islam strongly rejects the Trinity as incompatible with pure monotheism (*tawhid*).

Muslims believe:

- God (*Allah*) is absolutely one.
- God has no divine Son.
- Associating partners with God (*shirk*) is considered a serious sin.

For Christians, the Trinity is essential truth.

For Muslims, it is theological error.

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## 4. Scripture and Revelation

Christianity recognizes:

- The Bible as inspired Scripture
- The Old and New Testaments

Islam teaches:

- God revealed the Torah, Psalms, and Gospel originally
- But those revelations were altered or corrupted over time
- The Quran is the final and preserved revelation

Christians generally reject the claim that the Bible was corrupted and do not accept the Quran as divine revelation.

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Both are often called “Abrahamic religions” because they trace spiritual heritage back to Abraham.

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### **Why Scholars Call Them Incompatible**

The incompatibility comes from the fact that each religion makes exclusive truth claims about:

- Who God is
- Who Jesus is
- How salvation works
- Which revelation is final

For example:

- Christianity says Jesus is divine.
- Islam says Jesus is not divine.

Both claims cannot simultaneously be true in the same theological sense.

Likewise:

- Christianity says Jesus died and rose again.
- Islam traditionally denies the crucifixion in the Christian sense.

These are mutually contradictory historical and doctrinal claims.

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