

Faith Christian Fellowship
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Changing Church Challenges 2015
2 Muslims are People, Too

TEXT: 1 John 4:1-4 / Matthew 24:3-8

The end is near! The world we live in has some serious issues. Our country has changed radically in a very short while, and it is going to change faster. Our job is to overcome by the power of the Spirit in us, and not be deceived. We are here on a mission, and it is not to entertain ourselves with religious material, love a fulfilled life, or accumulate wealth. Sorry. If we plan to stand before the Lord, we need to be overcomers, and there is much to overcome. 3 areas of challenge that are already here: Anti-Christian spirits in the world, deception, conflicts and calamities. Especially tribal strife

❖ Our tribe:

- Cultural and racial divides will continue and worsen. We are ONE.
 - Three groups of people: 1 Cor 10:32b Jews, Gentiles, Church,
 - 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation (*genos*), a royal priesthood, a holy nation (*ethnos*), His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ...
 - Separation on physical traits is simply carnal. 2 Cor 5:14-17
- **Here's the problem:** The antichrist spirit, knows all these things.
 - He works tirelessly to divide Christians. Js 3:16
 - He works to unite the world to build a name and rule. Nothing unites people like a common enemy.
 - For Islam, atheists, new agers, and communist tyrants, the common enemy is us!
- **Two great truths to remember:**
 - The world (unbelievers) hates you. John 15:18-19
 - God loves the world (unbelievers) thru you. 2 Cor 5:18-20

❖ The most obvious current manifestation: Islam

- Muslims fight one another, but are united in their hatred of us.
- We do not serve the same God!!!! Each little bunch have their own differences (denominations), but there are commonalities.
 - **Allah is not Jehovah of the Bible**

- No bible: Muhammad corrected errors in the bible. Ex. Mohammed was a descendant of Ishmael, not Isaac, who was the real son of promise offered on Moriah..
- No Trinity: Christians worship more than one God because of the belief in the Trinity." They do blaspheme who say God is one of three..., for there is no God except one God." Surah 5:73
- Allah of Islam is changeable. "Our revelations we abrogate or cause to be forgotten, we substitute (with) something better or similar. Knowest thou not that God (Allah) hath power over all things." Surah 2:106
- Jesus ,Isa, is just an apostle. "O people of the book (Christians) commit no excess in your religion: nor say of God aught but truth, Christ Isa the son of Mary was (No more than) an apostle of God." Surah 4: 171
- Jesus was not crucified. "That they said (in boast) "we killed Christ Isa, the son of Mary"...but they killed him not, nor crucified him." Surah 4:157
- Isa will return to earth to destroy the Cross. "The hour will not be established until the son of Mary (Jesus) descends amongst you as a just ruler, he will break the Cross..." Hadith vol. 3:656
 - No Bible, No trinity, No changeless truth, no divine Jesus, no crucifixion = no salvation

❖ They are coming to get us, what do we do?

- Don't be shocked at their hatred! 1 Pet 4:12-14 Be glad, rejoice
- Don't allow their hatred to infect you: Matthew 5:43-48. Love is the difference in you and them.
- Our challenge is to live like Christians, and do it boldly
 - Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good (Rom 12:20-21 MSG)
 - Mark 16:15-16 / 1Cor 15:1-9 / 2 Tim 1:7-8

And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

1 John 2:2