

Has Christianity Failed ?

-- Colossians 3:1-17 --

- A. Why are there fewer Christians? Why does sin prevail? Why is their indifference among those who profess Christianity? Has Christianity failed?
- B. Some believe Christianity has failed them. How? Many people are involved in Christianity to get something, not give something...
- C. Some point to the rejection and crucifixion of Jesus as a sign of Christianity's failure. To point to the negative, sinful, and weaknesses of man only points to the value of Christianity. Those who live up to the standards of Christianity are better, happier, and more useful citizens... **The real issue is we have failed God...**

1. Why Does _____ ?

- A. Listen to _____. The reason: "*men loved darkness instead of light...*" Some would rather follow Satan (**John 8:44**)...
- B. Notice _____. _____ will cause Christianity to fail. The reason for the division is **1 Cor 3:1-3**... Read **Phil 2:3,4**, then notice what Paul says about Timothy in **v.20**
- C. Consider _____ **Will we _____ the _____ or will we _____ the _____ ?**
- D. Are we a thermometer going up and down with the world, or are we a thermostat setting the standard for what is right and live by it??...

2. _____ is the _____ of _____ ?

- A. **Colossians 3:1-17**... There are things which are "non-negotiable", and one of those things is Christianity...
- B. Christianity _____ **us to** _____ (**v.1-4**)... We were raised with Him in baptism as **Rom 6:11** - "*dead unto sin, but alive unto God*"
- C. Christianity is designed to _____ **from us** (**v. 3:5-10**). We were created to be for God (**Eph 4:22-24**), which requires removing evil...
- D. Christianity then leads us to **fully** _____ **God's** _____ (**v. 3:12-17**)... The attitudes needed to make that happen is **v.12-14**. If you notice " _____ " (**v.15**), " _____ " (**v.16**), "*in the _____ of the Lord Jesus*" (**v.17**). That is embracing God. God needs to set our agenda every day. Satan abounds (**2 Cor 4:3,4**). God is greater through the power of the gospel...