

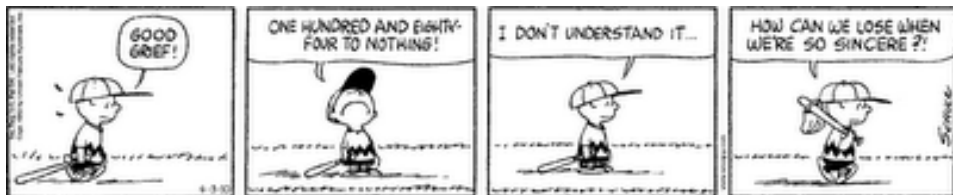
Jesus said, "Therefore consider carefully how you listen." (Luke 8:18)

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## "Does It Matter What We Believe?"

Galatians 1:1-10; 2:11-21



False statement: "It doesn't matter what you \_\_\_\_\_,  
as long as you are \_\_\_\_\_."

### I. What do Americans believe?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of adults believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ believe that being a "good person" will earn a place in heaven.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ believe that Jesus was only human...
4. \_\_\_\_\_ believe Satan doesn't really exist.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ of those under 25 think all beliefs are equally valid.

☞ Mount Cuyamaca....

Unity....

"It is better to be divided by \_\_\_\_\_ than to be united in \_\_\_\_\_."

We must learn to \_\_\_\_\_....

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22

Many are teaching a brand of Christianity that is far from orthodox:

2 Timothy 4:3

"Tolerance" and "inclusiveness"....

☞ The Trojan horse...

### II. Does it matter? Paul told the Galatians, YES!

A. Stay \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gospel of Christ.

Galatians 1:6-7a

Issue: How are Christians made \_\_\_\_\_ with God?

Galatians 5:4

The word "gospel" means "\_\_\_\_\_."

B. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel of Christ! (Galatians 1:7b)

Galatians 2:21

C. How serious is this \_\_\_\_\_ belief?

Galatians 1:8-9

"what you accepted"....

(1 Corinthians 11:23)

☞ Toy rocket's parachute....

“Heresy”....

Robert Bowman.... Heresy is “a teaching which directly opposes the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian faith...”

Errors can go in either direction....

Joshua 1:7

### III. Getting back to the basics.

What are the beliefs of “orthodox Christianity”?

1. The Bible alone is God's \_\_\_\_\_ Word to us.

(Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

If someone says, “The Lord told me”....

2. The only true God is \_\_\_\_\_. (Leviticus 11:44-45)

New age thought....

Not the god of deism....

3. Jesus is God \_\_\_\_\_ (John 1:1-14)

1 John 4:1-3

4. The substitutionary \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Peter 3:18a)

5. We are \_\_\_\_\_ by nature and by choice. (Ephesians 2:1)

1 Corinthians 15:22

6. The means of receiving salvation is \_\_\_\_\_ alone. (Romans 3:28)

Ephesians 2:8

7. The assurance of salvation comes through trusting in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's work on our behalf. (1 John 5:11-13)

You can \_\_\_\_\_ you have eternal life.

But that assurance comes \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ.

☞ The geographical heart of London is Charing Cross...

Matthew 7:13-14

*What I have learned:* \_\_\_\_\_

*What I need to do:* \_\_\_\_\_