

“Intolerance of Intolerance” Diversity Corner



Beyond This Place... There Be Dragons!

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Taken in Erlanger, Kentucky

What IS The Christian Religion?

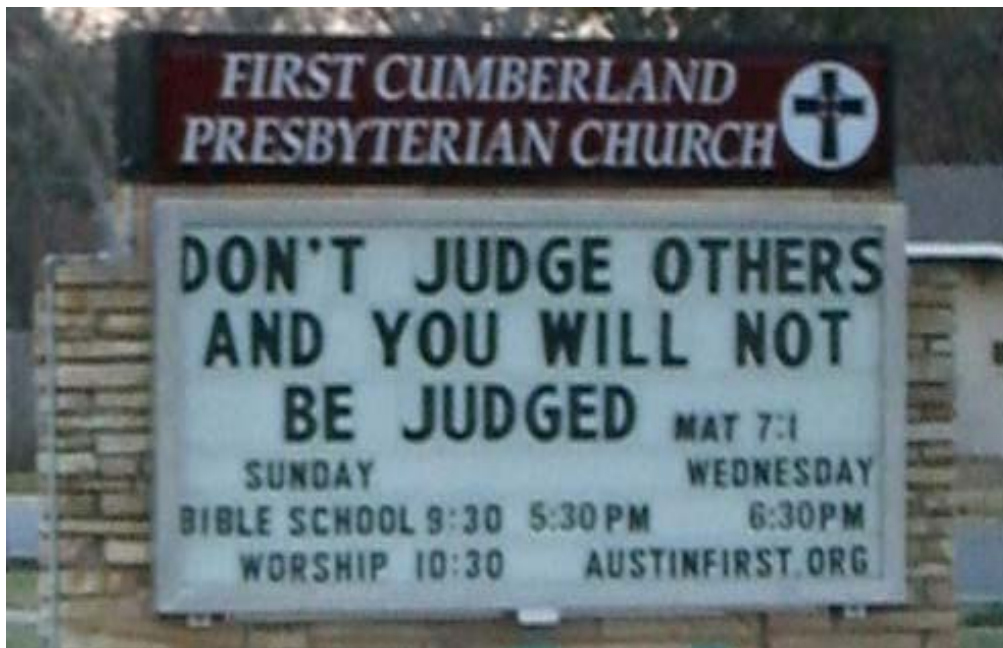
More and more and more, we are seeing many different ways Christians view the Christian religion. With so many different churches practicing such varied forms of Christianity, it can all be very confusing not just to people who are not Christian, but to Christians themselves.

So, which is correct? Was Jesus a gentle shepherd, or was he a Rambo character waiting to come back and seek revenge? Are hate messages part of the Christian religion, death wishes, and closed minds ... or is compassion, a non-judgmental purpose and humility?

If I am a Christian, does that mean that I can let my ego go uncontrolled so that I pass judgment on others if they do not pass my approval, or at least the approval of God as I interpret the Bible ...

even to the point that I *become* God passing judgment on others? (See the Emotional Intelligence tie in here?)

Below you will see a series of church signs from around the world. Even though they are all signs of alleged Christianity, they are so vastly different in their message and character. Think about the various messages being sent regarding Christianity as you review them.



Taken by Ryland Sanders in Austin, Texas



Taken by Greg Brannon taken in Surfside Beach, South Carolina



Picture location: Somerset, New Jersey



Taken in Fayetteville, Tennessee



Taken by Julia Maldonado in San Antonio, Texas

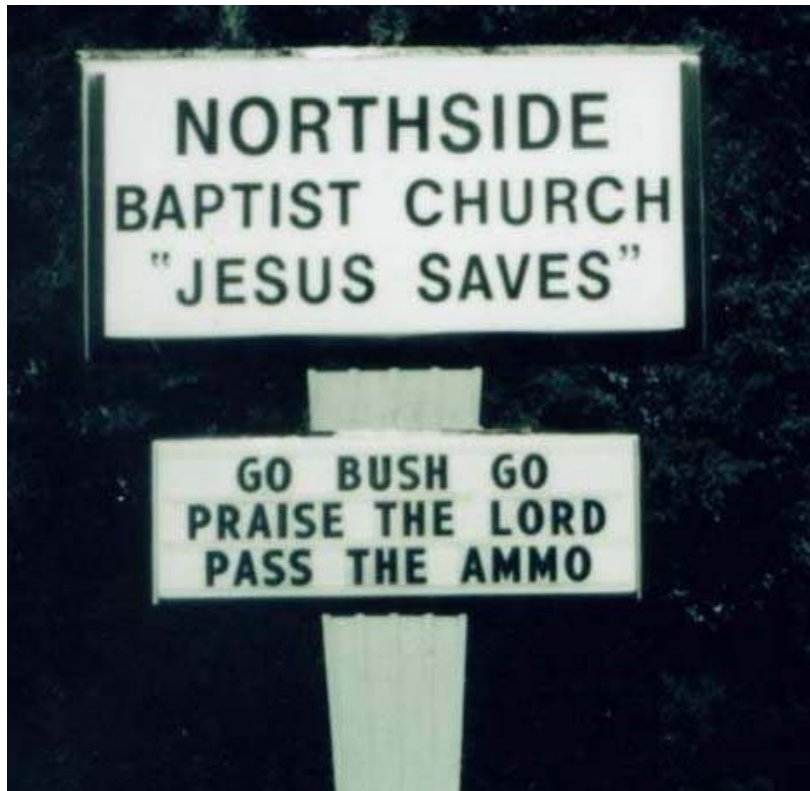




Taken by Bonnell Markward



Taken by Emily Hemmings in N.W. Calgary, Alberta, Canada



Taken by Lee Griffin in Gaffney, South Carolina



Taken by Michael Hendy outside of St Barnabas Church in Sydney, Australia

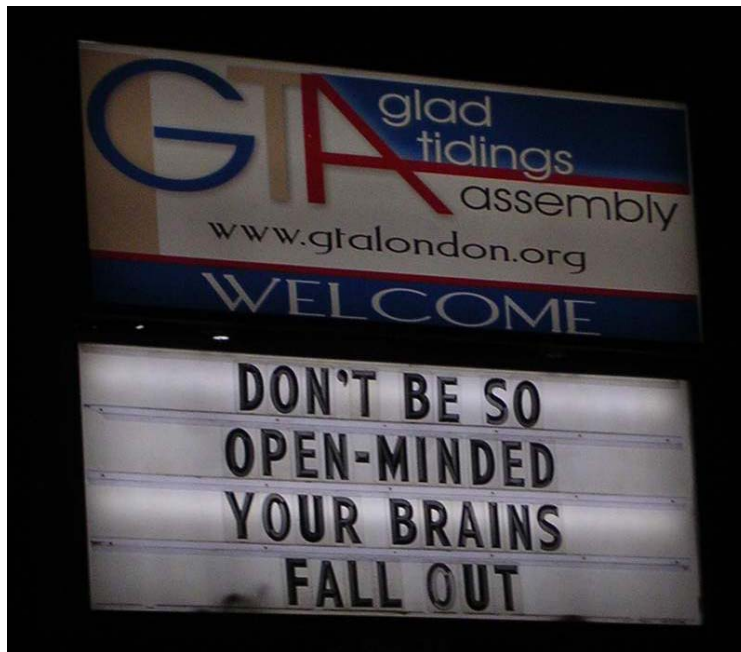


Taken in Houston, Texas





Taken by Dave Ruark in New York City



Taken by D. Harding in London, Ontario

Discussion Questions

- Do you see messages you agree with ... and those you don't. Why?
- Do you see anything that might be viewed as a "hate message" that would make people of other religions think Christians still persecute others?
- DO some Christians persecute other people who disagree with them, like Catholics and Protestants did 500 years ago after the Reformation??
- Do you see anything that would make others afraid of Christians?
- Can you have an "open mind" and still be a Christian, or do we still persecute people who claim that the earth is not the center of the universe?
- Do you need my permission to be a different kind of Christian than me?
- If someone does not practice your form of Christianity, is it OK to use hate messages?
- Is it fair to group all Christians together? Isn't that what a lot of us do with Muslims? Jews? Etc? (REMEMBER: When you are talking about people "always when you say always you are always wrong.")
- If someone of different religion came to see what Christianity was all about ...

Which Signs Would You Want Them To See?

Which Signs Would Jesus Want Them To See?

**Which Signs Might Make Jesus Angry,
As With The Money Changers?**

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