

# Dogmatism

It is vital for any understanding of our own nature and that of other human beings that we believe what the Creator God has inspired in the Christian Bible concerning all humanity.

**Romans 3:23** [NIV] *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”*

**All**, not just some of humans, have sinned by our rebellion against our Creator God, making it impossible for Him to offer us eternal life in His Kingdom, His created family.

**Isaiah 59:1-2** [NIV] *“Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.”*

The rebellious sins have separated us from any contact with our Creator God and He has been forced to turn His back on us because as a Holy God He will **not** look on evil sin.

**1 Timothy 2:5** [NIV] *“For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,”*

Only through accepting Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Mediator can we be reunited with our Creator God, **no** other way exists.

**Romans 6:23** [NIV] *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

All we can of our own selves earn is eternal death.

**Psalms 14:1-3** [NIV] *“The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no-one who does good. The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no-one who does good, not even one.”*

This is the view that God sees when He considers the human race as a whole.

Just in case we did not get this message the first time, God inspired the Psalmist to repeat it, **Psalm 53:1-3**, and Paul to refer to the same condition, **Romans 3:10-18**.

There is plenty of Good News in God’s Word, the Christian Bible, but never any flattery about the condition of all humanity.

**The Word of God, the Christian Bible, always pronounces sentence against humanity and society before it offers mercy.**

Only when we accept the dogmatic truth of God’s sentence on humanity as a whole, will we ever admit to the need of mercy and a Saviour.

The First Coming of Jesus Christ into the world as a Saviour has been so sentimentalised that it has become something utterly alien to the teaching concerning it as found in the Christian Bible as a whole, both Old and New Testaments.

Soft human pity has been substituted for God’s mercy towards acknowledged sinners in the minds of millions of professing Christians.

This human pity has degenerated into self-pity and the blame for human condition has been shifted away from humans and placed on their Creator.

In the drama of redemption Jesus Christ, as the Son of Man, is looked upon as a human hero who appeases the wrath of a Father God.

This is humanism, romantically tinted with Christianity.

According to the philosophy of humanism, people are never really to blame for anything.

In this darkened religious world of pious sentiment, all religions are equal and any person who insists that human salvation is by Jesus Christ alone is a bigot.

Religion is discussed on television and in the press as a kind of game.

One of the ground rules of this “*game*” is that there is no final test of truth and that the best religion is a composite of the best in all the differing religions.

As a result, we have “*truth*” by a majority vote and “*thus saith the Lord*” by common consent.

One characteristic of this sect of discussion among humans is its timidity.

Religion may be very precious to some people but never important enough to cause divisions or risk hurting anyone’s feelings.

Discussions must be free of any trace of intolerance, but we overlook how intolerant such people are of anyone who speaks about God with certainty.

The desire to please may be commendable under certain circumstances, but when pleasing other humans means we are displeasing the Creator God by ignoring His Word, the Christian Bible, it is an unqualified evil and should have no place in the thoughts and life of a true Christian, a disciple of Jesus Christ.

**To be right with the Creator God has often meant to be in trouble with many other fellow human beings.**

**Matthew 10:34-36** [NIV] *“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn ‘a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’”*

To express the dogmatic statements of Jesus Christ will bring hostility even from those who are close to us. **[Matthew 10:21-23; John 16:2-3; 2 Timothy 3:12]**

There is a false notion abroad that to win a person to become a disciple of Jesus Christ we have to agree with them, when the very opposite is true.

A person who is going in a wrong direction in life will never be set right by an affable religionist who falls into step beside them and goes the same way. Someone must place themselves across the path and insist that the straying person turns around and goes in the right direction.

A true Christian must **not** disagree merely to be different, but where the moral standards and religious views of society differ from the teaching of Jesus Christ they must disagree dogmatically.

A true Christian will never admit the validity of human opinion when the Word of God, the Christian Bible, clearly states what is right.

Some situations are not debatable, there is no “*other side*” to them, only God’s side.

When people truly believe God, they speak boldly and dogmatically.

When people doubt the Word of God, the Christian Bible, they confer, "*engage in contemporary dialogue.*"

It is impossible to imagine Moses or Elijah conferring with the people, for all great Christian leaders have always been dogmatic.

We could use some gentle dogmatists these days.