

CHRISTIANITY IS UNIQUE

Christianity is amazingly and wonderfully unique. In Acts 11: 26 it says: “And the disciples [or followers of Christ] were called Christians first in Antioch.” Though there are many religions in the world, none are comparable to Biblical Christianity. Why is this so? Here are four reasons.....

First: Christianity, which began 2,000 years ago, is unique because it’s founder Jesus Christ is alive today. Hear it from His own lips: “I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.” [Revelation 1:18 nkj] Yes, Jesus was rejected by an unbelieving world; was condemned to die on the cross, but three days later He rose from the dead – to live forevermore. And right now He’s seated at the right hand of God in heaven. No other religious founder can make that claim. They’re dead! Gone! But Jesus is alive!

Second: Christianity is unique because believers in Christ are a community of Spirit-born people. Jesus said: “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” [John 3:6] And because believers are Spirit born, they’ve been changed from the inside out by the power of God. As a former persecutor of Christians, the apostle Paul knew the radical change God made in his heart and life when he was born-again. He wrote: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” [2Corinthians 5:17 nkj] When Christ enters a persons life, He changes the heart before He changes the lifestyle. And life changes do come. Says Chuck Swindoll: “As Christians we live a life that is different—morally excellent, ethically beautiful. It's called a holy life.”

Third: Christianity is unique because when we are born-again, we enter into a personal relationship with the Lord, and we become His earthly dwelling place. The Bible says: “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” [Galatians 2:20 nkj] Romans 8:9-10 says: “But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.” Did you get that truth? As a believer Christ lives in your physical earthly body by His Spirit.

Fourth: Christianity is unique because it embraces all believers of both Jewish and Gentile cultures; peoples of all colors, races and creeds; both men and women; young and old. “For you are all sons [children] of God through faith in Christ Jesus. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” [Galatians 3:26,28 nkj] Christ receives and accepts all who put their faith and trust in Him as Saviour, Lord and God.

If you’re a Christian you’re unique. You have eternal life. You’re part of the family of God. You’re a light in your world, pointing unbelievers to Jesus Christ. Because He lives, Christ makes Christianity unique and unequaled. What a privilege to be called a ‘Christian’.

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