

Why so **many religions** when there is
only one God?



Questions about Religion

At some point in life, most people investigate and contemplate issues surrounding the topic of religion. *What do I believe? What Church should I affiliate with? Will I attend worship services regularly? What are my personal views on major life issues and how do my views on religion impact how I see the world and make my life choices and decisions?*

As people try to gain clarity of their religious views and practices, they often have questions about religion, in general. In this lesson, we will attempt to give **bible answers** to a few of those questions.

Bible Question: Is Church attendance important when it comes to having a good relationship with God.

- Bible Answer: Yes, it is important that God's people gather together on a regular basis. This coming together of His people is "the Church". Usually, the gathering is held in a building or place designated for the purpose of worshipping Him.
 - [1 Corinthians 16:19](#) The "Church" is not a building; rather, the "Church" is people who come together to worship and serve God. In this case, the assembly of the Church took place in a home.

Christians Coming Together

- The assembling together of God's people is an act of praising, worshipping and thanking Him. [Psalms 149:1](#), [Psalms 35:18](#)
- We are given scriptural guidance as to when the disciples of Christ came together— *on the first day of the week* (which is widely thought to be Sunday) [Acts 20:7](#)
- Gathering together is also important in keeping the Christian **focused** on Godly works and **encouraged** to remain strong in the Lord despite life's obstacles [Hebrews 10: 23-25](#)

One of the signs that a person may not be doing well spiritually is when they consistently fail to fellowship and assemble with other Christians.

Often times, when a person does not receive encouragement from others in the faith, the Enemy's attacks gain power and strength. Thus, he is more effective in getting the Christian to become discouraged, unfocused and more sinful.

Bible Question: Why are there so many different religions and what does the Word of God say about it?

- Bible Answer: Simply put, anyone can create a set of religious practices and call it a religion. Scripture warns us about this phenomenon. The Word of God tells us that the Lord established His own church and that we should not follow man-made religion.
- [Matthew 16: 13-18](#) Notice that Jesus says that He will build "**my church** and the gates of Hades will not overcome **it**". Scripture speaks of "His Church" as being singular and not plural.
- [I Corinthians 1: 10-15](#) The Lord doesn't want us to be divided; rather He desires that we agree. The point is further illustrated with the rhetorical question is verse 13, "Is Christ divided?" Because Christ isn't divided, His followers shouldn't be divided into various sects and denominations either. Unfortunately, today there is much religious division.

Different Religions

- Because there is one God, it makes sense that there would be one faith. While it may be appealing to man to have a multitude of choices when it comes to faith, God has expressed His desire for one, unified body of believers.
[Ephesians 4:5](#)
- Rather than call ourselves by the various denominational names, the Bible tells us that we should simply call ourselves “Christians”. [Acts 11: 25-26](#)

Pure Religion

- Do good and Godly works (**Love your neighbor**)
- Keep yourself from being polluted by the world (**Avoid worldly behavior and sin**)
– [James 1: 21-27](#)