

The Truth about Religion

Text: Matthew Chapter 23

Our society claims to be religious. But, it seems to be a religion that makes little difference in many people's lives. Contrast: Muslim?

Every Muslim who hopes to escape the judgment of Allah must fulfill the works of the five pillars of faith.

We believe there is only one way to Heaven. That being salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. We believe we are saved by faith not by works. But, has the lack of obedience or works allowed the rise of Islam?

In America it seems religion is a fine thing, as long as it does not interfere with the business of I_____.

The majority I believe, suppose that religion is basically an unnecessary b_____.

A yoke is basically, whatever is in your life. That is giving you meaning and direction. Ref: Matthew 11:28

Jesus said, the most oppressive yoke of all is oppressive religion! Jesus was religions biggest critic.

The people who criticized Jesus the most were the most r_____.

The irony is, we want to defend religion, because we are a part of it, but in fact religion often needs to be criticized by Jesus people.

Jesus opposes religion, when it says one thing, and does a_____.

Jesus opposes religion when it is done for worldly a_____.

It is one thing to practice your faith in such a way that people see it. It's another thing to practice your faith, so people will see you.

Jesus opposes religion when it exalts the r_____ of men.

Jesus opposes tricky r_____.

Religion loves s_____ quo.

If we don't constantly rethink our religion-we will make it heavy and oppressive and we may miss the intent of God's Word.

Jesus hasn't changed anything. He fulfilled everything! Ref: Micah 6:8

Jesus opposes religion, when it emphasizes the outside over the i_____. Ref: Luke 11:40: John 3:3-5

God said...I'm going to come and give you a new heart, and I am going to write my laws on your heart, not in a code book. Ref: Ezekiel 36:26,27; Romans 6:3,4

You can't truly follow Jesus unless you have problems with religion!

Unless you object to the very same things, he objected to.