

Are All Religions the Same?

Illustration: *The Blind Men and the Elephant* by John Godfrey Saxe (1816-1887)

Fallacy 1: No one _____ has a better _____ on the _____ than another.

Fact 1: Some religions do have a greater _____ than others.

Fact 2: The Bible claims to be God's _____.

Fact 3: There are many reasons to believe in the _____ of the _____.

Fallacy 2: Believing in “_____” is all that is important

Fact 1: What matters is _____, not sincerity

Fact 2: Most religions recognize the _____ of their differences.

Galatians 1:8-9 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! ⁹As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned! NIV

Fact 3: At some point “God by another name” is actually another _____ and a different god with the same name, is also another god.

John 8:19 and John 8:42-44

Exodus 20:3 “You shall have no other gods before me.”

Fact 4: The God of the Bible _____ about the details of worship

- Exodus 32:4 – The golden calf
- 1 Samuel 5:1-4 The ark of God and Dagon
- Genesis 4:4-5 Cain and Abel
- 1 Kings 18:21 Elijah and the prophets of Baal

Fallacy 3: What really matters is what you _____.

Fact 1: Complete and total _____ and _____ is necessary for heaven.

Matthew 5:48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. NIV

Romans 2:13 For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. NIV

Matthew 5:20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. NIV

Revelation 21:27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. NIV

Fact 2: We fail even when held to our _____.

Romans 2:14-16 (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, 15since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.) 16This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares. NIV

Fact 3: By _____ we fail miserably.

Romans 3:9-12 What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. ¹⁰As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; ¹¹there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. ¹²All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." NIV

James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. NIV

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, NIV

Fact 4: We _____ be _____ enough to get to heaven.

Galatians 2:16 ...a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified. NIV

Romans 4:5 However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness. NIV