

What's The Difference...?

(4) Islam

The **Primary Theme** of the **Book of Galatians...**

JESUS PLUS NOTHING!

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NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANS trace their lineage back to **ABRAHAM** through **ISAAC!**

Genesis 21:8-14...

The child grew and was weaned... and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. 9 But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking... 10 she said to Abraham... "Get rid of that slave woman and her son - for that woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac." 11 The matter distressed Abraham greatly

because it concerned his son. 12 But God said to him... "Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you... because it is **through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned**. 13 I will make the **son of the slave** into a **nation** also... because he is your offspring." 14 Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba.

Galatians 4:22-23/28-31...

For it is written that **Abraham** had **two sons**... one by the **slave woman** and the other by the **free woman**. 23 His **son** by the **slave woman** was **born according to the flesh** but his **son** by the **free woman** was born as the result of a **divine promise**.

28 Now you... **brothers** and **sisters** like **Isaac**... are now... **Children of Promise!** 29 At that time the **son born according to the flesh** persecuted the **son born by the power of the Spirit**. **It is the same NOW!** 30 But what does Scripture say? "Get rid of the **slave woman** and her **son**... **for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son**." 31 Therefore **brothers** and **sisters**... we are not children of the **slave woman**... but of the **free woman**.

The **QUESTION** isn't necessarily about... "**WHO'S YOUR DADDY?**"

The **QUESTION** is really about... "**WHO'S YOUR MAMA?**"

One Route leads to **SLAVERY**... **One Route** leads to **FREEDOM!**

One Route is a **CURSE**... **One Route** is a **PROMISE!**

RELIGION = WORK YOUR WAY TO GOD! (ADVICE)

THE GOSPEL = GOD HAS WORKED HIS WAY TO YOU! (NEWS)

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE... *Between New Testament Christianity and Islam?*

1. DIFFERENT FOUNDATION!

ISLAM Foundation... The **QURAN**

NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY Foundation... The **BIBLE**

THE BIBLE is **THE...** "**INSPIRED**" **WORD OF GOD!**

2 Timothy 3:16...

All Scripture is GOD-BREATHED and is useful for teaching...
rebuking... correcting and training in righteousness...

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE... *Between New Testament Christianity and Islam?*

2. DIFFERENT THEOLOGY!

ISLAM THEOLOGY...

- 1. ALLAH...**
 - 2. NO TRINITY...**
 - 3. WORKS...**
 - 4. FEAR-DRIVEN...**
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Quran 4:171...

O People of the Scripture... do not commit excess in your religion or say about Allah except the truth. The Messiah... Jesus... the son of Mary... was but a messenger of Allah and His word which He directed to Mary and a soul from Him. So believe in Allah and His messengers. **And do not say... "THREE" – Desist...** for it is better for you. Indeed... **ALLAH is but ONE GOD.** Exalted is He above having a son.

Romans 8:15...

For you did not receive the **SPIRIT** of **SLAVERY** to fall back into **fear...** but you have received the **SPIRIT** of **ADOPTION** as **SONS... by whom we cry... "ABBA! FATHER!"**

Quran 23:101-104...

When the Horn is blown – no relations between them will exist on that Day – and they will not ask after one another. Those whose **SCALES (Good Deeds/Works)** are **HEAVY** – those are the successful. But those whose **SCALES (Balance/Works)** are **LIGHT** – those are they who have lost their souls... in Hell they will dwell forever. The Fire lashes their faces – and therein they grimace.

FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM...

- 1. CONFESSING THE FAITH...**
- 2. PRAYER...**
- 3. FAST DURING THE MONTH OF RAMADAN...**
- 4. GIVING OF ALMS...**
- 5. TAKE A PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA...**

One **Route**... the **"RELIGIOUS" Route**... is a **Route** of **SLAVERY!**

"This is what you have to DO to EARN IT... GOOD LUCK!"

The Other **Route**... is the **"FAITH IN JESUS" Route**... It's a **Route** to **FREEDOM!**

"This is what GOD has ALREADY DONE... IN/THROUGH the work of His Son Jesus through his Death on the Cross and His Resurrection!"

NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY THEOLOGY...

1. JESUS...

2. THE TRINITY...

3. GRACE...

4. LOVE-DRIVEN...

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE... Between **New Testament Christianity** and **Islam?**

3. DIFFERENT GOSPEL!

For ISLAM... THERE IS NO GOSPEL!

For NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY... THE GOSPEL IS - THE GOSPEL!

Ephesians 2:8-9...

For it is by **grace** you have been **saved**... through **faith** - and this **is not from yourselves**... it is the **gift of God** - **9 not by works**... so that no one can boast.

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