

Just Thinking Apologetics

Skepticism of Orthodox Christianity is on the rise in the United States. At every corner those who would question the very foundations of Christianity are clobbering Christians with ideas that can be easily refuted. The real problem is not that Christianity is untrue and found wanting; it is the Christians themselves.

The Apostle John states, "I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. (I John 2:26)." Even back in the days of the late first century many were preaching false ideas. Some even believe that John was addressing the early beginnings of Gnosticism, which ran counter to the message of Jesus.

Why do I put the blame squarely upon the Christians? The reason is because the early Christians were willing to stand up to those who would try to pervert truth. Today, it is my belief that many Christians are not willing to take a stand or simply do not know how to defend truth. Peter told all Christians to, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. (I Peter 3:15)."

It seems to me we have too many Christian wimps. We are too willing to adjust our thinking to the culture around us. We can't take a stand for Jesus because we don't really know him. We think playing church is all that counts. Listen again to John, "The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him (I John 2:4)." If you call yourself a Christian, how well do you know Jesus? Can you defend the Christian truth from those who are attacking it?

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