



Islam-Christianity - What's the Difference? Part 2

Proverbs 16:25: (NASB) *There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.*



Last week we began a discussion on Islam and Christianity. Our objective was to portray mainstream Islam in an honest and positive light. This kind of portrayal is not often heard in our world today because the radical Islamic perspective (which is a minority) is so utterly dark, evil, and frankly, scary. This morning we are going to look into that scary belief system and try to do two things: One, we will portray it as clearly and honestly as we can, and two, we will address the all important question - what should we as Christians DO about it? Stay with us - this conversation is vital!

We recommend first listening to Part 1 and following along with its Rewind.

Recap of last week's discussion:

What is the religious concept of Islam? Islam is the crowning of the teachings of all the Prophets of God. In other words, Islam is the culmination or ultimate level in the evolution of religious teachings for mankind.

What does Islam teach? Islam offers mankind a perfect code of laws; methodically teaching people to strive to practice moral culture, to be kind to all, not to waste, to be magnanimous and tolerant and to live in peace with others in order to attain universal brotherhood.

Muslim Perspective: Muslims are told that the previous scriptures (The Bible) were tampered with by mankind and the Bible should only be accepted in as far as it is confirmed by the Qur'an. It is to be treated with respect, however any statements which clearly oppose those of the Qur'an are to be rejected as the work of mankind.

 **Islam is being hijacked, Dr. Zudi Jasser on the Glenn Beck program**

- *The industry of radical Islam is that of hate.*
- *They are trying to scare other Muslims into conforming.*

What about Jesus?

John 3:16: (NASB) *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

Muslim Perspective: Jesus was a very elect and highly esteemed messenger of God. Jesus is not God's son.

What about Jesus' Message?

1 Timothy 2:5-6: (NASB) ⁵For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time.

Muslim Perspective: That he was sent by God as a messenger to the Jews in order to return them to the pure and true religion of Moses.



What about Jesus' crucifixion?

Philippians 2:7-8: (NASB) ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. ⁸Being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Muslim Perspective: Jesus was not crucified.

Who carries out the judgments in Christianity?

Romans 6:22-23: (NASB) ²²But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Who implements this judgment? God.

 **The Islamic penalty for apostasy, *The Big Debate with Richard Dawkins (a debate in Great Britain regarding religious schools)***

- *In a nation of Sharia Law, the penalty for apostasy is death.*

(Apostasy means to leave the faith.)

This text teach us how to deal with those within our Christian fellowship as well as those without our Christian fellowship:

Romans 12:14-21: (NASB) ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. ¹⁷Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. ¹⁹Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord. ²⁰But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head. ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The greatest, pure, Godly strength comes from having the greatest humility. It takes that kind of humility to bless those who persecute you. There are times when we do have enemies, but this scripture says we are never to take our own revenge. Our emotions can carry us in the wrong direction.



 **Honor Killings, Glenn Beck - Sharia Law 101**

- *If someone in your family brings shame to your whole family by their actions, to get rid of that shame you must kill the person.*

How are we instructed to treat those who would bring shame?

1 Corinthians 5:9-11: (NASB) ⁹I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; ¹⁰I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world. ¹¹But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one.



2 Thessalonians 3:6: (NASB) *Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother who leads an unruly life and not according to the tradition which you received from us.*

Overriding Christian Principles:
Stand firm for what is right, but judgment is God's!

What does Jihad look like?

What is Islam, Radical Muslim cleric Imam Anjem Choudary interviewed on CNN

- *Because Islam is submission, that means we MUST engage in Jihad to liberate Muslim land. This is an obligation for all Muslims, to defend life and property.*

How do WE react to this radical approach to Jihad?

Luke 6:27-31: (NASB) *²⁷But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back. ³¹Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.*

Behind your back, Radical Muslim cleric Imam Anjem Choudary interviewed on CNN

- *I can assure you that every Muslim in every community center is standing with their Muslim brothers and sisters saying we hope the Americans and British are pushed out of our countries so we can implement the Sharia.*

Romans 7:14-20: (NASB) *¹⁴For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. ¹⁵For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate. ¹⁶But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good. ¹⁷So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. ¹⁹For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. ²⁰But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.*

The difference is that this cleric is claiming a *planned* contradiction versus the Christian principle of fighting to absolve our natural contradictions.

Matthew 10:28: *And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*

The True Jihad, the real threat is in our hearts, Dramatization found on YouTube, teaching the tenets of Islam

- *The greatest threat facing Islam today is in our hearts - instead of allowing Islam to transform us, some are using the label of Islam for their political agenda, to kill and murder innocent people.*

Romans 7:21-25: (NASB) *²¹I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. ²²For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, ²³but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.*



There is a contradiction within us. Realize we are weak, but we can rely upon God's grace to rise above our own weakness.

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Rely upon God's grace to rise above our own weakness.

What is Sharia Law?

(Source: Excerpts from Dominic Casciani, Home Affairs reporter, BBC News) What is Sharia? Sharia law is Islam's legal system. It is derived from both the Koran, as the word of God, the example of the life of the prophet Muhammad, and fatwas - the rulings of Islamic scholars. But Sharia differs in one very important and significant way to the legal traditions of the Western world: it governs, or at least informs, every aspect of the life of a Muslim. What does it cover? Western law confines itself largely to matters relating to crime, contract, civil relationships and individual rights. Sharia is however concerned with more. Sharia rulings have been developed to help Muslims understand how they should lead every aspect of their lives according to God's wishes.



USA - the warnings are there, *Radical Muslim cleric Imam Anjem Choudary interviewed on CNN*

- *We can have a decent relationship - you withdraw your troops, stop supporting the pirate state of Israel.*
- *These warnings are there in the statements of Sheikh Osama Bin Laden...Why is the American establishment not taking heed - that is the real question.*

Amos 9:14-15: (NASB) ¹⁴Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, and they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, and make gardens and eat their fruit. ¹⁵I will also plant them on their land, and they will not again be rooted out from their land which I have given them, says the LORD your God.

The Bible was clear that Israel would be plucked out of their land and put back again permanently.

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BELIEVE THE PROPHECIES!



Retaliation okay but do not commit aggression, Dramatization found on YouTube, teaching the tenets of Islam

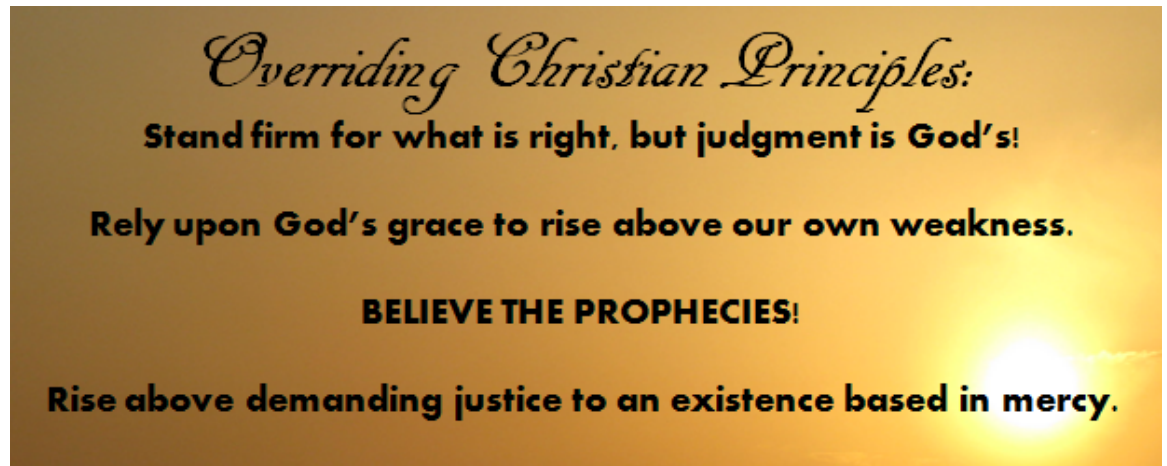
- *The Quran permits an eye for an eye - but only against the guilty party - not against innocents.*
- *Fight in God's cause against those who fight you, but do not commit aggression.*
- *There are many who are seeking God but instead end up following the devil.*

Matthew 5:38-45: (NASB) ³⁸You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. ³⁹But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also...⁴³You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Sharia is the divine law for everyone, Radical Muslim cleric Imam Anjem Choudary interviewed on CNN

- *Sharia law is the divine law for all mankind - it is justice for all mankind and will take mankind out of the shackles of manmade law into the perfection and beauty of the divine law - of course I want that everywhere. Surely it is a noble thing to invite people into a superior way of life.*

Galatians 3:24-25: (NASB) ²⁴Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.



What are the consequences of Sharia Law?

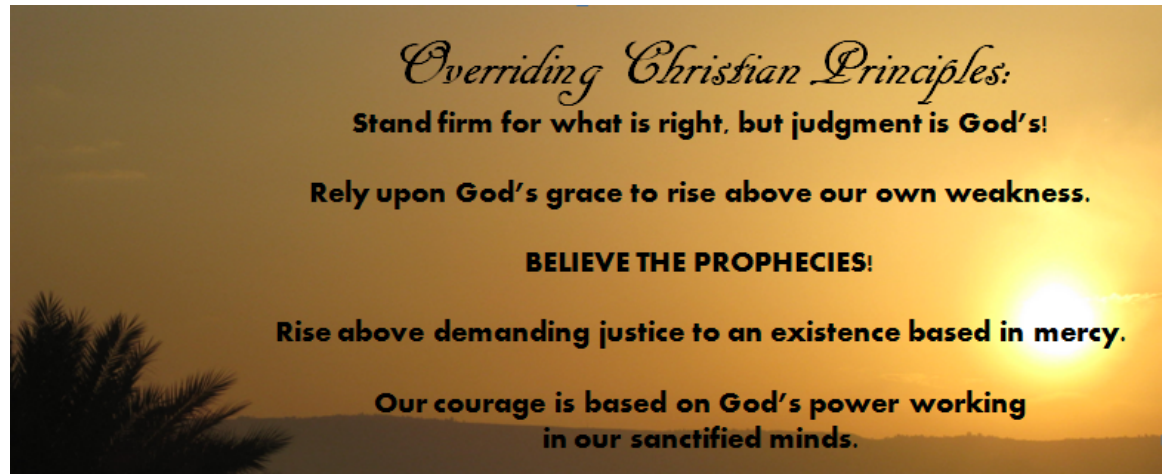
Promoting terrorist attacks, Radical Muslim cleric Imam Anjem Choudary interviewed on CNN

- *Of course I am communicating with people the world over to encourage them to participate in attacks of this sort...*
- *The internet makes this world a very small place.*

2 Timothy 1:7-9: (KJV) ⁷For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. ⁸Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; ⁹Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began...



This calling is not according to our own works, our purposes or our vision. It is because of Him and His grace through Jesus. Life or death in this life, you have an advantage because we can have godliness in an ungodly world. Radical Islam is ungodly.

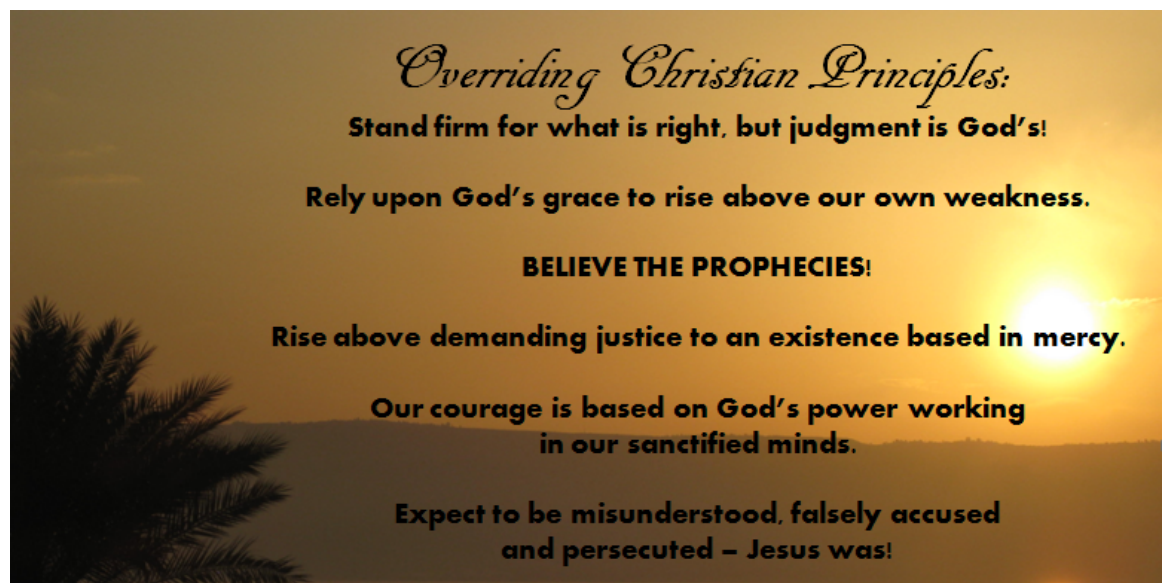


Sanctified: Set apart for a holy purpose. If we are sanctified, we are set apart for a holy purpose. We don't react to these things with fear, but with God's love and God's power in our sanctified minds.

 **The greatest jihad, *Dramatization found on YouTube, teaching the tenets of Islam***

- *The lesser Jihad is war against the unbelievers.*
- *The greatest Jihad is to battle the evil within yourself.*

Matthew 10:24-28: (NASB) ²⁴A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign the members of his household! ²⁶Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. (Gehenna)



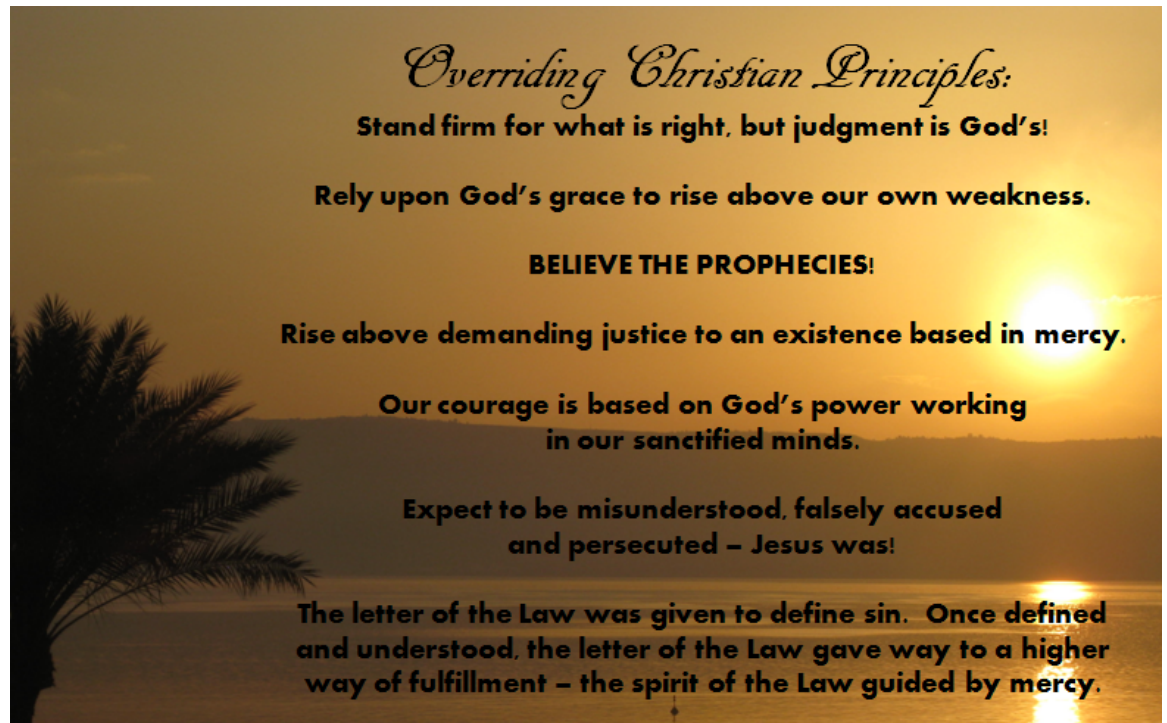


Sharia is a form of slavery, Wafa Sultan, DawryTV.com (Wafa Sultan is a Muslim woman who lived under Sharia Law for 30 years and fled 20 years ago to America.)

Under Sharia:

- Polygamy is permitted;
- Muslim men are allowed to beat their wives to discipline them and are allowed to divorce without court proceedings;
- Daughters get half the inheritance that sons get;
- Human rights and womens' rights don't exist - for women and non-Muslims, Sharia is in fact a form of slavery.

Galatians 3:26-29: (NASB) ²⁶For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.



What about the 12th Imam?

(Source: Glenn Beck, February 2, 2011)

11th Imam dies in 874 CE; the 12th Imam at the age of seven years old goes into hiding. He was never found and it is believed that he hid in a well - now a sacred Islamic site. Many radical Muslims believe the 12th Imam will come back in the last days, which will be days of chaos and war. These people are called "12ers," and they believe they can hasten the return of this 12th Imam by causing worldwide anarchy. For example, Ahmadinejad of Iran is a 12er.

Is this 12th Imam the antichrist? No, we don't believe so.

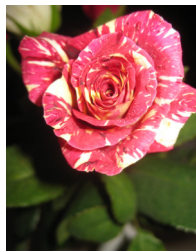
The antichrist comes from within - not from without:

1 John 2:18-19: (NASB) ¹⁸Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they



would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

The spirit of antichrist (counterfeit Christ) appeared in the early church.



We should take practical steps from those who wish to harm us, but we must remember that God is also working for good in the lives of those that hate us and God's goodness always triumphs.

Jeremiah 20:11: *But the Lord is with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail; they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper...*

Romans 8:28: *And we know all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

Matthew 5:3-12: (NASB) ³*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* ⁴*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.* ⁵*Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.* ⁶*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.* ⁷*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.* ⁸*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.* ⁹*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.* ¹⁰*Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* ¹¹*Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.* ¹²*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

There is a higher standard that those of us who want to truly live in a Christ-like fashion ought to be focusing on. It is not a standard of retaliation but is based on faith in God's prophecies and God's plan. This is a perspective that is not of this world, but a picture of the world to come.

Matthew 5:14,16: (NASB) ¹⁴*You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;* ¹⁶*Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*

Jesus is speaking to those who are trying to follow him. In letting our light shine, the light of God's mercy and grace that is in our life, we show others how to live. It is tough to live up to.

Our light should reveal TRUE GODLINESS now...but if it doesn't bear fruit now, it WILL bring Glory to God in the Day of Judgment.

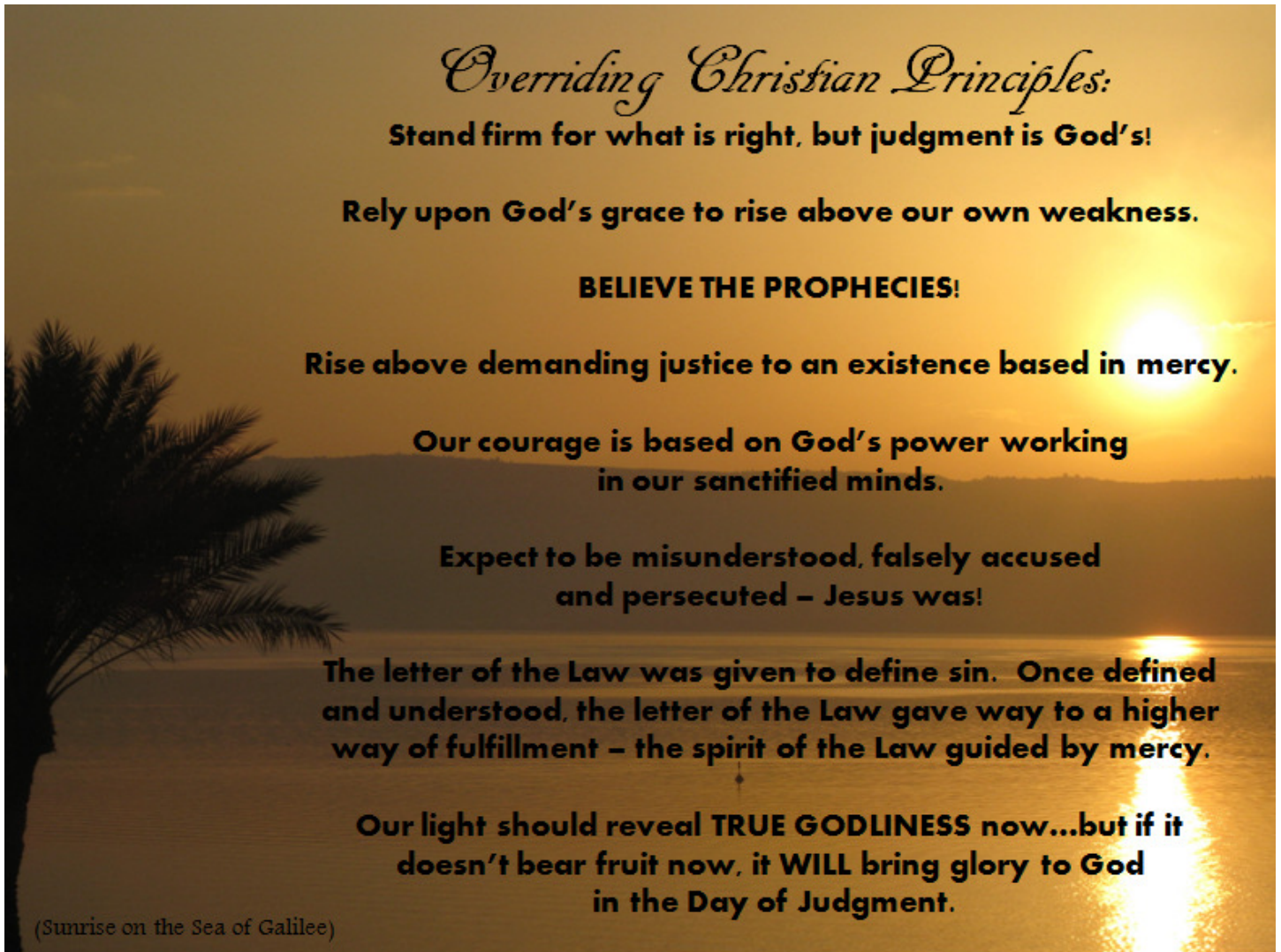
1 Peter 2:11-12: (NASB) ¹¹*Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.* ¹²*Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

So we see the difference in these two verses: The first tells us to show the world the light of Jesus now, in the way that you live, talk, act, the things that you do, and the things that you don't do, the things that you stand for and the things that you won't stand for. They may see it and glorify God. But what if they don't?

The second scripture tells us that you still do that because in the Day of Judgment, later, they will remember the goodness of your life shining out as a light in an incredibly dark world.



We need to be the shining lights of Jesus as a witness to the world that God's goodness, grace and mercy is bigger and stronger than any terror we are facing.



*So, Islam - Christianity - What's the difference?
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...
Think about it...!*

*And now even more to think about...
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A bit more to help us understand Islam:

What are the doctrines of Islam? Note: All references are to the Koran where applicable.



God

1. There is only one God (5:73; 112:1-4).
2. God is called Allah by Muslims (5:73).
3. Allah sees all things (40:20), is present everywhere (2:115; 7:7).
4. Allah is the sole creator and sustainer of the universe (3:191).
5. Allah is not a Trinity, but is one (5:73).
6. Allah is all-knowing (2:268; 10:61) and all powerful (6:61-62).
7. Allah created the heaven and earth (2:29; 6:1, 73; 25:61-62; 36:81; 46:33).

Salvation and Judgment

1. Allah will judge all people on the day of judgment (3:30; 35:33-37; 99:6-8).
2. If your good deeds exceed your bad deeds, and you believe in Allah, and sincerely repent of sins, you may go to heaven (3:135; 7:8-9; 21:47; 49:14; 66:8-9).
3. There is an eternal hell for those who are not Muslims, not practicing and of the true faith (3:77).
4. Hell is a place of unlimited capacity (50:30) eternal torment (2:39; 14:17; 25:65; 39:26), fire (9:63; 11:16; 25:11-12; 104:6-7), with boiling water (38:55-58; 55:43-44), where skin is burned and renewed (4:56), for unbelievers (3:13; 19:49) and [Jinn](#) (11:119), with faces covered with fire (14:49-50).
5. There is a tree in hell, named Tree of Zaqqum, from which bad fruit is given and the damned are forced to eat (37:62-67; 44:43-48; 56:52-55).
6. Heaven (Paradise), a Garden (79:41) of bliss and fruit (69:21-24), has rivers (3:198), with maidens pure and holy (4:57), and carpets and cushions, (88:8-16).
7. There will be a physical resurrection of all people (19:93-95) on the day of judgment (3:77; 15:25; 16:38; 42:29).
8. Judgment is based on a person’s sincere repentance (66:8-9) and righteous deeds (5:9; 24:26; 45:21-22; 64:7).

Other

1. There is an afterlife (2:154;75:12).
2. There are such things as angels, created by Allah, that are created from light. Angels are obedient slaves incapable of refusing to do Allah’s will. The angel Gabriel brought the revelation of the Koran to Muhammad (2:97).
3. The Holy Spirit is the angel Gabriel (2:97; 16:102).
4. Jinn are unseen beings, created (51:56) from fire (15:27; 55:15), but are not angels. They have communities. There are good and bad Jinn.
5. The Devil, called Iblis, (2:34) is a bad [Jinn](#).
6. Jesus was a great prophet but not the son of God (9:30), is not divine (5:17, 75), was not crucified (4:157).
7. Muhammad is Allah’s greatest and last prophet and his message supercedes all other past prophets including Jesus.
8. The Koran is Allah’s word. He literally spoke it to Gabriel who gave it to Muhammad.
9. There are other holy writings but they are superceded by the Koran.
 - A. The other works are
 - i. Torah - the First Five books of Moses
 - ii. Injeel - the message that Jesus gave, written down, but no longer exists. The writings have been altered by scholars. Whatever agrees with the Koran is true.
 - iii. Zaboor - the Psalms



10. Pre-ordination (Qadar) is the teaching that all things, good and bad, are preordained to occur.
11. Fasting is to be observed during the month of Ramadan (2:185).
12. Drinking alcohol is forbidden (2:219; 4:43; 5:93-94; 16:67).
13. Gambling is forbidden (2:219; 5:90-94).
14. Man is made from the dust of the earth (23:12).
15. There is no last minute repentance (4:18).

True faith in Islam

The pillars of the faith of Islam can be compared to the concept of a Statement of Faith, or Articles of Faith. These are Islamic concepts of essentials of the faith.

1. **Allah**
 - A. Allah is the supreme being of all. He is uncreated, the creator of all, without beginning or end. He is completely sufficient to himself and needs no other. He does not have offspring nor a spouse. He knows all things, is everywhere, and is all powerful. He hears all prayers. Everything that occurs does so by his permission.
2. **His Angels**
 - B. Angels reside in the unseen world and carry out the commands of Allah. They cannot sin. Muhammad stated that it was the angel Gabriel that brought the message of the Koran to him.
3. **His Messengers**
 - C. People who have been sent from Allah to a particular group of people for the purpose of giving to them the message revealed by Allah. Some of them are Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Jesus, and, of course, Muhammad. Islam teaches that all messengers previous to Muhammad were sent to limited people groups where Muhammad was sent to all people.
4. **His Books**
 - D. Islam recognizes many sacred scriptures that have been given by Allah throughout history. However, Muslims claim that only the Quran is trustworthy and that the other scriptures have been compromised because we do not possess their original manuscripts. They assert that the accounts of the Bible were written down hundreds of years later and cannot be considered inerrant, and they were written in ancient languages which have been lost. Therefore, exact translations are not possible. Nevertheless, the scriptures recognized in Islam are:
 - i. The Koran - The Koran (Qur'an) is the inspired word of Allah given to people through the Prophet Muhammad and it supercedes all other scriptures before it including the Bible. It alone is inerrant and trustworthy as a revelation for today. It is unchanged from the beginning.
 - ii. The Torah -the first five books of Moses.
 - iii. The Injil - the gospel message of Jesus in the New Testament
 - iv. The Psalms - the sacred writings given to David.
- **The Last Day**
 - A. There is a future day in which this world and its governments and systems will come to end and all people will face judgment based upon their deeds. Muslims go to paradise and non-Muslims go to hell.
- **Divine Preordinations, good or bad**
 - A. In Islam, Allah is completely in control of all things and ordains all things that occur.