



False Religion

MAIN THING

Satan Is Happy With Anything As Long As It Isn't Biblical Christianity

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 13:14, 2 Peter 2:1-3

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever done anything half-hearted? Have you ever done something that you did, because it was a good thing, but never was really all that into it? What was it?

OPENING THOUGHT

Satan will deceive the people in the end times. Satan will not try to push atheism. Instead, he will do anything he can to get us to adopt a compromised, lukewarm version of Christianity. He will try to get us to worship idols. To bow down to false gods. Contrary to what you might think, the end times will not be devoid of religion. Rather, it will be booming with religion. It just won't be booming with Biblical Christianity. Satan is just as happy with a lukewarm, compromised version of Christianity as he is with atheism, because the end result is the same.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
- 2. Read 2 Peter 2:1-3. What does this say to watch out for? Do we see examples of this today?
- 3. Right now, the default religion of America is Moralistic Therapeutic Deism. God exists and watches over us. He exists to help us with our problems and to bail us out of bad decisions. He's a combination of cosmic therapist and divine butler. However, He makes no demands on us, lets us do whatever we want, and we all go to heaven when we die. Do you see this in Christians today? How is this kind of belief dangerous?

LIFE APPLICATION

Do you find yourself struggling with the mindset that God is ok with whatever you do? Where do you find this most evident? Do you see some sins as ok, while others aren't? All sin is equal in God's eyes, and we need to have a healthy understanding that we can brush off some sins while taking others very seriously.

CHALLENGE

When we have the MTD mindset as the norm, we are ok when we see others sinning willingly. This isn't right. Holding our brothers and sisters accountable to holiness is one of the best ways to let someone know we love them. Be sure to hold each other accountable when you see behavior inconsistent with the Bible and a life of holiness. Love each other the way God would have us, and come to each other with grace and mercy.