



ARE YOU PRACTICING CHRISTIANITY OR CHURCHIANITY?

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How about these headlines?

"Iran arrests two Christian women for practicing Christianity."

"China detains 51 for practicing Christianity."

"Pastor goes to jail for practicing Christianity."

"Christianity...illegal in America."

Evidently practicing Christianity carries real risks!

Surveys estimate there are over one billion people who claim to be practicing Christianity worldwide; with 160 million in the USA. A valid question may be, "What kind of Christianity are all these claimants practicing?"

Why would I ask this question? For the simple reason that many who claim to be practicing Christianity, in reality, when compared to the Bible, are not. They are practicing what is popularly called "Churchianity."

Subset in the practice of churchianity is numerous practices that stand in sharp contrast to Christianity as revealed in the Bible. Here are a few vital questions we need to answer as we open this can of worms:

1. Are we practicing biblical Christianity or churchianity?
2. Are we practicing Christianity as a hobby?
3. Are we practicing Christianity as a tradition?
4. Are we practicing Christianity as a social trend?



5. Are we practicing Christianity as a denominational practice?
6. Are we practicing Christianity as an agenda or program?
7. Are we practicing Christianity as a set of rules and regulations?
8. Are we practicing Christianity as a Starbucks meeting?
9. Are we practicing Christianity as a financial/prosperity opportunity?
10. Are we practicing Christianity as a convenience?
11. Are we practicing Christianity as a cross carrying, self-denying, light bearing follower of Christ?
12. Which kind of Christianity are we (you) practicing?

What are your personal answers to these questions? How would your congregation answer these questions?

Our concept of Christianity will determine how we think about it as well as practice it. The challenge is to think biblically about the Lord and His church, which means to thinking biblically about following Him.

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