

# RELIGION

The word "religion" has a broad scope of meaning; even dictionaries give a wide spectrum of meaning. However for the explanation needed here the closest definition would probably be..."Worldly Religion". This means man reaching up and striving to please a god or higher power, as opposed to the view of a bible believing Christian, religion is...God reaching down to offer a spiritual relationship with man.

Many religious people throughout the world practice mystical rites, chant creeds, pray ritualistic prayer, and/or do other religious works such as burning candles, burning incense, making sure they attend the mosque or church regularly to try and be in favor with their gods. But the problem is many can never be sure if their God sees or hears their religious works, (perhaps some get answers from demonic spirits) consequently they are still not sure what is in store for them after death. But the God of the true Christian has a different type of spiritual relationship with his believers. It is a personal relationship reflecting an earthly father/child relationship, loving, chastening, forgiving, teaching and protecting, relationship through the guidance of The Holy Spirit.

But to have a good personal relationship with God (Yahweh) one has to accept Jesus into their heart as their personal savior, for Jesus is the mediator, between God and man, like a spiritual bridge.

The Holy Bible says in 1Tim 2:5.... " *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*" Jesus also said in John14:6... " *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*"....Praise our God for a plan of salvation. Amen.