

In the so called

free western world, religion dominates the local churches. The **ONLY** religion that God acknowledges is found in.

James 1:27* **Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.**

Religion is all about **ME**, the way I worship, **MY** traditions, we do it this way, I don't believe that's for today and so on. In other words self righteousness, it's all in our heads and NOT in our hearts. You have to be able to have a rational explanation or you won't believe it. Even tho in Hebrews it says:

Hebrews 11:6* **But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**

It's like the two witnesses in Revelation

Revelation 11:9 **And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.**

I used to wonder just how the people of the nations could see them? **THEN** came the satellite, and now we can see what's going on all over the world. YOU SEE, God said it and how was not important, it is just like:

Revelation 1:7* **Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.** Religious people cannot understand this, I don't either, but it will happen because God said it.

The religious will always ask **WHY?** They will spend hours going on line or asking questions, it don't matter if it's something in the bible or sickness in their life. IF they can't get a man made answer, they won't believe it

Proverbs 3:5 **Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and**

lean not unto thine own understanding.

Christianity is a way of life, you act within it, **NOT** react to it. Your Spirit is Born Again when you ask Christ **INTO** your **heart** or believe **IN** your **heart**, you become a new creature.

2Corinthians 5:17* Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

In your Heart is the good ground

Matthew 13:8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Religious people

Matthew 13:3-7 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

2Timothy 3:5* Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

As one brother puts it, you are now 1/3 part Holy Ghost, you are made up of three parts. Body, Soul, and Spirit, before conversion your Soul ruled your Spirit **NOW**, you have to train your Soul to be Ruled by your Spirit. Your Body always wants the easy way !!!

When born again, your spirit will never get anymore righteous or Holy, even in heaven.

Romans 12:2* And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

HOW DO YOU DO THIS?

Matthew 6:33* But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

2Timothy 2:15* Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

TRUST THE WORD of the living God.

Psalms 40:4 Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

1Corinthians 2:16* For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

John 14:12* Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

In Christianity you have Jesus's righteousness, and the Love, Joy, Peace and so on are byproducts of becoming part of the church, the body of Christ.

1Corinthians 12:27* Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

The body of Christ or the Church, can worship or fellowship in any local church or denomination.

Whereas, religious people or those that are hung up on denominations, will fellowship with others occasionally, BUT it is something that's done mostly to show their spirituality.

Matthew 7:16* Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

I trust this gives you a scripture-able basis of the difference.
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