

II Corinthians 6:11-16

Brothers, you became imitators of God's churches in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, because you too suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they in fact did from the Jews, who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets and persecuted us severely. They are displeasing to God and are opposed to all

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The Christian view of all history, human existence, and life is: A. In the Beginning - God

B. In the End - God

Colossians 1:16 *In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, not only the visible but the unseen: orders and thrones, dominions, sovereignties, authorities, and powers - the whole cosmos was created through him and for him.*

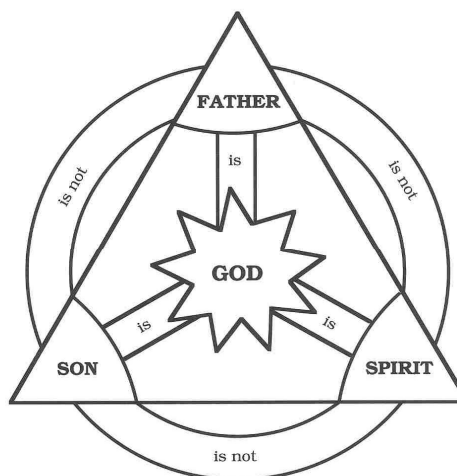
Romans 11:36 *For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*

Colossians 2:9-10 *For in him all the fullness of deity lives in bodily form, and you have been filled in him, who is the head over every ruler and authority. (NET) "For it is in Christ that the Godhead in all of its fulness dwells embodied," (REB) "For it is in Christ that the complete being of the Godhead dwells embodied." (NEB) "For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form" (NIV)*

In God Alpha and Omega are both present. Everything came from God - all is for him - all will end to him - the Telos - our destiny or goal.

1. Your/our religion - your faith - must be ALETHIA - or is vain - nothing
2. All sin ends in nothing - the key word is "perish" (*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (Joh 3:16 KJV)*)
3. The Word of God -
 - a. Goes forth - Revelation
 - b. Is recorded - Written
 - c. Is proclaimed - Spoken and lived
4. That word is entrusted into human hands -
 - a. Can be adulterated
 - b. Can be used in false hermeneutics
 - c. Can be institutionalized
 - d. Can be misappropriated:
 - i. The cross of Jesus
 - ii. The cross of Constantin
 - iii. The cross of capitalism

5. The true Word - in Christian truth - is that word became flesh - the One who spoke formerly in prophets now speaks in a Son - who indwells the believer in his own Spirit . . .



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Christ taught us that "The Knowledge of God" was the key to ageless life: *This is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent. (John 17:3)*

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