

The Muslims Are Coming—Is the Church Ready? (a three-message series)

Part III

I John 4:1-3

Sunday, July 27, 2014

Part I Review

Why would I address Islam?

First, as the under-shepherd of this church, I must equip you to look at culture through the lens of God's Word.

Colossians 4:6

Secondly, the issue that I am addressing is something that is relevant every day in the news.

I John 4:1 *"...do not believe every spirit..." "...but test the spirits..."*

I John 4:2 *"By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God."*

Jesus had a real human body. He was fully God and fully man.

I John 4:3 *"And every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world."*

The spirit who will occupy the Antichrist is the same spirit who fails to confess Jesus as the Son of God here and now.

Genesis 16:1-16

Let me preface this three-part series by saying:

1. We must choose to love Muslims.
2. We must not give into the temptation to equate Islam only with terrorism; however, we should not suggest it is a religion of peace either.
3. Failing to confront radical Islam for fear of criticism or political incorrectness demonstrates a cowardice that is opposite to the courage of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
4. There is a strategic movement not only in the world but in America for Muslims to position themselves in places of influence in government, education, music, the arts, medicine, and business.
5. "Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world at present."¹
6. There is blatant hypocrisy and bias among the media and the critics of Christianity.
7. Many Muslims are coming to Christ as a result of dreams about Jesus Christ!

Part II Review

Galatians 1:8; James 2:19

I. Identifying Major Words and Terms in Islam

1. **Islam**
2. **Muslim**
3. **Quran or Koran**
The word literally means “recitation.”
4. **Mohammed** II Corinthians 11:14
5. **Allah**
6. **Mosque**
7. **The Fundamental Articles of Faith**
The Pillars of Islam:
 - (1) The Shahada
 - (2) Salat
 - (3) Zakat
 - (4) Sawm
 - (5) Hajj
 - (6) Jihad or “Holy War”
8. **Islam’s Five Articles of Faith**
 - (1) God
 - (2) Angels
 - (3) Holy Books
 - (4) Prophets
 - (5) Day of Judgment
9. **Sharia Law**
10. **Chrislam**
Chrislam is the belief that one can be both a Christian and a Muslim.
That is NOT possible.
Whenever you attempt to blend falsity with truth, falsity always pulls truth in its direction.

II. A Comparison between Christian Doctrine and Islam Doctrine (Doctrine is belief based on a specific teaching)

1. **God**
The Allah of Islam is not the God of the Bible.
 - Islam teaches...
 - Christianity teaches... (Isaiah 40:28; Revelation 1:8; Matthew 3:13-17)

2. **Jesus**

“Etched on the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, Islam’s third holiest site is this statement: GOD HAS NO SON.”² .

- Islam teaches...
- Christianity teaches... (Colossians 1:16-18; Philippians 2:9-11)

3. **The Nature of Man**

- Islam teaches...
- Christianity teaches... (Jeremiah 17:9)

4. **Sin**

- Islam teaches...
- Christianity teaches... (Romans 3:23; 6:23)

5. **Salvation**

- Islam teaches...
- Christianity teaches... (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Part III

Islam is not just a religion, it is an _____.

“Not all Muslims are _____, but most terrorists are _____.”³

6. **The Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit)**

- Islam teaches...
- Christianity teaches... (Matthew 28:19)

7. **God’s Revelation**

- Islam teaches...
- Christianity teaches... (II Timothy 3:16)

III. Muslim Beliefs You Need to Know

“The goal of Islamists is summarized in the stark words of Omar Ahmed, co-founder of the influential Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and Former President of the Islamic Association for Palestine:

“Islam isn’t in America to be equal to any other faith, but to become dominate... The Koran, the Muslim book of scripture, should be the highest authority in America, and Islam the only accepted religion on Earth.”*⁴

“In repeated incidents, several of which have taken the form of lawsuits, Muslim employees in America have demanded the right to bring their external religious practice as set down in the sharia, to the workplace.”⁵

“Religion and politics are thus inseparable in Islam”⁶

“In many Islamic countries, women are not considered equal to men. In fact, most Islamic countries accept the teachings of the Koran that females are worth half the value of men. In addition, women are often subjected to unthinkable cruelty and hardship, and they rarely receive justice.

“Sharia law provides men with clear advantages, while women are considered subservient, second-class citizens. Women are expected to follow strict moral code, and when they do not, there are often dire consequences. One such consequence called “honor killings” permits fathers and/or male family members to kill their female relatives for marrying or dating outside of Islam or for a number of other violations to the moral code. Alarming, there have been honor killings recorded in growing numbers in the United States, and the accused are trying to defend themselves under the guise of freedom of religion. These practices are common throughout Islamic nations and are making frequent debuts in Europe as of late...

“The Koran promotes the idea that women are the property of men and as such, are subject to whatever decisions may be made by them.”⁷

Christianity is the best thing that ever happened to _____.⁸

I find it interesting that the media and the gay activists demonstrate a passionate antagonism against Christians who declare that marriage is between a man and a woman. Christianity teaches love for homosexuals but does not give a pass for the sin of homosexuality any more than we would get a pass on adultery. Gays won't be satisfied until Christians not only accept homosexuality and gay marriage, but endorse it.

Why no outcry about Islam? Why no criticism? Why no outrage?

IV. **What Islam has that the Church Needs: Lessons the Church Can Learn from Islam**

What do Muslims have that the Church and Christians need?

1. Muslims are _____ about Their Faith

Romans 12:11; Colossians 3:23

2. Muslims are Committed to _____

I Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:18

3. Muslims have a Zeal to _____ Their Faith

I Peter 3:15; Romans 1:16

When all is said and done, only the _____ transforms people; and when people are transformed, places are transformed.

4. Muslims Practice _____

Joel 2:12; Matthew 6:16-18

There are some situations, some circumstances, and some issues that can experience a _____ only through prayer and fasting.

5. **Muslims Gather for _____ and Encouragement**
Hebrews 10:23-25
6. **Muslims are Fervent about Their _____**
II Timothy 3:16; Matthew 4:4; Revelation 22:18-19
7. **Muslims _____ Faith into Daily Life.**
Isaiah 66:2b; Psalm 37:5-6; Proverbs 3:5-6
8. **Muslim's Don't Apologize for Believing that Islam is the _____ Way to Heaven**
John 14:6
9. **Muslims Include _____ as Part of Their Faith Commitment**
Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; Proverbs 21:26
10. **Muslims are Willing to _____ Everything for Their Cause**
Revelation 12:11; Luke 12:4-5

V. **What Jesus Said / What Mohammed Said**

1. **Mohammed Denies Jesus' Divinity**
John 8:58, 10:33 / Surah 23:91
2. **Mohammed Denies Jesus' Resurrection**
John 11:25; John 2:19-22 / Surah 4:157-158
3. **Love**
John 13:34-35 / Shurah 60:1
4. **Acceptance**
John 3:16 / Qur'an 30:45, 3:32, 22:38
5. **Truth**
Matthew 19:18 / Sahih Muslim 6303, Bukhari 49:857
6. **Wives**
Colossians 3:19 / Qur'an 4:34, Sahih Muslim 2127, Bukhari 5:268, Qur'an 33:50
7. **Women**
Ibn Ishaq, 819, 995
8. **Torture**
Muslim 4131, Ibn Ishaq 436,595,734,764
9. **Greatest Commandments**
Matthew 22:34-40 / Muslim 1:149
10. **Death**
Qur'an 5:33, Muslim 16:4131
11. **Violence**

VI. **The Jesus-Response to Muslims Must Become Our Response**

1. **_____ for Muslims and Muslim Countries**
I Timothy 2:1-6
2. **Put a _____ in Muslims' Hands**
Hebrews 4:12; II Timothy 3:15

3. **Love Muslims in Word, Deed and _____.**
I John 3:18; John 13:35
4. **Pray that Muslims would have _____ of Jesus,
Especially in Areas Closed to the Gospel**
Joel 2:28; Job 33:14-18

ENDNOTES

¹ Kamran Karimi, In Allah They Trust (Harrison House; Tulsa, OK 2011) p 49.

² Copyright © 2002 by Don Walton, The Truth about Islam, Time4Truth Ministries p 53. (The reference in endnote #2 in the sermon notes for Sunday July 13, 2014's sermon, "The Muslims Are Coming...Is the Church Ready" was incorrect and should reflect the information above.)

³ Unknown

⁴ Patrick Sookhdeo, Islam in our Midst: The Challenge of our Christian Heritage (Isaac Pub., McLean, VA), p 24. (* quote from Art Moore, "Did CAIR founder say Islam to rule America? Muslims confront Omar Ahmad as newspaper stands by story," WorldNetDaily.com 12.11.2006.)

⁵ Patrick Sookhdeo, Islam in our Midst: The Challenge of our Christian Heritage (Isaac Pub., McLean, VA), p 53.

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