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“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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What Is Today's Most Dangerous Idea in Religion?

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THis question was asked of several “leading” thinkers of faith in the Saturday’s Houston Chronicle dated July 7th, 2007. According to Rabbi Harold Kushner, “*You have to understand that religion is not about getting information about God. Religion is about community. The primary purpose is not to get us to heaven but to put us in touch with other people; I can have a fierce loyalty to my family without denigrating other people’s family.*” And continuing with Deepak Chopra, “*The most dangerous idea is: my God is the only true religion.*” It appears to me that the political correctness of word and thought, and the emphasis upon the social needs of men have met together in our time to demonize the Christian who is not willing to compromise the central theme and true message of the Bible.

If religion, that is, our daily interactive religion, isn’t about helping others to get to heaven, for which we aspire; if it isn’t about the collective knowledge that there is but one true God, and one true course for the redemption of our souls, why in the world do we bother to interact with others and worship at all? What eternal

good do we truly offer our fellow man?

Why do we come together to assemble, to sing songs of praise, to pray and to hear the word of God taught? We, as Christians know why. There are expressed commands in the Bible, the word of God, which instructs us on our religious obligations. We have an expressed responsibility to worship our God, and to seek His heavenly home as our primary goal, when our time on earth is over.

We have Biblical authority, which is God’s authority, on when, how, and why we worship and congregate the way we do. We assemble together as taught in *Hebrews 10:25*; we sing and pray as taught in *Ephesians 5:19* and *2 Thessalonians 3:1*. In *2 Timothy 2:1-2*, the writer exhorts: “...therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” Teaching, preaching and promoting the Gospel message is the reason we assemble; it’s the reason we sing; it’s the reason we pray. As a New Testament church, our concerns

should be focuses on the biblical worship of our God and saving souls for heaven.

It seems that the dangerous ideas of today’s religious perspective go hand in hand with the slipping moral values of this country. There are religious entities that do nothing but attempt to socialize the word of God, hoping that emphasizing social activities, rather than on the lost condition of man, they’ll be able to pacify those who have not elected to seek the Lord and His heavenly kingdom.

In this world of turmoil and unrest, with all of the different religions, sects, and denominations that are trying to bind on us the gospel of tolerance- a tolerance of any and all false religions, or at least an acceptable of these watered down ideals, we need to turn to, consider and remember the New Testament scripture of *1 Timothy 2:5* where we read, “*For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*”

It is not an idea; it is the biblically expressed word of God. Danger lies in not honoring Him and His Word!