7 Gospels/Church Models

Deeper Dive

It's estimated that globally there may be as many as a billion Protestants. With the above categories identified, it seems helpful to drill down deeper as to which of today's Christian models might be nearer the all important 1st century Biblical Christian ideal:

- 1. <u>1st Century Biblical Christianity</u>: As the originators and recipients of Pentecost's fire and empowerment as recorded in the Book of Acts, Christ's apostles were the founders of Christianity. Authoring the New Testament letters, through them and their missionary zeal they evangelized and discipled the original Church to withstand extreme resistance and persecution. To the point of eventually bringing Rome, then the world's greatest military, political and religious power on Earth to bow its knees to Christ. Thus becoming the Divine model for Christendom throughout all ages.
- 2. Persecuted Church: Today's Persecuted Church continues the costly mandate and mission of the 1st century Christians. This included innumerable Third World missionaries and believers daily baring their cross while proclaiming Christ's. See Nick Ripken and Voice of the Martyrs, Brother Yun and Pastor Brunson. Interestingly, miraculous signs and wonders, such as Divine healing, receive little notoriety. What is notable is the phenomenal outpouring and infilling of the Fruit of the Spirit as evidenced by the amazing willingness and commitment to suffer persecution to the point of martyrdom, for others and the cause of Christ! While exceedingly far less in number, a small subset of First World Christians and activists are willing to do the same.
- 3. **Puritan Holiness:** One of the smallest subset with Christendom are those embracing extreme sanctification, at least by today's standards. Such doctrine and lifestyle is more common in impoverished nations facing far less bombardment by levels of worldliness and entitlement, temptation and deception. In the modern world, such radical discipleship witnesses to one of the main differences between cheap and costly grace. The latter being the authentic grace of God presented in Scripture. Examples include John Wesley and Jonathan

Edwards, Charles Finney and Smith Wigglesworth, George, Mueller and Evan Roberts, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Jackie Pullinger, Leonard Ravenhill and David Wilkerson. Old and new world puritanism may differ, but both are radical expressions of commitment to Christ's in the face of worldly influence and onslaught, more recently exemplified in the Russian Church's costly overcoming of Communist persecution and tribulations. See Nick Ripken's Insanity of God and podcast Witness and Persecution Season 1 Episode E9 "Devious Persecution." *GB also highly recommends reading the* 1996 testimony of Olga, a 19 year old Russian immigrant's "Visit to the entrance of Hell."

- 4. **Prophetic Christians:** As previously mentioned, Quantum Christianity was developed in hope of being a better Bible bridge for billions, spanning the growing gap between 1st Century Biblical Christianity and 21st Century Modern Churchianity. With the goal of *more fully equipping* Prophetic Christians to walk in the Spirit in light of the vastly degrading times and season thrust upon us by the devilish geopolitical era in which we live. QC identifies Conflict Theology as the very context of Scripture, differentiating between Christianity as a Cruise vs. Battleship and Christians as civilians vs. Kingdom Citizen. Soldiers.
- 5. Modern Christianity: An umbrella term, Modern Christianity represents many of the hundred plus denominations having fragmented Christianity. Many promoting various Christs and versions of Scripture. Major categories include Charismatics and Cessationists, Evangelicals and Fundamentalists, Denominational and Community Churches, Missions and Activist Organizations, Home and Small Group Fellowships. Most in keeping with at least some of Scripture's requirements for Biblical Churches and Fellowships.
- 6. <u>Churchianity</u>: Somewhat synonymous with Modern Christianity, Churchianity implies greater doctrinal and/or lifestyle error within or without the denominations previously referenced. Up to and including heretical movements. Including versions of prosperity gospels, particularly that of the Word of Faith Movement.
- 7. <u>Emerging and Emergent Church</u>: The Emerging Church seeks "the <u>deconstruction</u> of modern Christian <u>worship</u>, modern <u>evangelism</u>, and the nature of modern Christian community" by embracing a post modern theological fluid,

thus worldly, interpretation of Scripture and church, morality and lifestyle. Featuring the development and promotion of <u>progressive Christianity</u>. Including rewriting some or all of the Bible.

While disagreements abound in regards to many, if not all, facets of the above Protestant models, it should be noted that 1-3 are in perfect keeping with the tenets and tenor of Scripture. Exemplifying evangelism and discipleship. Differing modestly, though not necessarily insignificantly, as to what degree certain doctrines are highlighted and emphasized. Making these the safest bet and educated guess.

Models 5-6 embrace certain aspects of elementary truths. The milk vs. meat of Scripture. Often prematurely assuming salvation by substituting presumption for faith and christianized worldliness for sanctification. Thus promoting half the gospel or less.

Model 4, Quantum Christianity, is designed to promote Prophetic Christian understanding and compliance to models 2-3, with the goal of achieving original 1st century perspective and power in our 21st century Christian experience. Thus fully entering God's Rest and becoming entirely New Creations. The ultimate objective of Biblical Christianity.

Forty years of strategic service and research suggests modern Christianity's Biblical report card looks something like this:

- 1/3 of our teaching and preaching, prayers and worship, evangelism and discipleship are in keeping with the fuller content and context of Scripture.
- 1/3 of our teaching and preaching, prayers and worship, evangelism and discipleship are at lacking or at odds with the fuller content and context of Scripture.
- 1/3 of the most vital aspects of Scripture's content and context are entirely missing.

This goes a long way to explain why a Quantum Christian perspective, that embraces ALL aspects of Biblical truth equally and simultaneously, without over emphasizing or under emphasizing any, is so important.

Hence Jesus's use of "Man shall live by EVERY word that proceeded from the mouth of God."

We all have valuable subjective experiences in our journey to know, and be known by the Lord. Still, the Bible was Authored as an objective point of reference to be sure we don't lose our way on our journey to maturity and perfection (both emphasized in the New Testament).

Again, this includes substituting or enlarging one or more aspect of God's Divine attributes and nature over others. Either by reason of personal experience or denominational doctrine.

The following silly quick video of drawing cartoon faces illustrates the point. All 10 minutes are pretty interesting and funny, but you can skip to the end if you'd like to see 20 differences of subtle changes and their effect on perceived outcomes.

When it comes to our relationship with God, we all agree various verses on His interaction with humanity begin to paint a picture of nuances between Divine mercy and forgiveness, faithfulness and love, in light of repeated examples of His commands and warnings, holiness and judgment...

It's easy to see how the passages we choose to emphasize and/or omit shape our perception of God's range of emotion regarding both those outside and inside Christ's Church.

As well as His acceptance or rejection of our thoughts and attitudes, words and deeds (or lack thereof).

In this simple video example, the expression on God's face are easily manipulated through even slight alterations of His eyes, ears, nose and mouth...

It's been said God created man in His own image, and since then we've been returning the favor...

Limiting God in this way is an extremely common and costly mistake. Both temporally and eternally. One often accentuated by the worldview we use to read and interpret Scripture's meta messages.

Such errors are frequently supported by our individual current circumstance.

For example, the Bible repeatedly warns, directly and indirectly, not to confuse the praises of men with God's anointing. His blessings as His approval. Financial and worldly freedom as His favor. Or vice versa.

QC dares to hope against hope that while we have clearly run out of wine, as in the case of Mary's perfect intercession, through timely and appropriate brokenness and repentance, we may yet find Jesus has once again saved the best for last.

Given the challenges and opportunities set before us, please see the scores of hyperlinks already provided. GB also highly recommends reading the following QC books and/or articles:

- Times and Seasons (eBook or article)
- Conflict Theology (eBook or article)
- COVID-19
- New Political Era
- Prayer of Anguish
- 10 Signs of a Biblical Church
- Quantum Christianity (eBook or article)