

Sermon Outline – July 20, 2014
FAQ: Are Not All Religions the Same?
Ephesians 2:1-10 John 8:2-11

1. Are not all religions the same? YES NO

- Examples of how they are not the same:

- What is a similarity among many religions?

- Why might it be considered offensive to consider all religions the same?

2. What is the question Christians are really asking?

- What are cautions when answering this more honest question?

- What is the defining difference between Christianity and the rest of the world's religions?

3. Ephesians 2:4-10

- Verse 4: *Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,*

- Verse 5: *made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.*

- Verse 6: *And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,*

- Verse 7: *in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.*

- Verses 8-9: *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.*

- Verse 10: *For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. NRSV*

4. Article 4 of The Augsburg Confession - Justification

- *Our churches also teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works but are freely justified for Christ's sake through faith when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven on account of Christ, who by his death made satisfaction for our sins. This faith God imputes for righteousness in his sight.*

- The teaching upon which the Church _____.

5. John 8:2-11 – The Woman Caught in Adultery

6. Take away:

7. Next step: