

Introduction: What is a cult?

- “Anyone who disagrees with me”
- Modern evangelical “user friendly” churches?
- What about practicing the charisma, gifts?
 - Extra-biblical revelation
 - Special interpretations / prophecy
- “Adiaphora” in worship
 - Music
 - Dress
 - Wine or grape juice
- Christian “Lord’s day” or other days

“cults grow out of and deviate from a previously established religion” Alan Gomes

Q1: What level of error must be present before a “sect” or a “denomination” becomes a cult?

Typically Christian cults deviate from a proper comprehension of the following:

- Person of God, (trinity)
- Deity and work of Jesus Christ on the cross
- Humanity’s sinfulness
- Salvation by grace alone through faith alone
- Authority of the Scriptures

Q2: What are the essential particulars that make up what we would call “orthodox” Christianity?

Creeds {from the Latin word *credo* meaning “I believe”}

- Council of Nicea/Nicene (325 AD)
- Apostolic
- Athanasian
- Chalcedonian