

“Mama Bear Apologetics”

Chapter 15

XVI. Chapter 15 - Progressive Christianity Christianity needs a makeover

Progressive Christianity looks at all of the “isms” we’ve looked at, and takes a little bit here, a little bit there.

- A. **RECOGNIZE** the message
There are no creeds or official beliefs that outline a common unifying set of doctrines for progressive Christians.
 - 1. Five key beliefs:
 - 1. A rejection of the exclusivity of Christianity (that Jesus is the only way to God) John 14:6
 - 2. A rejection of the atoning blood sacrifice of Jesus on the cross
 - 3. A lowered view of scripture
 - 4. A redefining of words (linguistic theft)
 - 5. A focus on social justice

- B. **OFFER** discernment
Progressive Christianity is attractive because it calls out the hypocrisy and brokenness of the church that needs to be fixed, and asks hard questions. However, instead of causing reform within the church, progressives set their aim on the doctrine of the church instead of the brokenness.

- C. **ARGUE** for a healthier approach
 - 1. Be aware of the swinging pendulum between extremes
 - 2. It is paramount that we are seeking and referring to the word of God because we are confronted with so many ideas and beliefs.
 - 3. Recognize that WE are the ones who are broken, not God’s word!

- D. **REINFORCE** through discussion, discipleship, and prayer
 - 1. The best way to spot counterfeit Christianity is to know the real thing.
 - 2. We can teach our kids theology, doctrine, and the “isms” all day long. But they will model what they see us embody.
 - 3. We need to be sure that what our children believe about God is informed by the Bible...not their feelings or anything else.