

Church Twists

God's Ways Are Higher Than Our Ways

Christ is Head of the Church

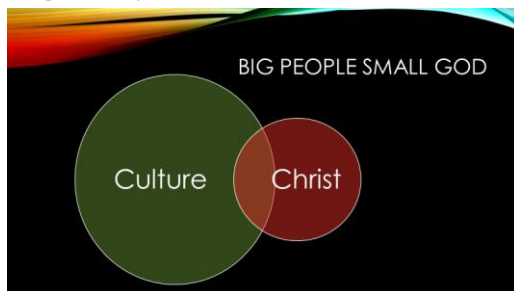
Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.

Colossians 1:18 (NLT2)

Who Determines What the Church Should be and Do, People or God?

But Peter and John replied, "Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him?" Acts 4:19 (NLT2)

Big People Small God



The "Jesus is Not Enough" Message

- Bait and Switch
- Sweeten Jesus to Make Him Fun



Jesus' Way with Kids

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." Matthew 19:14 (NLT2)

Church Done God's Way

Does Not Lack His Presence and Power

"And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:29-31 (NLT2)

The World's Twist on Church

- Church is boring so make it more like a concert
- Church is irrelevant so make it about things I am interested in
- Church is most valuable when it does community projects
- Church is hostile to people's preferences, so the church should be affirming of whatever people believe and do

Big God



GROW

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen.

2 Peter 3:18 (NLT2)

Personal Responsibility

For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body. 2 Corinthians 5:10 (NLT2)

You and Christ's Church

- Find out what Jesus is doing in his church and follow him
- Find someone who is farther down the path in following Jesus and learn from them
- Find ways to develop spiritual growth skills and practice them together with your church
- Find those the Lord would have you help and help them

Living in the World

