

Christianity's Great Offense

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Acts 4:1-12

Here is the offense of the Christian faith in the eyes of the world: the claim that, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved" than that of Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12). The exclusive nature of this declaration grates against the mind of a world enamored with diversity and individual expression. Yet the Bible is adamant: "For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people" (1 Timothy 2:5-6a).

For a moment let's imagine those who scoff at Christianity's claim are correct. What would faith mean? The object of such faith would have to be sufficiently broad to encompass all varieties of interpretation and understanding. As such it would have no power to either commend or condemn.

Because of sin we all stand condemned in the presence of our holy God. That problem has but one solution: the Cross.

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