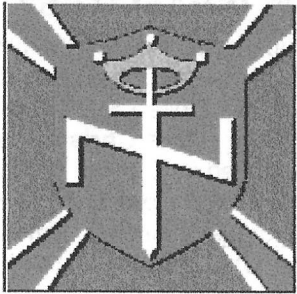


It's Anything but Christian:

# Christian Identity



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## **CHRISTIAN IDENTITY!**

There is a cultic movement within Christendom known as '*Christian Identity*.' This movement is **anything but Christian**. Through the years this movement has been known by various names - some supposedly Christian, others pseudo-Christian. All are blatantly anti-Christian and anti-biblical.

### **NEW ISRAELITES?**

These groups teach that the "**white**" race, also referred to as "*Aryans*", believe that Great Britain and the United States are the true House of Israel. The *Christian Identity Movement* originated in Europe. It believes that, the so-called "*Ten Lost Tribes of Israel*" are the white peoples of Britain, America as well as the Germanic and Nordics of Europe. The various **Aryan race groups** originated largely in Germany. These groups have traditionally taught that Aryans are superior; **the master race**.

There is **not a shred of evidence** to prove that Aryans [whites] are superior in any manner to other races. Nor is there any proof that Aryans are the so-called lost tribes of Israel. In fact, God knows who are genuine Israelites. They are **not lost** to God. A day is coming when God will call forth a remnant of Israelites (Jews) from the legitimate twelve tribes. See - Revelation 7:4-8.

### **JEW HATED**

Ever since God called Abraham and declared that he would be the father of the Jews, they have been intensely hated by Satan. Through the centuries this enemy has sought to destroy the Jews. Scripture exhorts **Chris-**

**tians to love Israel and the Jews**. Jews remain specially "**chosen people**" of God. God has an unfulfilled mission for the Jews. See - Romans chapters 10 & 11.

**Without exception the Aryan Identity groups hate the Jews**. They believe and teach that the Jews are the children of Satan, thus they say that Jews are the arch enemy of the white Aryan race.

### Satan is the originator of anti-Semitism.

All forms of anti-Semitism are unscriptural, hence unchristian. Christians should be at the forefront in opposing anti-Semitism in all of its ugly forms.

### **RACISM**

Tied in closely with this Aryan cultism is its vicious racism. The 'Christian Identity' cults teach that the white race alone has descended from Adam whereas all other races are lesser and inferior and were created separate from the Genesis account of Adam's creation.

The **Ku Klux Klan** and the **Nazis**, including **skinheads** and kindred groups are part of this cultic movement under the umbrella of '*Christian or Aryan Nation Identity*.' These various groups use various symbols such as "*the burning cross*" of the KKK and "*the sun sign - the twisted swastika*" of the Neo-Nazis and so-called Christian Identity groups appearing on the front of this folder.

**The Aryan groups** not only spew out their **vile racist poison** against the Jews but also **against Africans, Asians** and all others outside of their '*lily-white*' philosophy.

**Racism in all forms is sin!** The Body of Christ is made up of all believers, regardless of race, color, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual

identity, etc. who are **one** in Christ. The apostle Paul declared, "*for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*" (*Galatians 3:27-28*) NIV

### **CHRISTIAN RACISM**

As a Christian originally from a fundamentalist background I get especially upset when I confront prejudice of any stripe among Christians. It is incongruent with the Gospel message. In our nation **racial bigotry and prejudice** has been displayed by many 'white' Christians. Certainly **not all white Christians** have been guilty of this although many have been part of **the KKK**. Many white Christians advocated slavery before the Civil War. Some Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and others were even slave owners. The Southern Baptist Convention came into being by those who refused to oppose slavery. After the Civil War many Christians, not only in the South, but throughout the nation advocated segregation. **Segregation was and continues to be sin** and should never be supported by Christians of any race.

Why is it that in our day **few** 'white' Christians and 'African-American' Christians ever worship together? We continue to have our separate churches...why? Could it be that segregation continues in Christian circles though outwardly denied that it exists? Could it be that 'white' Christians do not realize how much they can learn from their 'black' and 'brown' brothers and sisters in Christ? I am convinced that many predominately **African-American churches** are closer to the New Testament model than is often realized by many white Christians.

**Racism is alive and well among many Christians!** It is not totally confined to white Christians. There are many African- American Christians who demonstrate hostility and racism toward whites and toward Jews. My prayer is that racism and other forms of bigotry and prejudice will diminish among all Christians of whatever theological stripe and will eventually be stamped out completely.

### **A GROWING DANGER**

There is a close relationship between the KKK, Nazis, Anglo-Israelism and Christian Identity. This is frightening. I also have concern as I view 'Reconstructionism' or 'Kingdom Now' theology. This brand of theology originated in Calvinism and is being promoted by a growing number of theologically conservative churches. It is a dangerous theology. **Reconstructionism** is striving for a Christian America. It teaches that by electing 'Christian' politicians we will become a Christian nation and thus bring in the rule and reign of Christ upon earth. The goal of those who hold this false and erroneous theology is that with the establishment of America as a Christian nation the old Levitical laws will be put in place, then enforced. With their adoption would follow the enforcement of the death penalty for adultery, homosexuality, etc. "*An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth*" would become the law of the land. **Reconstruction theology is a heresy** that thinking Christians must reject and oppose!

### **WHAT WE CAN DO**

Christians cannot remain silent to the cultic message of the Christian Identify Movement. As Christians we can:

◆ Look within our hearts to see if there exists prejudice towards others whether hidden or spoken. If God reveals this sin in your heart and life, confess it and repent of it. Ask God to

give you grace to overcome any resentment, hurt or prejudice that you may be harboring.

◆ Pray for others, especially for fellow Christians, who are held in the vicious grip of bigotry and prejudice. Pray that they will be delivered from this demonic sin.

◆ Pray for those people you know who have been the target of prejudice, unkindness and bigotry. Pray for people of other races, other cultural backgrounds as well as people you may not know. Get to know people of other races, other cultures and other faith groups.

◆ Get out of your comfort zone and deliberately work on establishing relationships with others different from your immediate circle of friends.

◆ Work on making your church open and genuinely accepting of people who are not in the majority racially, ethnically, culturally, etc. Work on getting your congregation to fellowship with other congregations whose make up is largely different from your own. Get to know, worship with, and love fellow believers regardless of their outward differences.

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