

**“So What’s the Difference?”**  
***(A comparison between biblical Christianity and other faiths)***  
**September – December 2018**

**Course Description**

The purpose of this course is to provide a general overview of other religions in order to understand them better and be better equipped to effectively reach their adherents with “the grace of God in truth.”

**Course Objectives**

- 1: Understand the historical backdrop in which the religious organization developed
- 2: Be able to discern beliefs unique to the respective religious organization
- 3: Know how the biblical truth compares with erroneous doctrines
- 4: Research in some depth a religious group of choice and present the results in a 3-5 page essay
- 5: Formulate and begin use of personal/corporate action plan for reaching people of other faiths
- 6: Establish a baseline apologetic approach to speaking with individuals of any religious background
- 7: Recognize those belonging to other beliefs to be in a sad state without the glorious truths contained in biblical Christianity

**Course Obligations**

- Weekly readings in the course book (*So What’s the Difference* by Fritz Ridenour) (*usually 1 chapter*)
- Supplemental reading or online lecture
- Weekly attendance (as faithful as possible) and preparedness (come ready to engage)
- Scripture memory of assigned verses pertinent to the course reading assignment under study
- Periodic quizzes on course readings and a final comprehensive examination for certification
- Small group discussion of the weekly readings of each week and supplemental teaching
- A 3-5 page approved research paper/ any aspect of this study you want to know better.

➡Teacher availability for questions and clarification: *Pastor Tom and Joshua Combs*  
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**Grading**

50%	<i>Final Exam</i>	A = 90-100
30%	<i>Homework</i>	B = 80-89
20%	<i>Scripture Memory</i>	C = 70-79
10%	<i>Quizzes</i>	D = 60-69
<b>100%</b>	<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	F = 0-59

WEEK	DATE	CLASS OBJECTIVES / DIRECTION	HOMEWORK
1	9/7	Biblical Christianity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▀ Read SWTD Introduction and Chapter 1</li> <li>▀ Assignment 1</li> </ul>
2	9/14	Biblical Christianity (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▀ Read SWTD Chapter 4</li> <li>▀ Assignment 2</li> </ul>
3	9/21	Judaism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▀ Read SWTD Chapter 6</li> <li>▀ Assignment 3</li> </ul>
4	9/28	Hinduism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▀ Read SWTD Chapter 7</li> <li>▀ Assignment 4</li> </ul>
5	10/5	Buddhism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▀ Read SWTD Chapter 5</li> <li>▀ Assignment 5</li> </ul>
6	10/12	Islam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▀ Read SWTD Ch. 12 pgs. 161- 164</li> <li>▀ Assignment 6</li> </ul>
7	10/19	Islam (continued) Baha'i	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▀ Read SWTD Chapter 9</li> <li>▀ Assignment 7</li> </ul>
8	10/26	Jehovah's Witnesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▀ Read SWTD Chapter 10</li> <li>▀ Assignment 8</li> </ul>
9	11/02	Latter Day Saints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▀ Read SWTD Ch. 12 pgs. 192 - 200</li> <li>▀ Assignment 9</li> </ul>
10	11/9	Humanism/Postmodernism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▀ Read SWTD Chapter 2</li> <li>▀ Assignment 10</li> </ul>
11	11/16	Roman Catholicism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▀ Supplemental material</li> <li>▀ Assignment 11</li> </ul>
12	11/23	**NO CLASS FOR THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▀ Study for exam</li> </ul>
13	11/30	Roman Catholicism <b><u>Final Exam</u></b>	
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