

# The Message

Pastor Ron Smith

## **The Great Commission – Teaching All Nations to Obey**

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# Useless Religion vs Pure Religion

If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is **useless**. **Pure** and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world (James 1:26-27).



**Stephen C. Perks**  
**CD: Christianity As a Cult**  
[www.kuyper.org](http://www.kuyper.org)

Christianity is a religion.

If we say it is not, we are then saying it is only a cult.

A cult is not just a false cult.



# Dictionary: A Cult Is a System of Religious Worship

From Latin: *cultus, a system of worship.*



# What then is a religion?

From the Latin *religio*.

A bond, an obligation.

To bind.

Re- + ligāre as in ligatures, to bind, or tie.



# **Cult Is a Personal Worship Hobby.**

Satan does not mind people having a personal relationship with Jesus as long as they vote for his representatives.



# **The Religion of Rome Was a Political Religion (Emperor Worship)**

Politics is always a religious matter. All states are religious states.



# **The True Mark of the Beast:**

**“We have no king but Caesar!”**



# **A Political Statement**

“Jesus is Lord”

**With All Authority in Heaven and on Earth**



# Today's Religion: Secular Humanism

Separation of God and State



# Man Is by Nature a Religious Creature



# Pop Christianity Teaches:

- Jesus as your buddy
- Prosperity Gospel
- Escape in the rapture
- Jesus is the ticket



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