

# Cults Part 1 (Introduction page 3)

Col 1:18

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things **he might have the preeminence.**

*A cult then is defined as any entity that rejects the doctrine that Jesus Christ came to earth as God in the flesh, that He is the second member of the Trinity and one with the Father and the Holy Ghost and that He alone (+/- nothing) provides a sinner salvation.*

## Why are there so many different religions?

1. Because people don't read, study and rightly divide the Scriptures.

2 Tim 2:15

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

**Ask 4 questions when studying the Bible:**

- 1) Who is speaking?
- 2) To whom is he speaking?
- 3) About what is he speaking?
- 4) When was he speaking?

Example:

Matt 5:39

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Rom 12:18

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Is this a contradiction?...No...Use the 4 questions to solve this problem...Jesus was speaking under the law to a Jewish audience...Paul is speaking to a gentile audience that is under grace...Paul is the apostle to the church age gentile (us) and we are to follow him....

1 Cor 11:1

11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.