

**Fundamental Basics (of Christianity)** – Pastor Mike Smith [Notes from the Fundamental Basics series (2008-2010)]

The most fundamental issue we all must address is, “WHAT HAPPENS AFTER WE DIE?” Yet, the story of Randy Pausch didn’t touch it. It didn’t go there. What a shame. No one has come back from the grave to tell us about it.

- a. The Apostle Paul, Lazarus and a few others came back from the grave, but they didn’t talk about it.
- b. Some people designated “legally dead” came back, but that’s not coming back from the grave.

**Basic Questions:** Your answers to these questions determine what you think will happen after you die.

**1. Is heaven real?**

Is it a literal place? If so, how do I get there?

**2. Is hell real?**

Is it a literal place? If so, how do I avoid going there?

**3. Is God real?**

Does He really exist? If so, what is He like and how can I get to know Him?

**4. Is Jesus Christ real?**

Is He who He says He is? If so, what does that mean for me?

The ATHEIST answers “NO” to all 4 basic questions.

\*The BUDDHIST answers “NO” to all 4 basic questions.

The HINDU answers “NO” to 1, 2, & 4. “YES” to 3.

The MUSLIM answers “YES” to 1,2, & 3. “NO” to 4.

The JEW (Judaism) answers “YES” to 1, 2, & 3. “NO” to 4.

The CHRISTIAN answers “YES” to all 4 basic questions.

\* From “Kingdom of the Cults” by Walter Martin. “Zen Buddhism has no God to worship, no ceremonial rites to observe, no future abode to which the dead are destined, and last of all, Zen has no soul .”

The United States in 2001:

78.5 % Christianity (52% Prot., 25% Catholic., 1.5% LDL)

15.0 % No religious affiliation (significantly less than in Britain - 44% and Sweden - 69%)

1.3 % Judaism

.7 % Islam

.6 % Buddhism

.4 % Hinduism

Other religions found here:

New Age, Native American spirituality, Sikhism, Jainism, Shintoism, Taoism, Neopaganism Confucianism, Heathenism, the Bahá’í Faith, Zoroastrianism, Scientology. It is easy to understand why so many people are confused, having either the wrong answers or thinking it’s impossible to know the answers to these basic questions.

**1<sup>st</sup> MAJOR PREMISE:** We can know the answers to these four basic questions, .... “How?”

There are 4 basic ways for man to know something:

1. Empiricism – Knowledge acquired by observation from our 5 senses.
2. Rationalism – Knowledge acquired from our ability to reason or speculate. Reality is what you think.
3. Mysticism – Knowledge acquired from legend, direct experience (demons), or intuition.
4. Revelation – Knowledge acquired from God through His creation, His Word, and through Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, most people have opted for one of the first three: empiricism, rationalism, mysticism, or a combination of the three. The results have been devastating.

Has your curiosity been aroused?

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**SUNDAY**  
**March 10, 2024**

Matthew  
5:13-16

**PRELUDE**

**HYMN # 349**

**HYMN Red Floppy bk**

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**SUNDAY MESSAGE**

**BENEDICTION**

**O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING**

**IT WON’T BE LONG**

**EXODUS 22**

**Memory Verse # 12**

*nevertheless, knowing that a person is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the Law; since by works of the Law no flesh will be justified. Galatians 2:16 (NASB)*

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