

## CouplesInBloom.com – Who Defined Your God?

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If Jesus was still on earth today, we would hear Him say, “Get behind Me, Satan” ⇨ Mark 8:33 to people who award themselves a Christian name tag yet preach heresy. Ranging from unknown folks to internationally televised ministry leaders, Satan preaches convincing sermons through them yet some folks confidently consider them Christians ⇨ 2 Corinthians 11:13-15. **Redefining** God’s will puts “**many**” in hell ⇨ Matthew 7:21-23.

Since Jesus is not on the earth today, it is the Bible and the Holy Spirit who inform our spirit who preaches heresy. God’s sheep know His voice, and the voice of another they will not follow ⇨ John 10:1-5. Jesus said this would happen ⇨ Matthew 24:4-12. Deceivers preach another gospel that emphasizes **self** for two important evil reasons: 1) it steals worship from God, and 2) it appeals to sinful human nature ⇨ 2 Timothy 4:3-4.

This humanism directly correlates to our personal definition of God... impacting our worship, lifestyle, world view, and how we manage every situation in life. Example: true or false **definition of God’s love** as in ⇨ John 3:16 “For God so **loved** the world...”:

If God **assessed** the world and found some loveliness in it to respond to, then the world deserved some credit for God loving them, thus be due some praise, glory and worship. If God **assigned** loveliness to the world because it had none, then He alone deserves full credit from the world, thus be due all the world’s praise, glory and worship.

Often, Christianity mistakenly chooses the irreconcilable hypocrisy of embracing **humanism by not worshipping God with their entirety**, using the “**I have inherent value**” lie that Satan preaches to the world. The value we **do** have is an assigned gift from God, and is absolutely **not inherent!** This **definition** of God and His love **pivotaly matters** because it forms our worship... which God is fiercely and rightfully jealous about ⇨ Nahum 1:2; Exodus 34:14 (hence Satan sells sermons to ‘Christian’-labeled humanists).

A counter-argument: “***What about ⇨ Genesis 1:31 where God calls His creation, including mankind, “very good.”?***” Answer: that pre-fallen condition of creation ***was*** “very good”... ***until*** it chose to sin against God. Thankfully, God knew this would happen. Yet, in order to be loved by choice, God gave mankind the gift of a free will; ***able to not love God back***, if chosen. The rest is history; the Old Testament shows how ‘***man cannot***’ and the New Testament shows how ‘***Jesus can***’ save mankind from its sin.

All-out worship is the natural response of realizing who God is. It is ***not*** the activity of emotionally weak people, or any other humanly- or satanically- concocted idea. God remains ***inconceivably silent*** about the ultimate importance of us trusting His definition of Himself... waiting for as many as possible to respond to His love ⇨ 2 Peter 3:9. One thing God cannot do is force us to love Him back; it’s His gift to us we give back to Him.

In Jesus’ own words, the question is, “***Who do you say that I am?***” ⇨ Matthew 16:15. **Hell-bound answers** include: ‘there’s only one God’; ‘God has many names’; ‘a prophet’. **Hell-born reasons** behind these answers: **Outward**: be kind, open-minded and fair to ‘all God’s children’ by not excluding anybody; **Inward**: Damn God’s real children to hell! ♥