

Series: Religious Rumble

Sermon: Animism vs Christianity

Bible Verses: Colossians 1:15-20

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_____ and _____, opinions are of no concern!

_____ - (is from the Latin: anima, 'breath, _____, life') it is the belief that objects, places, and creatures all possess a distinct _____ essence.

Animism	Christianity
1. everything has a _____ and those spirits can control and/or dictate our lives. We should show reverence for and even _____ spirits of all kinds.	We do live in a spiritual _____, but that Jesus is in control of the world, including the supernatural part, because God assigned Him that role.
2. It is believed that spirits or others are to blame for our _____ both personal and in the world	We believe, because of the fall and being born of a _____ nature, are to _____ for our troubles.
3. It's okay to add or _____ stuff from our own culture and mix it with Christianity. _____ is the inappropriate blending of non-christian religious ideas or practices with the Christian faith.	We don't pick and choose what we don't/do like, and we must be careful not to _____ or _____ from the Gospel message.
4. _____ are to be taken very literally! Superstition - a widely held, but unjustified belief in supernatural causation leading to certain _____ of an action or event, or a practice based on such a _____.	Adhering to superstitions and/or making _____ forces us to trust in a spirit other than the Holy Spirit given to us. Our trust is found in Jesus alone through the power of the one true Spirit, the Holy Spirit.
5. We must depend on a medicine man or a _____ to be at peace find harmony or be saved.	Jesus is the great _____ and _____. Peace, Harmony and salvation are found in Him alone

Challenge:

When the world, other religions and false gospels try to convince me otherwise, I will cling to the truth of the Biblical Gospel and remember the ultimate _____ of Jesus Christ! He is the ever-reigning champion in the _____!!

Resources:

"The Worldview of the Kingdom of God" by Allen, Miller, & Moffatt

"Rheenen, Communicating Christ In Animistic Contexts " by Rheenan