

## Acts 11:26

***And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.***

Recently, I have heard more and more Christians, and even pastors from the pulpit say that they don't want to be called a "Christian" anymore because how the term or title of "Christian" is used so loosely now a days, where it seems everyone is a Christian.

On the same note, how has the LBGT community perverted the Rainbow as their symbol, so Christians shy away from using the rainbow.

And worse of all, the title of GOD, how loosely is that used whereas when you tell someone about GOD (Our GOD) they will say they believe in god (small "g") which is not the GOD of the bible, but people have turned anything and everything into a god.

So, why do I mention these things?

I do because I am tired of the enemy (satan) taking the precious, holy things, and perverting them, which we know he does. But what's worse is we have allowed the enemy to do so instead of standing against these perversions, just like Paul did.

† ***Acts 13:8-10 (KJV) But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?***

Elymas was doing the same thing that is happening today, "***pervert the right ways of the Lord.***" But as we see, Paul stood up against this, and if the bible teaches that that is what the early church did, shouldn't we be doing the same thing? Shouldn't we start saying I am a Christian, "***And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.***" because, according to the bible this is what a Christian is, and then tell them what a true Christian is.

Shouldn't we take back God's promise of the rainbow and explain why God sent it and the purpose of what GOD did.

† ***Genesis 9:13-16 I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."***

Yet the world does not understand these things, and Jesus spoke about them as well, and even says why the world does not understand the things of God.

† **John 8:43-44** *Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.*

Paul addressed it to the Romans as well when he said.

† **Romans 1:25** *who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.*

Finally, let's take back and start using the title of GOD the way the bible does. Let's stop taking it so lightly like when we say the name GOD, we treat it more like "god" instead of "GOD!!!"

If we are people of GOD, then let's defend the things of God, His word, His promises, His Holy Name!

† **Exodus 3:15** *Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'*

† **Psalms 71:16** *I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only.*

† **Revelation 11:17** *saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.*

† **Jude 1:3-4 (NLT2)** *Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people. I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.*