

Burger King Religion

Introduction. In 1974, Burger King debuted what would become one of the most famous slogans in fast food: "Have It Your Way." This strategy aimed to contrast Burger King's flexibility with McDonald's rigidity in serving their burgers.

The notion that God will accept whatever man wants to offer as far as religious teaching and practice is concerned is simply not found in the Bible. We are going to see why, in numerous areas, you cannot "have it your way."

I. Examples Of Burger King Religion

- A. Whether to care about authority.
 - 1. Matthew 21:23-27.
 - 2. John 5:19-23, 39; 12:48-50.
- B. Whether to call ourselves Christians.
 - 1. Acts 11:26; 26:28.
 - 2. 1 Peter 4:16.
- C. Whether to baptize for the remission of sins.
 - 1. Acts 2:38; 22:16.
 - 2. Galatians 3:26-27.
- D. Whether to celebrate Easter and Christmas.
 - 1. John 4:24.
 - 2. Colossians 3:17.
- E. Whether to partake of the Lord's Supper every week.
 - 1. Matthew 26:26-30.
 - 2. Acts 20:6-7.
- F. Whether to use musical instruments in worship.
 - 1. Ephesians 5:19.
 - 2. Colossians 3:16.
- G. Whether to help non-saints from the church treasury.
 - 1. Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-35; 6:1-7.
 - 2. Romans 15:25-26.

II. Problems With Burger King Religion

- A. It implies that there is little or no basis for agreement in religion.
 - 1. There can be no unity without agreement (Amos 3:3).
 - 2. Israel was to keep the Law (Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 29:29).
 - 3. We are not to go beyond what is written (1 Corinthians 4:6).
- B. It exhibits a rejection of the Bible's teaching on unity.
 - 1. It makes Jesus' prayer for unity irrational (John 17:20-21).
 - 2. It makes Paul's plea for unity implausible (1 Corinthians 1:10).
 - 3. It makes Paul's plan for unity impractical (Ephesians 4:3-6).

Conclusion. While having it your way is a fine concept for serving fast food, it is not the biblical concept of religion. In the time of the judges, people did what they wanted and were condemned (Judges 2:11-15; 17:6; 21:25). The Bible is for instruction so that we can preach and practice what it says (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 4:11).