

# The hidden danger of syncretism



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Time for a pop quiz. Look at the following statement and ask yourself if it is biblical:

*Love means being tolerant, accepting and non-judgmental.*

Would it surprise you to learn that... it's not!

You may be inclined to think there is an element of biblical truth in that statement and therefore the whole statement is valid. But that's not the case. It's actually a mixing of non-biblical ideas with biblical truth. This is called syncretism.

Syncretism happens when someone mixes what they think the Bible says with their inherent culture-influenced worldview. Combining these two very different views leads to them adopting a third, mixed belief system that is unlike the first two. As believers, we need to recognize that syncretism is a very real problem. Not only does it trip up our spiritual lives, but when we try to share the gospel with others, we can also unwittingly contribute to syncretism in our listeners by how we explain the good news.

Because it is so pervasive, it's important to examine syncretism's causes and how we can battle it in our own lives and when we share the gospel. To help you do this, we have produced a 32-page ebook entitled, "The Hidden Danger of Syncretism." We trust you will benefit from reading it.

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