

WEEK FIVE

Example of Paul

“Many people are rejecting the gospel today not because they perceive it to be false, but because they perceive it to be trivial.”

- John Stott, English Anglican Priest & Evangelical Theologian



**Unity &
Humility**

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Imitating the Example of Christ

**How do we live in such a way that
others around us are compelled to
follow Jesus?**

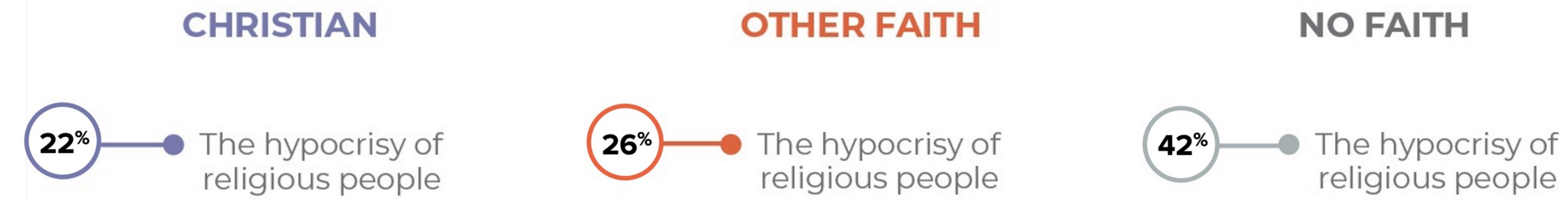
What Causes People to Doubt Christianity?

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Hypocrisy ranks #1 for non-Christians

Do any of the following cause you to doubt Christian beliefs? Select all that apply.

Base: general population ages 13+



Obedience

Unity

Trust

Philippians 2:12a ^{NIV}

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence...

Obedience
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Philippians 2:14-16a ^{NIV}

Do everything without grumbling or arguing,¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

Grumbling & Arguing People

Deuteronomy 32: 5 & 45-47a ^{NIV}

They are corrupt and not his children; to their shame they are a warped and crooked generation.

⁴⁵ When Moses finished reciting all these words to all Israel, ⁴⁶ he said to them, “Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. ⁴⁷ They are not just idle words for you—they are your life.

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Philippians 2:16b-18 ^{NIV}

And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. ¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

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How do **we live in such a way that
others around us are compelled to
follow Jesus?**

**Do we let God work in us to will & act
in order to fulfill His good purpose?**

Source of Obedience, Unity & Trust

Philippians 2:12b-13 ^{NIV}

...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Work for your salvation..

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Work **out** your salvation

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Jesus' Prayer for Believers

John 17:20-23 ^{NIV}

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Many people are accepting the gospel today and growing in community because of the evidence and testimony of redeemed people rightly reflecting the king they serve.

“People around us are starting to know Jesus because we’re learning to live like Jesus and love like Jesus and for that I’m super happy.”