

## The Core Values of Progressive Christianity

By calling ourselves progressive Christians, we mean that we are Christians who...

1. Believe that following the way and teachings of Jesus can lead to experiencing sacredness, wholeness, and unity of all life, even as we recognize that the Spirit moves in beneficial ways in many faith traditions.
2. Seek community that is inclusive of all people, honoring differences in theological perspective, age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, class, or ability.
3. Strive for peace and justice among all people, knowing that behaving with compassion and selfless love towards one another is the fullest expression of what we believe
4. Embrace the insights of contemporary science and strive to protect the Earth and ensure its integrity and sustainability.
5. Commit to a path of life-long learning, believing there is more value in questioning than in absolutes.

# Do Not Be Deceived

**Sin**

**God's wrath against evil**

**OT God**

**Hell**

**Penal substitutionary atonement**

**Absolutes**

**Supernatural**

**Uniqueness of Christ**

**Sola gratia**

**Eternal, inerrant Word**

**“where is this coming He promised?”**

A different Jesus, a different spirit, a different gospel

## **Defense of Marriage Act**

House – 342 to 67

Senate – 85 to 14

Bill Clinton – September 21, 1996

## **Respect for Marriage Act**

Senate – 61 to 36

House – 258 to 169 – December 8, 2022

Joe Biden – ???

"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said,

'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?

So they are no longer two, but one.

Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

**Genesis 2:21-24**

**Matthew 19:4-6**

“We must act now – on a bipartisan, bicameral basis – to combat bigoted extremism and uphold the inviolability of same-sex and interracial marriages. Once signed into law, the Respect for Marriage Act will help prevent right-wing extremists from upending the lives of loving couples, traumatizing kids across the country and turning back the clock on hard-work progress.

This legislation takes several steps to uphold marriage equality under federal law. First, it tears the bigoted, unconstitutional Defense of Marriage Act off the books for good.”

**Respect for Marriage Act – House Speaker Nancy Pelosi  
December 8, 2022**

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False prophets, False Christs  
Counterfeit miracles, signs, wonders  
Many will follow deceiving spirits  
The spirit of the antichrist  
Destructive heresies  
Contrary teachings  
Fine-sounding arguments  
Hollow & deceptive philosophy

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whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine  
that conforms to the glorious gospel of the blessed God

anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the  
sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching

For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine  
encourage others by sound doctrine

You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine

But there were also false prophets among the people,  
just as there will be false teachers among you

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## **OT Doctrine – 1500BC – 400BC**

GOD – YHWH – Creator – lawgiver – eternal, flawless Word  
Immutable, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient  
Israel covenant, promise of Messiah, new covenant  
Salvation to the ends of the earth

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**Jesus – 30-33AD**

**And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets,  
he explained to them what was said  
in all the Scriptures concerning himself.**

**Luke 24:27**

OT & Gospel of God fulfilled – Messiah – God with us – Deity of Christ  
Son of Man, Son of God, sinless, miracles, heaven, hell, judgment,  
crucifixion, death, blood, atonement, burial, resurrection, eternal life



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## Jesus > Apostles

### NT Doctrine – 40-60AD (95AD)

Gospel of God fulfilled – Messiah – God with us – Deity of Christ  
Son of Man, Son of God, sinless, miracles, heaven, hell, judgment,  
crucifixion, death, blood, atonement, burial, resurrection, eternal life

...and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by  
nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead,  
freeing him from the agony of death,  
because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

**Acts 2:22-41**

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Jesus > Apostles > Letters (NT) > Early Church Fathers

## NT Doctrine

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For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance:  
that Christ died for our sins *according to the Scriptures*,  
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day  
*according to the Scriptures*, and that he appeared to Peter,  
and then to the Twelve.

**I Corinthians 15:3-5**

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...evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse,  
deceiving and being deceived.

**II Timothy 3:13**



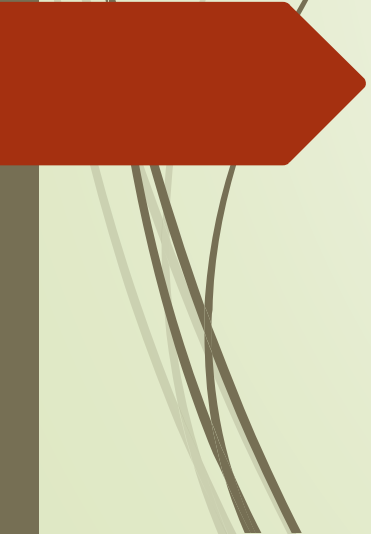
But there were also false prophets among the people,  
just as there will be false teachers among you.  
They will secretly introduce destructive heresies,  
even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them —  
bringing swift destruction on themselves.

**II Peter 2:1**

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Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

**John 17:17**



Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

**Acts 17:11**



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But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you all things and will remind you  
of everything I have said to you.

**John 14:26**

**But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes,  
he will guide you into all truth.**

**John 16:13**

**THE ONE WHO IS IN YOU IS GREATER  
THAN THE ONE WHO IS IN THE WORLD.**

**I John 4:4**