Chrislam is a blend of the words “Christian” and “Islamic,” created by taking “Chris” from “Christian” and “slam” from “Islamic.”

This movement first appeared in Nigeria during the 1970s, a time when religious tensions between Christians and Muslims were high. Nigeria, being the most populous country in Africa, is divided almost equally between these two faiths.

The founders of Chrislam sought to bridge the divide between Christianity and Islam, believing that by uniting the two largest religions in the world, they could promote peace and counter the spread of paganism. They argued that since both faiths mention figures like Abraham and Jesus, and share some moral teachings, there was no need for conflict.

Today, Chrislam has gained popularity in some areas, with many viewing it as a solution to religious division. However, despite some similarities, Christianity and Islam are fundamentally different at their very core.

Is This Union Acceptable Before God?

No. Christianity and Islam cannot be blended. Their foundational beliefs about God, salvation, and eternal life are radically different.

1. Christianity is centered on Christ as the ONLY Savior.

- John 14:6 — *Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

Christianity teaches that salvation is a free gift of God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Eternal life is only possible through believing in His death and resurrection.

- Ephesians 2:8-9 — *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.”*

In contrast, Islam denies the death, resurrection, and divinity of Jesus. It teaches that salvation is earned through personal deeds and adherence to Islamic law (Sharia), not by faith in Christ.

- Titus 3:5 — *“He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but*

because of His mercy.”

2. Islam denies the true identity of Jesus.

Islam acknowledges Jesus (Isa) only as a prophet, not as the Son of God or Savior.

- 1 John 2:22-23 — *“Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.”*

Islam explicitly rejects the deity of Christ, which is central to Christian faith:

- John 1:1, 14 — *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God… The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.”*

Therefore, while Islam and Christianity may appear to share some prophets and ethical teachings, they are based on fundamentally incompatible revelations about God, salvation, and human destiny.

Should Christians Believe In Chrislam?

No. Christians are called to preserve the purity of the Gospel, not to compromise it by blending it with other faiths.

- Galatians 1:8-9 — *“But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God’s curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God’s curse!”*

To mix Christianity with any other belief system is to depart from the truth of the Gospel.

- 2 Corinthians 6:14-15 — *“Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial?”*

We are saved only through faith in Jesus Christ, not by a combination of religious ideas or by human efforts.

- Acts 4:12 — *“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”*

Conclusion

As followers of Jesus Christ, we must hold fast to the true Gospel and avoid any attempts to mix it with other religions.
Chrislam, though it may appear to promote peace, ultimately compromises the essential truths of the Christian faith.
True unity is found only in Christ — not through human-made religious fusion.

Shalom.

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