

What Is Christianity All About?





What It Is Not About

- **Amassing Material Riches**
- **There Are Plenty of Schemes Out There**

1st Timothy 6:5, 6

- **But Some Do Think So**



“The prosperity gospel is an umbrella term for a group of ideas — popular among charismatic preachers in the evangelical tradition — that equate Christian faith with material, and particularly financial, success. It has a long history in American culture, with figures like [Joel] Osteen and Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker, glamorous, flashily-dressed televangelists whose Disneyland-meets-Bethlehem Christian theme park, Heritage USA, was once the third-most-visited site in America.”

“The prosperity gospel, explained: Why Joel Osteen believes that prayer can make you rich”;

Vox, Sept. 1, 2017



What It Is Not About

- Elevating One's Social Standing
- Clubs/Societies/Orgs/Web Sites For That
- But Some Do Think So



What It Is Not About

- **Ensuring Your ‘Personal Happiness’**

- **Many Christians Suffer Regularly**

2nd Timothy 3:12; Hebrews 11:35-37

- **The Focus Is On The Wrong One: Self**

2nd Corinthians 5:9; 1st Corinthians 10:33; Romans 15:1-3



What It Is About

- **Forgiveness And Salvation**
- **Something We All Need**

Romans 3:12, 23; Ecclesiastes 7:20; 1st John 3:4

- **A System Established By God Before Time**

2nd Timothy 1:9; 1st Peter 1:20, 21; Ephesians 3:10, 11



What It Is About

- **A Life Of Grateful Service**

- **To God, For What He Has Done For Us**

John 3:16; 1st Timothy 1:12, 13; 1st Corinthians 15:56, 57; Romans 12:1

- **To Our Fellow Man, As Christ Did**

Mark 9:35; 10:45; John 13:15; Phlp. 2:3, 4



What It Is About

- **A System of Faith Established By God**
- **We Conform To It, Not It To Us**

Romans 8:29; 12:2

- **A Life Lived To Please God, Not Self**

2nd Corinthians 5:13; Galatians 2:20

*“Christianity, if false, is of no importance,
and if true, of infinite importance. The only
thing it cannot be is moderately important.”*

C.S. Lewis