

## THE CROSS AND THE CRESCENT Christianity or Islam?

- Intro:
- A. Christianity and Islam are the two largest religions in the world.
  - B. The Bible and the Quran are in conflict with each other.
  - C. Muslim scholars claim the Bible has been corrupted and the Quran is correct.

### I. CHRISTIANITY BEGAN IN 33 AD

- A. Founded by Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:13-21)
- B. It had been prophesied (Isaiah 53; Daniel 2:44)
- C. Authority rests in the Bible (John 12:48; 8:31,32)
- D. Christianity is a religion, not a social system (Mark 12:17)
- E. It's purpose is to save man (John 3:16; Luke 19:10)
- F. A religion of peace (Matthew 22:37, 38; Luke 1:78,79)
- G. Christianity is a personal religion not a cultural one.
- H. Salvation is offered by the grace of God (Ephesians 2:8-10)

### II. ISLAM BEGAN IN 6:10 AD

- A. Founded by Muhammad ibn Abdullah**
- B. Authority rests in the Quran (Hadith)**
- C. Islam is not just a religion** *“Muslim scholars state that Islam is an all-encompassing system—a socio-political, socioreligious system, as well as socioeconomic, socioeducational, legislative, judiciary, and military system governing every aspect of the lives of its adherents, their relationships among themselves, and with those who are non-Muslims.”* (Zacharias, Beyond Opinion).
- D. Islam is a religion based in violence:**  
*“Oh ye who believe! Fight the Unbelievers who are near to you and let them find harshness in you: and know that Allah is with those who fear him.”* (Sura 9:123).
- E. To become a Muslim one must sincerely believe and repeat,**  
*“There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is the messenger of Allah.”* (Islam Revealed A Christian Arab's View of Islam, p. 28, Dr. Anis A. Shorosh)

- Conclusion:
- A. Islam is set in 7th century Arab culture which they would impose on the world
  - B. Islamic law does not recognize individual freedoms.
  - C. Islam's world view.
  - D. Christianity's world view .