

I'm sorry, I don't speak "Christianese"

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Let me start off by saying:

I LOVE THE LORD! THANK YOU JESUS! PRAISE THE LORD! AMEN!

Okay, did I get them all in?

You know what I mean, to satisfy the person that we all know that doesn't seem to know how to have a meaningful dialogue without speaking "Christianese."

I may have just made up the word, because I honestly don't know if it exists, but I am a tad bit burned out by folks that keep speaking a language, that quite honestly most of them don't even understand.

I can't begin to tell you that I am one that can appreciate someone being completely and utterly sold out for Jesus and wants to tell the world about Him. There is nothing more refreshing to me than that. I would never turn a person away that has a sincere love for God and wants to encourage me and us both be edified.

But there are some folks that go way overboard, and it becomes obtrusive and sometimes

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offensive.

I mean, maybe you haven't run across them yet, but let me give you a few examples and maybe you will recognize.

I am an avid fan of social media and frequent Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn often. When I am utilizing social media, I find myself hanging out on Facebook more than the other mediums.

I tend to make posts, mostly about what I am feeling at the time, but also a variety of educational, informational or current event type posts. Now, I believe in freedom of speech and want everyone to feel comfortable with posting absolutely anything on my page, as long as it isn't offensive or sexist.

Okay, we all have seen the football games, when the guy in the stands in the back of the end zone holds up the sign that says "John 3:16" as the kicker is about to kick. I always found that to be so cool and such a way to share Christ with someone in a creative way.

There are times, however, when you find yourself having the random responders who feel that every single post is an opportunity to quote scriptures or make religious statements that have absolutely nothing to do with the flow of the conversation or the post itself.

What's funny is, even now as someone is reading this, they are making a judgment on me and my writing.

I remember when I made my decision to change my life, some years ago, I was an eager and hungry young man that simply wanted to follow Christ and do what was right.

Wouldn't you know I ran across some folks, some were friends and some were strangers, that beat me across the brain senseless with scriptures telling me that I wasn't really saved because I didn't get baptized a certain way.

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And if it wasn't for the fact that I was eager to know God and seek Him for myself, I would have been more traumatized and confused than I had become.

God wants us to be cognizant of every single aspect of what makes this world function and tick. He said that you are in the world, but not of the world. In other words, He never said that you weren't supposed to be a part of what makes the world go, you just can't allow the spirit of this world consume your mind, body and soul.

Politics, education, social causes, the environment, finances, health and wellness are all important to God. Stop acting like you know better than God.

There is nothing more ignorant to me than people saying that they don't care about politics or things that go on in the real world, they just care about God's word. God gave man dominion and control over the Earth, so why shouldn't it matter to you?

God uses man to execute His will on the Earth as He used Moses to deliver the Israelites when they cried out for deliverance.

I am so glad that the Bible shows us clearly the type of man Jesus was as He lived on the Earth. He was a man of the people that walked and talked with the people as a human being, not some foreigner from another world.

For those that didn't understand, He spoke in parables to make it plain for them.

For those that were hungry, He fed them.

For those that were sick, He healed them.

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For those that were sinners, He hung with them and most importantly He died for them.

This is by no means an attempt to silence anyone from sharing God with anybody. But learn how to have a meaningful dialogue, get to know people, build relationships with people, show love and most of all restraint.

Okay, I'm done.

I went back through the article to ensure that I capitalized "He", "His", "Him", "Jesus" and "God", so I should be okay. If not I am sure my "Christianese" speaking folks will let me know where I have erred.

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