

# Failure of Religion

by A.W. Tozer

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*A.W. Tozer argues that religion in itself is not enough to satisfy the sinner's need and that only our Lord Jesus Christ can fulfill the eternal longing in our souls.*

**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 3:11, Matthew 11:28, John 14:6

**Topics:** "True Fulfillment in Christ", "The Inadequacy of Religion"

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## Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes that mere religion cannot fulfill the deep spiritual needs of humanity, as it often leads to manipulation and superficial changes without addressing the core issue of sin. He critiques the rituals and practices that may adorn a person's life but ultimately leave them unchanged and still longing for true satisfaction. Tozer asserts that only Jesus Christ can truly satisfy the eternal hunger within our hearts, highlighting the inadequacy of religious practices alone in achieving spiritual fulfillment.

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## Transcript

Millions of men and women refuse to face up to the fact that religion, in and of itself, is not enough for the sinner's need. It is amazing how many things religious people want to do to you. They can start with infant baptism and end up with the last rites when you are 108 years old-and all of that time they will manipulate you, maul you and sweet-message your soul. When it is all done you are just what you were. You are just a decorated and massaged sinner-a sinner who did not eat meat, or on the other hand, a sinner who did eat fish! When religion has done all it can, you are still a sinner who either went to church or did not go to church.

Religion can put us on the roll and educate us and train us and instruct us.

But after all that, there is still something within our beings that cries, "Eternity is in my heart and I have not found anything to satisfy it!" Only our Lord Jesus Christ is enough to satisfy the eternal longing in our souls.

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