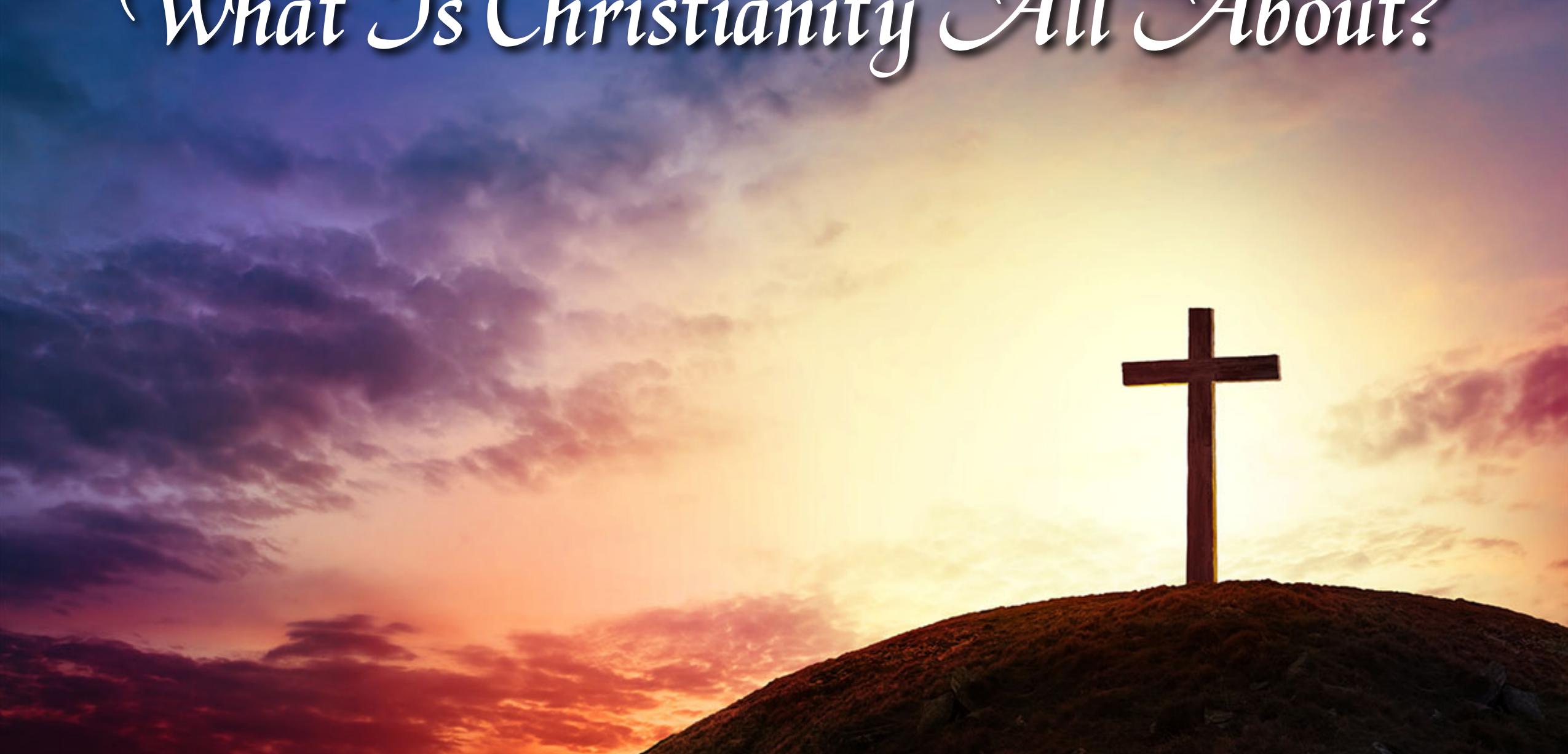
What Is Christianity All About?





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."

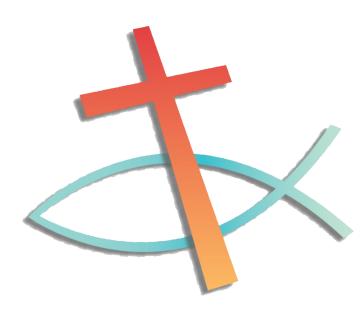
"The prosperity gospel, explained: Why Joel Osteen believes that prayer can make you rich";

Vox, Sept. 1, 2017



What It Is Not About

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



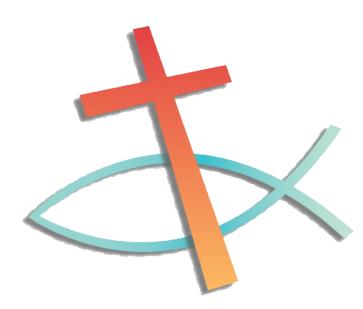
What It Is Not About

- 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



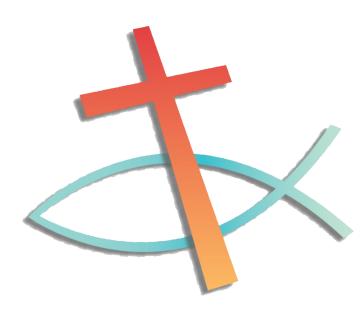
What It Is About

- 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