

HERE ARE SOME OVERT AND COVERT THEMES FROM CHRISTIANITY THAT I HAVE FOUND TOXIC OVER THE YEARS:

1. Human beings are primarily intrinsically sinful and evil.
2. Because humans sin against God, they are deserving of eternal suffering and torment.
3. God uses Hitleresque violence to discipline those who are disobedient.
4. God's truth can only be found in the biblical text.
5. The body and its desires are wicked.
6. The Bible is completely free from contradictory positions on God and the godly life.
7. Masturbation is unholy and sinful.
8. Other religions are demonic and have nothing to offer Christians.
9. God is in control of all things.
10. If you give the church money, God will bless you. If you don't, then God will not.
11. Pastors and those in leadership are somehow holier and deserving of more intrinsic worth than those who are not.
12. Mental illness is caused by demons and they need to be cast out for people to be healed.
13. Propositions and having the right knowledge of God is more important than loving people.
14. God has only one will and if you stray from that will, your choices moving forward are doomed.
15. Praying (or talking to God) increases God's love unilaterally in people's lives; and the more people praying, the greater the chance of God increasing his love (prayer chains anyone?).
16. God should only be considered to have masculine characteristics and should solely be thought of as "Him".
17. Human beings are more important than all other creatures and all creatures are for humans' consumption and purposes.
18. Self-love is contrary to Christian values.
19. God loves some and hates others.
20. God is "up there" and not "down here" and occasionally intervenes in human affairs.
21. Questioning deeply beloved Christian doctrines is unspiritual, divisive, and demonic.
22. Men are superior to women and should be the only ones who lead a church.
23. In the end times, creation is going to burn, so who really cares about taking care of it now.
24. Those who are outside of a heteronormative framework are automatically hell-bound.
25. Emotions are not to be honored and listened to; only God's truth should be valued.
26. Marrying politics with the Christian faith is okay.
27. If we were not "sexually pure" before marriage, then we are forever tainted.