1 John 2:19

"They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us."

Christless Christianity

Isaiah 29:13 & 1 John 2:19

Christless Christianity ...

- 1. Confuses commitment to Christianity for commitment to Christ.
- 2. Equates Bible knowledge to biblical wisdom.
- 3. Mistakes following a system of religious rules for Christian maturity.

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"Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:"

Luke 18:11-12

"The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess."

James 1:22

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

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Christless Christianity ...

- 4. Produces dutiful religious activity rather than glad obedience to Christ.
- 5. Focuses on "episodic moments of ministry" rather than a Christlike life of service.