

## Evangelicals vs Liberals

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**Labels** are unavoidable and they can be very convenient. The word liberal sounds generous, open-minded, and even intellectual. But if you examine closely, such is not the case. They are just as narrow-minded and biased as their opponents. Every fallacy they discover from the opponents they commit themselves.

In fact, some of them can be so narrow-minded they could see through a keyhole with both eyes. The major difference between the two positions is that the conservative admits he is dogmatic but the liberal dogmatically denies that he is dogmatic. They differ in their content but share the same psychology. A cynic has suggested that a liberal theologian is invisible 6 days of the week and incomprehensible on the seventh.

Liberal theology is also called Neo-orthodoxy, Existential theology, and dialectical theology but as a wise sage noted, "A skunk by a different name still stinks." They may use the same word but hold a different meaning. They may confess but not profess. Their concept of God is so vague that when they pray the best they can do is to say, "To whom it may concern." Liberalism is a theological virus very active in theological seminaries. It is the termite that eats away the edifice of the Church.

Liberalism denies the authority of Scripture, the deity of Christ, the virgin birth, the bodily resurrection of Christ, the objective nature of truth, and the absolute basis for ethics.

The father of liberal theology, Friedrich Schleiermacher, promoted the God within rather than the God beyond or "The God who is there." In his teaching anthropology took over theology.

The father of Existentialism, Soren Kierkegaard, removed faith from reason and promoted a subjective Christianity.

These fathers of liberalism taught...

**The objectivity of Faith.** Faith is a mystical, subjective leap in the dark not verifiable by logical evidence.

**The Authority of Scripture.** The Bible is not the infallible word of God but a collection of human opinions for practical living.

**The Trinity of God.** For Karl Barth God is the subjective uncertainty. For Tillich the Ground of Being, Kierkegaard objective uncertainty.

**The Deity Jesus Christ.** A moral teacher who came to teach us how to love fellow humans.

**The Resurrection.** The resurrection is not a miracle but a symbol of hope and a new awakening in the mind of the disciples. Liberalism is a subtle enemy. It is a parasitic virus that gradually strangles the faith.

### **What is so attractive about Liberalism?**

The answer: Relativism, Subjectivism, and Humanism. In liberalism, you can have your cake and eat it too. You decide what you think is good for you. You choose your version of truth, your view of reality. You are the captain of your ship. But your ship is in trouble. It's not sailing towards the heavenly shore. Liberalism may sound fun mentally but is not fundamentally sound. Subjectivism is the enemy of truth, the delusion of the fool, a glorified nonsense.

**Liberalism is a Religion without a Revelation, a Faith without Facts, a Christ without a Cross, a Spirituality without Redemption, and a Hope without a Foundation.**

The rejection of Biblical faith has serious consequences for society. New Zealand provides a classic example of this fact. Their government gradually removed Christian values from its framework. **Like some American cities today it's no longer safe to walk in downtown Queens Street after dark.**

**“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith.”**

**2 Cor 13:5**

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