

Christianity Can Survive the Threat of Islam

“Number of U.S. Muslims to Double,” *USA Today* reported (Jan.27, 2011):

Current

Projected by 2030

- U.S. Muslim Population:
- Total U.S. Population:
- U.S. Muslims born abroad:
- Muslim people on earth:

The article reported two main reasons for Islam’s dynamic growth in the U.S.:

- 1) _____ Patterns
- 2) _____ rates

The Islamic “growth” in America underscores the difference between man-made religions and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Christianity Can Survive the Threat of Islam. What is required of us today is a change in our attitude and perspective toward Islam.

I. Let’s Answer The Threat of Islam As _____, Not _____

- A. The threat of Islam is a crucible for the church. Jesus has no earthly kingdoms (John 18:36).
- B. The Government’s task: _____ (Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Tim. 2:1-4).
- C. The real danger Islam poses: _____.
- D. Christian, don’t _____ the Qur’an, _____ it!

II. Let’s Answer the Threat of Islam As _____, Not _____

- A. Remember that we’re talking about individuals. Conversion to Christ is one soul at a time.
- B. Evangelize Americans – preach Jesus Christ to them.
- C. Do you know that Muslims have _____ savior?
 1. They have to save themselves (Surah 11:114).
 2. No Savior leads men to act in the only way the Qur’an assures Paradise: _____ in *Jihad*. (Surah 47:4-6; 3:157-158; 3:195).
- D. What can local churches do to answer the threat of Islam? Be _____ (1 Tim. 3:15)!
 1. Preach _____, His death and resurrection (1 Cor. 15:1-3).
 - a. Qur’an denies the deity of Jesus Christ, it says He was created (Surah 3:59).
 - b. Qur’an denies that Jesus was crucified (Surah 4:156-158).
 - c. Qur’an condemns Christians for the “good confession” (Surah 9:30).
 2. Dispel misinformation about Islam and Christianity.
 3. Work with _____ – prepare them to talk to Muslims at work or school.

III. Let’s Answer The Threat of Islam As _____, Not _____

- A. Let’s think of Christianity in terms beyond survival (1 John 5:4-5; Luke 12:48).
- B. The apostles prayed for _____, not survival (Acts 4:29; 5:42).
- C. Remember the _____ is in Jesus (Phil. 1:21; Heb. 13:5-6)!

If the Lord does not come, then the year 2030 will. The population of U.S. Muslims may double, but how will you influence growth in the number of Christians?