

# CREATING FALSE CHRISTS – A COMPREHENSIVE CHART

The Real Jesus		Subtract or Reduce the Following:		Add or Expand the Following:		The False Christ
Jesus according to Bible	<i>Minus</i>	God's Law; the doctrine of hell	<i>Plus</i>	hedonism (i.e., pursuit of pleasure)	<i>Equals</i>	<b>The Mascot</b> (Jillian, the Ethical Hedonist)
Jesus according to Bible	<i>Minus</i>	exclusiveness; binary oppositions	<i>Plus</i>	cultural tolerance; religious pluralism	<i>Equals</i>	<b>The Option Among Many</b> (Tamar, the Religious Pluralist)
Jesus according to Bible	<i>Minus</i>	Jesus' divine nature; ministerial use of reason	<i>Plus</i>	magisterial use of reason	<i>Equals</i>	<b>The Good Teacher</b> (Mr. Darby, the Possible Atheist)
Jesus according to Bible	<i>Minus</i>	need to always return to Jesus for forgiveness and life	<i>Plus</i>	two-tiered system; need to move beyond Jesus for personal higher fulfillment	<i>Equals</i>	<b>The Therapist</b> (Wendy, the Life Coach)
Jesus according to Bible	<i>Minus</i>	suffering; faith as a gift	<i>Plus</i>	God's favor of prosperity; faith as self-generated work; over-realized eschatology	<i>Equals</i>	<b>The Giver of Bling</b> (Jim & Stacy Jaeger, the Blessed)
Jesus according to Bible	<i>Minus</i>	distinctions between the two kingdoms	<i>Plus</i>	blending the two kingdoms into one kingdom	<i>Equals</i>	<b>The National Patriot</b> (Jack, the Theocratic American)
Jesus according to Bible	<i>Minus</i>	Jesus died for the whole world; Jesus liberates mankind from sin, death, and the devil	<i>Plus</i>	Jesus fights for only the oppressed; Jesus liberates disadvantaged from oppressive systems	<i>Equals</i>	<b>The Social Justice Warrior</b> (Simon, the Liberation Activist)
Jesus according to Bible	<i>Minus</i>	effects of original sin after conversion; sin because we are sinners; Law reveals sin	<i>Plus</i>	sin is only isolated bad events; sinful acts make us sinners; Law is an achievable guideline	<i>Equals</i>	<b>The Moral Example</b> (Ruby, the Moralist)
Jesus according to Bible	<i>Minus</i>	God's Law; God's Gospel	<i>Plus</i>	manmade traditions equal to scripture; self-justification	<i>Equals</i>	<b>The New Moses</b> (Walter, the Legalist)
Jesus according to Bible	<i>Minus</i>	the Lord speaks in the Word/Bible; Jesus' human nature	<i>Plus</i>	the Lord speaks from the heart; Jesus is an ethereal apparition	<i>Equals</i>	<b>The Mystical Friend</b> (Zach, Mindy, & Stephanie, the Mystic Pietists)
Jesus according to Bible	<i>Minus</i>	masculinity; gender distinctions	<i>Plus</i>	masculinity as oppressive	<i>Equals</i>	<b>The Feminized</b> (Eva, the Feminist)
Jesus according to Bible	<i>Minus</i>	Cross of Calvary; suffering; sound doctrine	<i>Plus</i>	spiritual experiences; positive pleasantries; feelings of safety and comfort	<i>Equals</i>	<b>The Teddy Bear</b> (Gary & Amber Pederson, the Glory Theologians)