
Questions pope's declarations

Sunday's State Journal-Register reported on Pope Benedict XVI's recent visit to Germany. I found three things significant to Bible-believing Christians in that article.

When he met with Muslim leaders he referred to Muslims as brothers and sisters. But Jesus said, "For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister ..." (Matthew 12: 50) And the will of his Father is "... to believe in the one he has sent." (John 6: 29) Muslims cannot be brothers and sisters of Christians because they do not believe Jesus is the son of God.

Although the pope condemned terrorist attacks in Britain, Egypt, Iraq and Turkey, he did not include the recent suicide bombing in Israel. How can the pope refer to Muslims as brothers and sisters while ignoring the plight of the Jews, who the Bible tells us are God's chosen people?

He stated that "...only religion can truly make people free." But the Bible clearly states that it is Jesus (the truth) that can set you free. In John 14: 6 Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life." And in John 8: 32, "... the truth will set you free."

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