## Religious Myths vs. Bible Truths

We are all guilty of following them, like the blind following the blind and ending up in a ditch. But as we search the Word and hear by the Spirit, we uncover the real truths. It is then that we can distinguish truth from religious myth, as we do here.

The following religious myths are in no particular order of importance, but rather as His Spirit has brought them to mind, with the most current on top.

Religious Myth: Jesus was made sin for us.

**Truth:** Jesus was a SIN OFFERING for us.

The myth has its roots in a mistranslation of **2Corinthians** 5:21 shown here:

"21. For he hath MADE HIM TO BE **SIN** for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." **King James Version & many others** 

This mistranslation is explained in detail in our section "Bible Mistranslations". Until you read that, know for now that the Word plainly states elsewhere in the King James Version that Jesus was a "sin offering", as we see here in **Ephesians 5:2:** 

"2. And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an OFFERING AND A SACRIFICE to God for a sweet-smelling savour [aroma]."

Ephesians 5:2 KJV & many others

He could not be made both, for the sin offering had to be without sin. The difference between being made sin and being made a sin offering is dramatic! The contradiction between these two verses in the same translation is a red flag of a possible mistranslation in one of the two verses. So which is correct? How do we find out? Well, which is in greater harmony with the rest of the Word? The contradiction is a prompt to those who are seeking more truth to see how more accurate translations read, and of course to look at the meaning of the Greek word used for "sin". Jesus was the sinless Lamb offering to atone for our sins. (This is all laid out for quick reference in the explanation under our "Bible Mistranslations".) When we do that research we find that it is **Ephesians 5:2** that is correct. And when we do our further exploration into this we discover that some modern translations get it right for **2Corinthians 5:21**, and most get it correct for **Ephesian 5:2**.

