

Emergent <i>(Works Through Worship)</i>		Scriptural Bible Faith <i>(Grace Through Faith)</i>
Emphasis	Means or implies:	But Jesus said:
Personal relationships	- <i>with the group</i> or community. Please people rather than God.	"For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ." Galatians 1:10 - <i>with God</i> . "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me." John 14:20-21
Tolerance	- <i>for what God warned us to shun</i> . Forbidden things are now okay.	"What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man." Mk 7:20-23 ["Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good." Romans 12:9]
Truth & Scriptures	- <i>subjective, always changing</i> , defined by the group -- with little or no Biblical insight. Denial of absolute and objective truth.	"I am the way, the truth, and the life...." John 14:6 ["Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines." Heb 13:8-9]
Pluralism	All religions (1) <i>lead to the same place</i> , (2) are valid paths to salvation.	"No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him." John 6:44
Authority	Reject traditional authorities . Follow subjective <i>feelings</i> and group consensus .	"I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me." John 6:38 "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." Luke 22:42

<p>Faith and view of the future</p>	<p><i>Based on feelings, imagination, mysticism and group consensus.</i></p>	<p><i>Based on God's Word:</i></p> <p>"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me...." <i>John 17:20-21</i></p> <p>["All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." <i>2 Tim 3:16-17</i>]</p>
<p>Spirituality</p>	<p>Seeking <i>spiritual power, favors, knowledge or wholeness - or oneness</i> with a higher consciousness or an unknowable <i>universal force or spirit</i>.</p>	<p>"...we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him..." <i>I John 5:20</i></p> <p>"Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them." <i>Luke 21:8</i></p>
<p>Pluralism and multiculturalism</p>	<p><i>All religions are equal and okay. Dismiss people who disagree as bigots or extremists.</i></p>	<p>"You shall have no other gods before Me." <i>Exodus 20:3</i></p> <p>"You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are all around you (for the Lord your God is a jealous God among you), lest the anger of the Lord your God be aroused against you." <i>Deut 6:14-15</i></p> <p>"...if you by any means forget the Lord your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish." <i>Deut. 8:19</i></p>

**Continual
Change**

***Demands continual inner
adaptation to cultural
transformation***

"...do not be conformed to this world...." *Romans 12:2*

"Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified." *Mark 15:15*

"If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you." *John 15:19*

"Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it."

1 Thessalonians 5:19-24