

True Orthodoxy

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CHRISTIANITY

(Great Schism AD 1054)

Roman (Western)

Greek (Eastern)

Universal

Orthodox

Rome (Latin)

Constantinople (Greek)

45,000 Christian sub-groups

The early Christian Church had a **schism** that resulted in The Western Church of Rome and the Eastern Church at Constantinople to separate.

The Eastern Church became known as **"Orthodox"** .

However, both claim to be the **"true"** Church as the successors to Jesus Christ and the Apostles.

Both claim to be the **"universal"** Church and use the word Catholic in their official name.

Both claim to hold to the **"holy tradition"** of the Christian faith.

Both celebrate a **sacrificial mass** and minister **sacraments**.

Both are a religion and are bound to the Nicene **creed**.



Orthodox

**Have you ever attended
a Roman Catholic mass or
a Greek Orthodox mass?**



KATHOLIKOS ECCLESIA



ORTHODOXUS EKKLESIA

Proto-orthodoxy

“Apostolic Fathers” (Post-Acts)

Insisted Bishops be treated as equal to the Lord

Hierarchy in the “church” (ekklesia)

“Universal church” under one authority

Rewrote history to validate their biblical views

Eliminated all opposing views as “heresy”

Accepted only what they believed as being “orthodox”

Enforced their “orthodoxy” by torture and death.

Orthodox *adj.*

**Conforming to what is generally
and traditionally accepted as
correct or true; established and
approved**

Orthodoxy *n.*

**authorized or generally accepted
theory, doctrine, or practice.**

Modern definition of orthodoxy

UNORTHODOX

**Contrary to what is usual,
traditional, established,
or accepted.**

Is not the
Dispensation of
the mystery
considered
Unorthodox ?

Orthodox sounds like

something old

established

traditional

ORTHODOX CHURCH *(1772)*

ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS

ORTHODOX JEWS *(1853)*

ORTHODOX PROTESTANTS

ORTHODOX MEDICINE

Orthodoxy

mid 17th century English
via late Latin **orthodoxus**
from late Greek *orthodoxia*
from *orthodoxos*

**It simply amazes me
how many fundamental
words of religion are**

1. not found in the Bible

2. are twisted in meaning

Greek Roots of orthodox

ORTHO

G3717 orthos straight, upright
Acts 14:10, Heb 12:13

G3723 orthos right(ly),
Mark 7:35, Luke 7:43, 10:28, 20:21

3717 orthos

Acts 14:10 ... stand upright

Heb 12:13 ... make straight paths

3723 orthos

Mark 7:35 ...and he spoke **plain**

Luke 7:43 ... thou hast **rightly judged**

Luke 10:28 ... thou hast answered **right**

Luke 20:21 ... teachest **rightly**

Gal 2:14

walk uprightly

orthopedeo

2 Tim 2:15

rightly divide

orthotomeo

Hebrew equivalent of ortho

H3474 **Yashar (27)**: straight, right upright

H3477 **Yashar (119)**: straight, upright

LXX (Greek Septuagint) (Not orthos)

G2118 ***euthytes*: (20)** rectitude, righteousness

G2117 ***euthus*: (59)** straight, true

G2318 ***theosebēs*: (4)** pious, reverent of God

Idioms

straight and narrow”

“standing straight and tall”

“straight from the shoulder”

“straight shooter” “go straight”

“straighten up”

“to be right in the eyes of someone”

Hebrew “upright” = Greek in LXX for

Innocent, unblameable, undefiled

pure, holy, without guile, right,

acceptable to God, upright,

free from guilt, reverent

(Do any of these sound familiar?)

ORTHO

Upright

Straight

Right

True

Righteous

Holy

DOX

G1391 **doxa** *n.*= glory, glorious

praise, worship, truth, honor, dignity,

From 1380 **dokeo** *v.*= think, seem, appear

Note

The Greek for doctrine is

didaskalia

(not doxa or dokeo)

Ortho + doxa = (up)right glory

= (up)right worship

Ortho + dokeo = (up)right opinion

= (up)right thinking

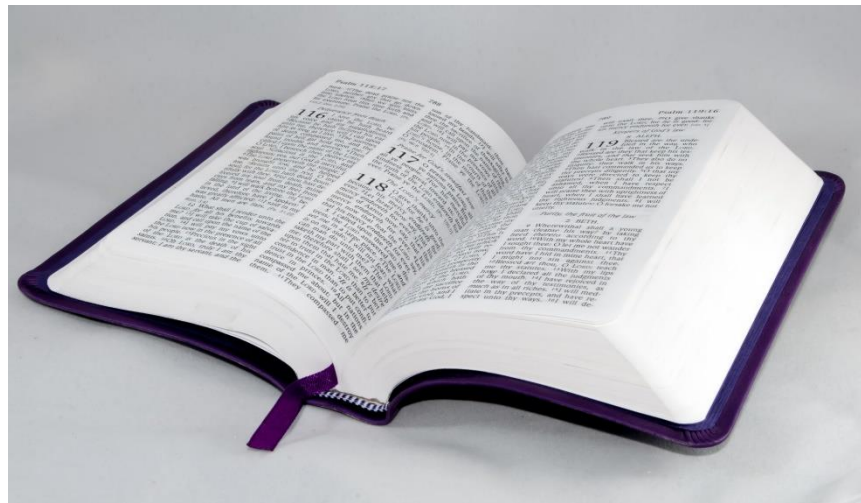
Orthodox

Right opinion?

Right thinking?

Right worship?

**Although the word “orthodox”
is not found in the Scriptures,
the idea certainly runs throughout.**



Biblical definition

Gal 2:14 **Orthodox**

But when I saw that they **walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel**, I said unto Peter before *them* all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? **Orthopedeo**

Biblical definition

2 Timothy 2:15 Orthodox

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth**

Orthotomeo = straight cut

Biblical definition

Pro 3:5-6

**Trust in the LORD with all thine heart
And lean not on thine only understanding
In all thy ways acknowledge Him
And he shall **direct (yashar)** thy paths.**

Rightly divide

Biblical definition

Heb 12:13 **Orthodox**

And make **straight paths** for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

1 Tim 2:3-4 Orthodox

**For this is good and acceptable
in the sight of God our Saviour,
Who desires all men should be saved
and **come unto the full knowledge
of the truth. (or true knowledge)****

Right thinking

Godliness: *eusebia*

***eusebia*: well worship**

Orthodox

(up)right worship

Orthodox : conforming to

"what is regarded as true or correct,"

"the right opinion,"

“the right thinking”

“revealed truth in the Scriptures”

**It seems like the worldly
and religious orthodox meaning of**

“orthodox”

is actually

“unorthodox”

**according to the Greek
meaning of the word.**

Orthodox

**Seems to be another word
that the evil one has
hijacked and perverted
a long time ago.**

**These early churches were
good at pointing out the
mote in each others' eye,**

**But they failed to see the
plank in their own eye:**

Religion

The idea of “religion” (to bind again) is “unorthodox” to John 8:32, 36.

If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

How can a religion be “orthodox”?

2 Tim 2:24-26

And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient, ²⁵ in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them **repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; ²⁶ and *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.**

2 Tim 3:5

having a form of **godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**

2 Tim 3:7

ever learning, and never able to come to the **knowledge of the truth.**

2 Tim 4:3-4

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; ⁴ and **they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**

“Orthodox” is one of man’s words

“Orthodox” is not an inspired
word of God

“Orthodox” is another word used in
“THE LIE”.

How can man be set free in Christ

**Then turn around and create a
“religion” and a “creed”**

And claim to be “Orthodox”

Is that correct in thinking?

**It seems (dokeo) to me
that the word “Orthodox” means
the opposite of how it has been used.**

Orthodox

**means right thinking
about revealed truth
in the Scriptures.**

Unorthodox means that which is
contrary to the correct understanding
of Scripture.

Was **Jesus Christ** considered orthodox?

Was **Paul** considered orthodox?

Is **our understanding of the Body of Christ** considered orthodox?

Jesus was the **"orthodox"** Judean.

The Pharisees and Sadducees were the unorthodox ones.

Paul became the **"orthodox"** apostle.

The Judeans were the unorthodox ones.

Actually the

GREAT SCHISM

occurred

AT THE END OF THE ACTS

**When the “Judeo-Christians”
took the path of religion
that departed from**

Paul’s revelation of the Mystery

This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me. (2 Tim 1:15)

They were not given the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the acknowledging of Him (Eph 1:17)

The eyes of their understanding were not enlightened (Eph 1:18)

They were not strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man. (Eph 3:16)

They were not filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. (Co 1:9)

**Is not the understanding
of the dispensation of
the Body of Christ actually**

Orthodox

And the religion of Christianity

Unorthodox?

Let me say it in a kinder way.

Biblical “Orthodoxy”

has gone through

several phases

and has taken about

2000 years to mature

Phases of Right Thinking

Roman Catholic/Eastern Orthodox

Peter/Peter Matt 16/Acts 2
Roman Church/Eastern Orthodox
Roman Church/ Protestant

Peter/Paul Acts 2/ Acts 13

Paul/Paul Acts 13/ Acts 28

Christian Religion / Body of Christ

Eph 4:12 Orthodox Maturity

for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³ till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a **perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the **fulness** of Christ:**

Eph 4:15 Orthodox Maturity

**But speaking the truth in love,
may **grow up** into him in all
things, which is the
head, *even Christ:***

**Don't let anyone tell you
that your understanding of
dispensational truth
and right division
concerning the Body of Christ
is unorthodox**

Because it is orthodox

**According to the writings of
the apostle Paul
in Philippians, Ephesians,
Colossians, and 2 Timothy**

The Body of Christ

is the present and mature

Orthodokeo Ekklesia

**If 45,000 subgroups of the
Christian religion can claim
to be “**orthodox**” and claim to
have all the truth of the
Scriptures...**

then so can we !

Let Christ be the Judge



ORTHODOXY

Correct Thinking and True Worship