Fundamentals of Faith
Whoever gets the Son gets the Father

If we believe incorrectly about Jesus, then we have no part of the Father

20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. 21 I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. 22 Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also. 24 As for you, see that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is what he promised us—eternal life. 1 John 2:18-23

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

Satan does not need to get us to reject Jesus, he only need get us to be wrong about Him.

Evangelical Teaching

- 1. The Bible is the highest authority for what I believe.
- 2. It is very important for me to personally encourage non-Christians to trust Jesus Christ alone as their Savior.
- 3. Jesus' death on the cross is the only sacrifice that could remove the penalty of my sin.
- 4. Only those who trust in Jesus alone as their Savior will receive God's free gift of eternal life.

Far more people are interested in what Jesus said on earth than what he accomplished on the cross.

15 ...the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. Colossians 1:15-19

If you can get to heaven by being a good person then Jesus and the cross are completely irrelevant.

We are all wired to give glory to something, we will either direct Glory to God where it belongs or we will direct it back upon ourselves.

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When God's Word is irrelevant we are left on our own to determine what is means to be a good person and there will never be universal agreement as to what that means.