

What is Christian Community?	It's any size assembly of saints who share a common faith by continuously trusting Jesus Christ for our eternal salvation.		
What is the Father's commanded goal for this community?	It's reflecting the complete image of God to each other, and then to a lost and dying world so that all may be led into glorious fellowship with Him forever.		
What are the 3 Challenges to this that spawn the 7 Heresies?	1. New Age Movement - both Versions: A. "We're Punished" Far Eastern, & B. "I'm Getting Better" Western (NAM); 2. Fierce Independent Spirit (FIS); 3. Spirit of Mammon - Love of Money (\$).		
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1A. NAM: Far Eastern - "We're Punished"	1. "We have a deceitful, evil heart , and it's desperately wicked." Theme Verse: Jer. 17:9	We're really rotten to the core. It's who we are.	Jer. 17:9 is pre-salvation; Luke 8:15: "But the seed in the good soil , these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart , and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance. 1 Tim. 1:5: But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.
1A. NAM: Far Eastern - "We're Punished"	2. "We're just all sinners , wretched men. It's our sin nature and the old man. We need to die daily to self , and live in brokenness ." Theme Verse: Rom. 7:21-24	Due to our evil hearts, we'll always sin. We'll never arrive or be perfect. What can God possibly expect of us?	Rom. 7 is Paul's former life; Rom. 6:7: for he who has died is freed from sin ; Rom. 6:11: consider yourselves dead to sin , but alive to God 2 Cor. 5:17: a new creature ; the old things passed away ; behold, new things have come.
1B. NAM: Western - "Getting Better"	3. "God's love is always unconditional ; there's nothing I can do to earn anything." Theme Verse: John 3:16	Since we're nothing but sinners, God understands and is always nice, friendly positive, looking the other way like a kind grandfather.	God's merciful love is unconditional; but most love is approving and must be earned; John 14:23: " If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word ; (then) My Father will love him, (then) We will come to him and make Our abode with him; John 15:10: " If you keep My commandments , (then) you will abide in My love ."
1B. NAM: Western - "Getting Better"	4. " No one can fall away from the faith; once saved, you're always saved ." Theme Verse John 10:27-28	Grace covers everything we do, any mediocrity in our lives will always be forgiven, and God always keeps us.	Rom. 11:22: Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell , severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off ; 1 Cor. 9:27: I discipline my body and make it my slave , so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified (a reprobate).

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2. FIS	5. “ Independence and control in the church and western capitalism helps the world know Jesus.” Theme Verse: Phil. 4:13	Competition is naturally good in politics, business and sports; zealot nationalist patriots and war keeps evil in check.	Luke 6:35: (If you) love your enemies , and do good, and lend , expecting nothing in return; (then) your reward will be great , and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men; John 18:36: My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm; 1 John 2:15: Do not love the world nor the things in the world . If anyone loves the world , (then) the love of the Father is not in him.
2. FIS	6. “No one can agree on everything, so let’s agree to disagree .” Theme Verse Eph. 4:13a, Acts 15:39	We might talk to each other someday as God leads; we’ll just fellowship in our own groups.	God commands unity in everything; 1 Cor. 1:10: Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you , but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment .
3. \$	7. “We need to get ready for retirement , make wise investments , and become financially independent like Abraham and Solomon.” Theme Verse: 1 Tim. 6:18	We only need to give the first 10% to God...maybe; we’ll be good stewards of all the rest; we’ve given it all up to Him anyway and He can come get it anytime He wants.	The Old Covenant has been replaced; Matthew 6:19-21: Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.. for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also; Luke 14:33: “So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions; Luke 21:3-4: this poor widow put in more than all of them ; for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on .” 2 Cor. 8:9: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich , yet for your sake He became poor , so that you through His poverty might become rich.

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