

In response to many questions we've received since the conversion of Hank Hanegraaff to the Eastern Orthodox church, we would like to state that we do not agree with his choice, and believe CRI's founder, Dr. Walter Martin, would be appalled by it. In his teachings on Roman Catholicism, Walter Martin categorized Evangelical Christians who convert to Eastern Orthodoxy and Roman Catholicism as "apostate"—believing a different gospel. CRI was founded on the absolute authority of the Bible and salvation by faith alone, doctrines the Eastern Orthodox church denies. A rejection of that foundation is a rejection of Biblical truth. Historically and theologically, Eastern Orthodoxy and Evangelical Christianity are two distinctly different faiths that cannot be combined. In view of this, Mr. Hanegraaff should immediately cease teaching Eastern Orthodox doctrine on the Protestant Bible Answer Man program, and step down from the leadership of Christian Research Institute. To do anything less, from a Biblical perspective, is unethical and profoundly dishonest.

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