



## World Religions - Wicca/Paganism

### Disclaimer

#### Wicca (Witchcraft)

- \*like Buddhism, everyone kinda makes it their own
- polytheistic pagan nature religion
- central deity is a mother goddess
- also worship many other ancient nature gods
- go to these ancient God's for power

#### Wiccan Rede

- "an it harm none, do as ye will"
- do whatever you want as long as you don't harm others
- wiccan can be a means of power and material gain

- no sin or need for forgiveness
- no need for salvation
- no heaven and hell
- some believe in reincarnation

#### 2 things that suprised me

- 1) no human sacrifice and only certain groups do animal sacrifice (Santeria)
- 2) Don't believe in satan or evil (though that is where there power really comes from)
  - Ephesians 2:2
  - Satan is the prince and ruler of this world
  - John 8:44
  - Satan is a liar and a murder
  - John 10:10
  - Satan's ultimate goal is to destroy
  - Only Jesus offers abundant life

may get power and material things in the short term but ultimately leads to destruction

#### What's the Bible say?

- many places say pretty clearly to stay away from witchcraft and worship of other Gods
- there is real power here that wants to destroy people
- \*We have the protection of God and the Holy Spirit but still should not test that

#### Ephesians 6:10-18

- we are at war with the powers of evil
- Satan is trying to pull us away from Jesus
- (People that practice Wicca are not the enemy)
- we need to prepare ourselves with the armor of God

- Belt of Truth
- Breastplate of Righteousness
- shoes of the Gospel
- Shield of faith
- helmet of salvation
- sword of the Spirit, word of God
- all done with prayer

#### Small Group Questions

- 1) Look at each of the pieces of the Armor of God. What can you be doing to put on each piece and why is each piece important?

