

Eric Barger CMTA Conference, May 2-3, 2014 Topics & Descriptions (3 sessions)

Note: The Christian Ministries Training Association Conference is held at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, 300 E. Green St, Pasadena, CA

<u>Friday</u>

The REAL Jesus vs. the Counterfeits

Friday 11:00 – 12:15 (Session 2) Room C-103

The name of Jesus brings peace and freedom to those who believe. But when the cults and world religions mention a "Jesus" many are confused, deceived and taken in by counterfeits. In this session, Eric examines many of false "Christs" being promoted by the cults and New Age Movement today.

Universalism: Is Everyone Already Saved?

Friday 3:30 – 4:45 (Session 4) Room C-103

Universalism has become the "politically correct" religion of choice of many in public life today. Through the misguided ministries of a few high profile individuals, a form of Universalism known as "Universal Reconciliation" has made inroads into modern Christianity as well. In this presentation, Eric Barger defines and illustrates Universalism and examines whether it is compatible with biblical Christianity. Above all, this message clearly illustrates the biblical truths of salvation through Jesus Christ alone, the absolute need for a regenerating, "born again" experience, and the fact that eternal and unending separation from God awaits all who reject salvation through Jesus sacrificial death.

Saturday

Is Your Church New Age, Emergent, or Christian?

Saturday 8:00 – 9:15 (Session 5) Room C-103

What an astounding question! Just a few short years ago, few would have dreamed that by 2013 Evangelicals would be asking this of themselves. These are truly the "perilous times" the Apostle Paul spoke of when men would have "a form of godliness" but would be void of the power of God (II Timothy 3:1-5).

This comparison of New Age and Emergent beliefs against the backdrop of biblical Christianity will not only expose the many likenesses shared by New Age and Emergent philosophies but it will also help equip Christians with discernment in understanding and recognizing real, authentic Christianity.