

'Guardians' Director Slams Chris Pratt Critics Calling for His Cancellation

James Gunn, the director of the first two *Guardians of the Galaxy* movies, is firing back at critics trying to cancel Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) star Chris Pratt seemingly due simply to his Christian faith.

"For what?" Gunn asked a Twitter user calling on the MCU, owned by The Walt Disney Company, to replace Pratt in the film franchise. "Because of your made-up, utterly-false beliefs about him? For something that someone else told you about him, that's not true? Chris Pratt would never be replaced as Star-Lord but, if he ever was, we would all be going with him."

The on-again, off-again criticism of Pratt has returned amid the release of the trailer for the upcoming MCU film *Thor: Love and Thunder*.

As CBN's Faithwire previously reported, in the one-and-a-half-minute trailer, there is a moment when Star-Lord – played by Pratt – gives his team a pep talk, encouraging them to "look into the eyes of the people that you love" whenever they feel they have lost their way. After the comment, Thor – played by Chris Hemsworth – stares intensely into Star-Lord's eyes.

The clip prompted many on social media to recollect Star-Lord, whose character name is Peter Quill, was depicted as bisexual in a 2020 installment of the *Guardians of the Galaxy* comic book.

It's worth noting that, despite facing intense condemnation based on assumptions made over the years, Pratt has never once addressed his views on sexuality or politics. He has simply stated he is Christian and attends church.

Much of the criticism stems from 2019 when *Juno* star Ellen Page – who now identifies as a transgender male and goes by the name Elliot – rebuked Pratt for attending Zoe Church in Los Angeles. The church's lead pastor, Chad Veach, teaches a biblical view of sexuality. As a result, Page panned Pratt for attending worship services at a church she described as "infamously anti-LGBTQ."

At the time, Pratt simply said: "I go to a church that opens their doors to absolutely everyone." {eo}

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