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Saints,

On a cold winter night in 1525, the Spirit of God descended upon a group of twelve brethren in Switzerland and sparked what has since been called the Anabaptist Movement. Looking back at the lives of the men and women in the early days of this revival, we see a passion, a power, a depth of Christian experience that far surpasses that of American Christianity today. What drove them? What set them apart? What was the source of their power—[^]a power that through martyrdom defied even death itself? In this series, Brother Denny attempts to answer these questions and others, always coming back to our Lord Jesus, who was their very life.

(Early Anabaptism) Christ in Early Anabaptism by Denny Kenaston

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Re: MUST HEAR: Early Anabaptism Audio Series - posted by HomeFree89 (), on: 2009/1/4 17:19

Hi Greg,

Thanks for posting about these sermons! I've already downloaded one of them and I'm planning on checking out some of the others.

Jordan

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/1/4 18:06

I have listened to part 1 and have found it so inspiring, challenging. I look forward to listening to the others.

Quote by Denny Kenaston: "we can seek truth and reality through Christian history." This is what Bible history is all about: it presents truth through history, hence its appeal to people of all ages.

Thanks for posting these audios, Greg.

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/4 23:36

Quote:

-----we can seek truth and reality through Christian history

Amen. There has been a "overcoming" glorious bright bride throughout all ages. Christ has always had his church that did not bear man's names on it but only His!

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2009/1/5 13:53

thank you for putting them up, the anabaptists passion and life and zeal for true biblical christianity and truth shames me, but encourages me also to press on.

what i love with them is it not only a doctrine or a theory, but life....

so often we hold a certain view, we "refute" calvinism or arminianism ect, yet we dont have the same life in us that those we say have a faulty doctrine, be it wesley,finney or calvin or edwards.

what they had was life... the anabaptists had life..

oh we need life! to quote ravenhill, you think you are spiritual because you get your head overloaded with theology...

oh that jesus life would flow through me !

these are truly gems worth listening and dwelling upon. thank you

Re: - posted by tjservant (), on: 2009/1/5 13:58

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Amen.

A good word brother.

Re: , on: 2009/1/5 14:24

Quote:

-----what they had was life... the anabaptists had life

But what is that life? I have known people who have been highly esteemed in ministry circles. People esteemed their marvelous preaching and teaching, and street ministry and giving....

but at home or in their closest relationships they were not so wonderful....

what is this life we are talking about? And where does it come from?

Without sound doctrine there can be no Life. Without the correct Jesus there can be no Life.

What happens when human zeal runs out? What happens when human effort runs out...then what do you have?

Re: - posted by Abe_Juliot (), on: 2009/1/5 21:59

There is a lot of rich heavenly zeal that can be observed in all of God's children throughout the ages. Despite their lack of perfect theology, God's church has always been perfected in love. I look forward to listening to this series. But, I would caution the listener to be aware of some of the errors of the Anabaptist. It is very dangerous to make the doctrine of justification and sanctification the same thing.

You can read more on this in these articles:

(<http://www.spurgeon.org/~phil/anabapt.htm>) The Anabaptists from Spurgeon.org

(<http://www.enjoyinggodministries.com/article/19-zwingli-and-anabaptists/>) Zwingli and Anabaptists by Sam Storms

(<http://www.reformed.org/sacramentology/index.html?mainframehttp://www.reformed.org/sacramentology/lee/index.html>)
The Anabaptists and their Stepchildren (history book) by F.N. Lee

I will say Again, It is a very serious error to make the doctrine of Sanctification and Justification the same thing, and I would caution everyone to beware of this error of Anabaptists. It's not something easy to spot out because often it is taught very subtly by them.

Thomas Watson said this,

"THEY ARE NEVER SEPARATED!

(Thomas Watson, "The Lord's Prayer")

"You were sanctified, you were justified."

1 Corinthians 6:11

Justification and sanctification are not the same.

Justification is without us—sanctification is within us. The one is by righteousness imputed—the other is by righteousness imparted. Justification is once and for all—sanctification is gradual. One person is sanctified more than another—but one cannot be more justified than another. One has more grace than another—but he is not more justified than another.

The matter of our justification is perfect, namely, Christ's righteousness; but our sanctification is imperfect, there are the spots of God's children. Our graces are mixed with sin, our duties are defiled.

Thus justification and sanctification are not the same.

Yet, for all that, they are never separated. God never pardons and justifies a sinner—but He also sanctifies him.

"This is He who came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ." 1 John 5:6. Christ comes to the soul by blood, which denotes remission of sin; and by water, which denotes sanctification. Let no man say he is pardoned, who is not made holy! This I urge against those who talk of their sin being forgiven, and having a part in

Christ—^{and} yet remain unconverted, and live in the grossest sins!

Where God pardons, He purifies. Whoever God forgives, He transforms. Let no man say his sins are forgiven—who does not find an inherent work of holiness in his heart. "I will place My Spirit within you and cause you to follow My statutes and carefully observe My ordinances." Ezekiel 36:27"

Charles Spurgeon said this,

"THE WAY OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS!

The following is from Spurgeon's sermon, "The Old Way of the Wicked" Job 22:15-17.

The unsaved talk of their merits, prayers, and tears. They will, if they can, find something of their own in which to trust. They wrap their miserable rags about them, and claim that they are well clad. Being fascinated by self-deceit, they imagine that they are rich and increased in goods when they are naked, and poor, and miserable. They will not lie at the feet of Jesus, and receive salvation as a gift of mercy, pure mercy!

The way of self-righteousness is trodden by tens of thousands of men. Ah, your church goings and your chapel goings, your goings to the sacrament, your baptism, your confirmation, your ceremonies of all sorts and kinds, your gifts to the poor, your contributions to charities, your amiable speeches, your repetitions of your liturgies, and your prayers; these are rested on as the rock of your salvation.

Beware, I entreat you, for this is the way of the Pharisee when he thanked God that he was not as other men. It is the way of sinful human nature which always goes about to establish its own righteousness, and will not submit itself to the righteousness of Christ.

As surely as the Pharisees were condemned as a generation of vipers, and could not escape the damnation of hell, so surely every one of us, if we set up our righteousness in the place of Christ's righteousness, will meet with condemnation, and will be overthrown by God's sudden wrath!"

-Abraham

Re: - posted by BVO (), on: 2009/1/6 6:33

When the reality of Christ is so strong in my life that men are willing to hunt me down like a dog to tortuously rid the earth of me because my testimony is so repulsive to them in their wickedness, then I will move on to picking apart and condemning them because of their (Anabaptists)theology. Was their theology perfect and right on in every way? I seriously doubt it, but they (in the strength of their movement) were made perfect in love and humility which are the marks and commands of Christ. I have read writings of Calvin that I wonder how He could possibly believe what he wrote, but I still cannot condemn him as this is not my place. We can find fault in anything or anyone, all we need to do is disagree with them and that will feed our critical spirit. I know, because I have spent too many years sidetracked and kept out of the battle with divisive arguments. What a subtle tactic of the enemy to keep us disunified and unloving toward each other and ruins our testimony to the world of what true christianity looks like. Love will cover a multitude of sin. Strive to love perfectly, it is the more excellent way. I love this family that God has given us, thanks Barry

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2009/1/6 8:28

This preacher will not lead you astray. If only we would follow Christ as Kenaston has.

In Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2009/1/6 9:46

Quote:

rookie wrote:

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In Christ
Jeff

amen, i am halfway through this series and what riches! so much here, to much to miss. praise God for brother denny and his burden

this is a gift to the church of Christ

Re: - posted by Koheleth, on: 2009/1/6 15:52

Quote:

Abe_Juliot wrote:

I would caution the listener to be aware of some of the errors of the Anabaptist. It is very dangerous to make the doctrine of justification and sanctification on the same thing.

Brother, since Greg has posted this article and apparently many people appreciate and understand Anabaptism, why do you feel the need to inject your negativism and error here?

Anabaptists do not confuse justification with sanctification. Anyone who thinks they do is an opponent without cause who has not taken the time to understand.

I would ask you not to commit this error. There are plenty of threads on Calvinism already on this site dominated by the perspective you are trying to inject here. I believe you are off the original thread topic.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/7 0:54

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I would ask you not to commit this error. There are plenty of threads on Calvinism already on this site dominated by the perspective you are trying to inject here. I believe you are off the original thread topic.

I agree that there is no place for argument about calvanism in this thread. I am writing some notes to brothers on these forums to not act in the forums with a agenda to promote a "ism" but rather to love other brothers and edify each other. If people cannot do that, they will be asked to leave the SI forums and participate on other boards where argumentation and debating on scripture and theology are normal. We are not against any talking about theology but there is a very sensible godly fashion things can take place. And many are abusing this "liberty" and excessively quoting and pasting their arguments all over the discussion forums. This will not be tolerated.

Re: MUST HEAR: Early Anabaptism Audio Series - posted by toknowHim, on: 2009/1/7 5:07

This is a wonderful series, thank you for making them available.

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2009/1/14 20:43

Just bringing this series to the forefront.....

In Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/15 16:53

I would like to hear what brothers and sisters are specifically getting out of this series and some things in it that are blessing them.

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2009/1/15 17:13

Quote:

sermonindex wrote:
I would like to hear what brothers and sisters are specifically getting out of this series and some things in it that are blessing them.

Gelassenheit.....

this one was very edifying and challenging to me for "absolute surrender" in all areas of my life.

Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2009/1/15 19:21

I just finished listening to part 4, The Foundation Stones of Anabaptism. This was outstanding, from the simple yet often overlooked truth that Jesus doesn't just give us salvation but that He **is** salvation, to the convicting and challenging finish on the evangelistic call of the church, this sermon demands some listening, prayer & meditation, and action.

Thanks for posting these, looking forward to the rest in the series.

In Christ,
Ron

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/16 0:46

Quote:

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esn't just give us salvation but that He is salvation,

Amen.

Re: MUST HEAR: Early Anabaptism Audio Series - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/1/18 16:47

I listened to part 2: Theology vs Anabaptist Reality".

A few points:

For the reformers church was a place where you went to to learn how to believe right. The Anabaptist were a people wh
o went to church to learn how to live right.

They believed salvation produces works, life, vibrant and clear.

This segment should be a required listen-to to all who would post here on SI! :-)

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by TaylorOtwell (), on: 2009/1/18 20:48

Quote:
-----For the reformers church was a place where you went to to learn how to believe right. The Anabaptist were a people who went to ch
urch to learn how to live right.

Interesting statement - but simply not historically true. Read the Reformer's sermons, and I think you will see it was more
than just abstract theology.

If someone wants to look up to the Anabaptists, they are certainly free to do so, but there is no need to spread false infor
mation about anyone, even our enemies.

"I have so much to do that if I didn't spend at least three hours a day in prayer I would never get it all done." - Martin Lu
ther

Doesn't sound to me like someone who is just full of "head knowledge"...

There is no need to produce some kind of either/or dichotomy between orthodoxy and orthopraxy. This must be a both/a
nd situation. If you just teach people how to "live right", we are nothing more than a Christianized Dr. Phil. If we just teac
h people how to believe right, but don't care about orthopraxy, we are nothing but vain philosophers. However, if we teac
h people both how to believe right and how to live right, we will be following the Apostolic model. An overview of Titus 3
shows this. Paul discusses the free grace of the gospel, and that it was not of our own works. Then, he states he wants t
o Titus to stress these things (theological concepts regarding the Gospel) - so that - people will maintain good works.

With care in Christ,
Taylor

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/18 20:53

Quote:

-----Martin Luther

Martin Luther in the forward of the book of Galatians commentary stated that Anabaptists were worse than Catholics. They were devils that were "filled" with devils.

EDIT: (from Martin Luther's commentary on Galatians 1st chapter): "The Anabaptists in our time imitate the false apostles. They do not go where the enemies of the Gospel predominate. They go where the Christians are. Why do they not invade the Catholic provinces and preach their doctrine to godless princes, bishops, and doctors, as we have done by the help of God? These soft martyrs take no chances. They go where the Gospel has a hold, so that they may not endanger their lives. The false apostles would not go to Jerusalem of Caiaphas, or to the Rome of the Emperor, or to any other place where no man had preached before as Paul and the other apostles did. But they came to the churches of Galatia, knowing that where men profess the name of Christ they may feel secure. It is the lot of God's ministers not only to suffer opposition at the hand of a wicked world, but also to see the patient indoctrination of many years quickly undone by such religious fanatics."

It is interesting to me that the older preface cannot be found anywhere online! It has some very strong language against anabaptists.

Re: - posted by TaylorOtwell (), on: 2009/1/18 21:03

Greg,

Again, you are making some historical assumptions here. The Anabaptists that Calvin and Luther had to contend against were not country people minding their own business. The Anabaptists of yesteryear and the Anabaptists you think of today are not necessarily the same thing.

The Anabaptists were a varied group, and some of them were actually violent.

"In 1534, the Melchiorites, an inflammatory sect of Anabaptists, captured the German city of Münster. They immediately burned all books except the Bible, banned the use of money and seized the property of non-believers. They killed Protestants and Catholics and practiced polygamy and sexual excess. Their leader, John of Leyden, had sixteen wives"

As you can see, the Anabaptists were diverse, and Luther struggled with radical, physically violent Anabaptists during his lifetime.

So, you cannot simply take this quote, and assume Luther was writing against people like Denny Kenaston. There were Anabaptists who were peaceful, loving people, and there were Anabaptists who were radically violent and wicked. They were all called Anabaptists.

To get a historical context for the Anabaptists Luther wrote against, look into the "Peasant's War". If you have seen the movie "Luther" (the new one), they briefly give a picture of the Peasant's War when they show the citizens who are killing people and destroying the Catholic churches, before Luther comes back to Wittenburg.

Strong language is not necessarily a bad thing if it is justified, which it certainly could have been given Luther's experience with violent Anabaptists. Paul told the false teachers of Galatia to cut off their reproductive organs if they were so obsessed with circumcision, which, in my opinion, is pretty harsh.

With care in Christ,
Taylor

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2009/1/18 21:18

To build on what Taylor wrote, I post this excerpt from Schaff's "History of the Christian Church"-

*"He(Carlstadt) also denounced pictures and images as dumb idols, which were plainly forbidden in the second commandment, and should be burnt rather than tolerated in the house of God. He induced the town council to remove them from the parish church; but the populace anticipated the orderly removal, tore them down, hewed them to pieces, and burnt them. He assailed the fasts, and enjoined the people to eat meat and eggs on fast-days. He repudiated all titles and dignities, since Christ alone was our Master (Matt. 23:8). **He expressed contempt for theology and all human learning, because God had revealed the truth unto babes** (Matt. 11:25), and advised the students to take to agriculture, and earn their bread in the sweat of their face (Gen. 3:19). He cast away his priestly and academic robes, put on a plain citizen's dress, afterwards a peasant's coat, and had himself called brother Andrew. He ran close to the border of communism. He also opposed the baptism of infants. He lost himself in the clouds of a confused mysticism and spiritualism, and appealed, like the Zwickau Prophets, to immediate inspirations."*

"These Zwickau Prophets, as they were called, agreed with Carlstadt in combining an inward mysticism with practical radicalism. They boasted of visions, dreams, and direct communications with God and the Angel Gabriel, disparaged the written word and regular ministry, rejected infant baptism, and predicted the overthrow of the existing order of things, and the near approach of a democratic millennium."

These men were the ones that Luther was writing against, men who were saying that the Spirit told them they didn't need Theology and learning, and that the Spirit told them to kill others.

Obviously the Holy Spirit would not say to kill someone as it is contrary to the Scriptures(leave the Servetus argument alone please).

I bring these things up to give some frame of reference as to what was going on in those times. To bring it closer to home, it would be like some of the false prophets of our day saying all kinds of things and us writing to correct them or warn against them.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/18 21:18

from the 1833 copy of Martin Luthers preface to Galatians:

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Quote:

-----The Anabaptists were a varied group, and some of them were actually violent.

Munster's true history is barely known by many. I really encourage people to study it and find out what actually happened. Other than Munster people are hard pressed to find "any" violent anabaptists!

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2009/1/18 21:27

Brother Greg this is a serious question that I have.

How is it that Anabaptists get a playing field here so to speak, and that their ideas get encouraged but when myself or others bring up Reformed doctrines, threads get locked?

I understand that this is your place and I have enjoyed being on here these last few years, but when there seems to be an obvious dislike for some parts of Christendom over and above others, is that fair?

If I was to post something regarding the heresies of Arminius(as it was called in his day), or the heresies of Finney(as many called it in his day), it would be shut down very quickly. But there is freedom to attack those who believe in Reformed doctrines?

I just don't see how it is fair to push one group above another if we(Reformed guys and gals) cannot defend ourselves without having threads locked.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/1/18 21:45

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Brother,

The reformed "doctrines of grace" as they are called are not to be pushed on everyone at sermonindex.net this will not be allowed. Namely because it is a very "strong" topic which is salvation. I am simply talking and promoting people to look at and "glean" from some anabaptist history, there is nothing wrong with that at all in the context of sermonindex.net

And once again sermonindex is not a Calvinistic theology website nor is it going to be. There are truths from many men of God from reformed history that sermonindex.net gleams from but in no way is this site here to promote TULIP or any of the doctrines of grace as a site objective or goal.

Re: - posted by tjservant (), on: 2009/1/19 8:25

Just adding to thread...

King David was a murdering adulterer who went unrepentant for at least nine months.

God still managed to use him.

I have murdered in my heart.

Apart from the grace of God, King David, Martin Luther, or I myself deserve nothing short of Hell.

I fail to see how maligning someone's past changes things...or nullifies what they have to contribute to our education and understanding.

This works both ways. None are perfect.

Re: - posted by Koheleth, on: 2009/1/19 10:23

This is what I see developing here. Greg posted a set of messages. Soon there was a word of caution and correction to the messages Greg posted. Is that the purpose of sermonindex? Correction and rebuke and contention of what others post? The header says this site is for "promoting genuine biblical revival."

Greg redirected the thread by asking people for what *they* were getting from the messages, which is the purpose of the thread, and a few people replied. Then someone's reply received this comment.

Quote:

TaylorOtwell:
Interesting statement - but simply not historically true.

Again, is that what this thread is supposed to be about? To have people post what they got out of the messages and have others correct them? I think this is better done in a PM. The original poster can offer a correction to what they said, if they decide that they posted something wrong.

Quote:

roaringlamb wrote:
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There are many "reformed" threads going that are not locked. There are many reformed preachers featured on this site. Nobody has any problem with that. Most of us like them. It is threads that turn into debate and contention, when the "reformed" perspective has a mission to correct others that gets threads locked.

Quote:

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Although Greg does almost all the work here, I think he is pretty free in what he allows. He is still even allowing me to post!

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I don't think you are seeing the issue rightly. Errors of many groups have been touched on by this site. There are resources on this site that hit on the errors of both Arminians and Anabaptists. We all need to take things in context and in stride. I have not heard anybody cry out that this site was anti much of anything when Paul Washer's sermon was featured. I guess there could have been one, but the idea is to focus on Christ and revival and not debate and correction. This site exists for revival. It is an error to even think it exists to debate and correct others. Post something positive and encouraging.

Quote:

-----I just don't see how it is fair to push one group above another if we(Reformed guys and gals) cannot defend ourselves without having threads locked.

Defend yourselves? This is the mistake. You don't need to defend yourselves. When you start doing that, threads get locked. Let the Lord defend. If we try to defend against others the Lord has not spoken to, it causes contentions. Use PM if you need to share your heart with someone. Then no threads will get shut down.

Calvinists and reformers have a strong tendency to correct and debate others, as John Piper rightly admitted. But they are certainly not the only ones! I believe the current cry on this site is to avoid much of the need to debate and correct and convince, because it usually leads to arguing and divisions. A revival site is by definition opposed to any person or group who engages in such anti-revival behavior. Use posts for testimonies and encouragements and requests and what God is doing in your life.

Re: - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2009/1/20 15:29

The Lord Jesus said,

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchers of the righteous, And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.

- Matthew 23:29-31(KJV)

Re: - posted by Ruach34 (), on: 2009/1/20 15:59

Thanks, ChrisJD, for bringing us back to CHRIST. Apart from Him we are nothing, apart from Him we can do nothing, and apart from Him nothing matters.

So doctrine is secondary to Christ.
Words are secondary to Him.
CHRIST is all and in all...
Know Him and speak words if you have to.

Re: - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2009/1/20 16:01

And also,

Woe unto you! for ye build the sepulchers of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchers.

- Luke 11:47-48(KJV)

Re: - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2009/1/20 16:43

From King David,

"For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life..."

...Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous."

- Psalm 31 verses 13 and 18(KJV)

...depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.

Re: - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2009/1/20 17:51

Greetings all,

Dear Ruach34,

All praise and glory be to God Who alone is worthy of praise.

I wanted to suggest if I could, that I think there are at least three warnings in the words of the Lord Jesus that were quoted:

One, of thinking that we are not capable of doing the things that the fathers did.

Two, of perhaps undue honor or attention to those of the past.

And three, and which seems to be very important here, of not doing or saying anything to suggest that we approve of the deeds of those who have killed men and women of God. Even those that He has sent.

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2012/4/29 15:05

I have been going over this series again, thank God for brother denny and his heart, and i strongly recommend those that have not gone through these messages to do so.

Re: Rich Treasure, on: 2012/5/13 23:40

I have listened to the first audio download and it is rich. Danny Keaston does an excellent job bringing Anabaptist history into inspirational messages. And making it relevant to our life. I would commend this series to anyone who has not listened to it.

In the first message one thing did come out. The Anabaptist were willing to embrace the gospel of Christ and run with it. As such they suffered for their belief to follow Christ even in believers baptism. They had no one to defend them but God himself.

Yet Luther and Calvin both enjoyed the protection of the state and suffered little, if any, persecution. Yet Luther and Calvin are exalted in church history. The Anabaptist are villainized over Munster. This is why I am glad for these messages by Danny Keaston, to give a more balanced history of what we call the reformation.

Several years ago I read two books by Leonard Verduin entitled *The Reformers and their Stepchildren* and *Anatomy of a Hybrid*. Verduin, himself of Christian Reformed persuasion, gives a synoathetic treatment to the Anabaptist in his two books. Both worth reading for anyone interested in Anabaptist history.

Bearmaster.

Re: , on: 2012/5/14 0:13

One of the moderators posted an excellent article about Michael Sattler. He was one of the early Anabaptist. As I read the article and what Sattler believed I found myself agreeing with this dear saint who was martyred for his faith in Christ. Basically he believed one was saved through faith in Jesus Christ and one had to live out the reality of that faith by deeds wrought from the heart.

Bearnaster.

Re: , on: 2012/5/15 6:39

As I have been reflecting upon these messages of the Anabaptist it dawned on me they were a small, despised group of believers. Yet the quality of their simple lives in Christ spoke volumes. It was not so much the doctrine they believed in their minds as more what they held in their hearts. More what the believers lived out in Christ dwelling in their hearts through faith.

I am thinking that the Anabaptist were a small remnant of believers whose lives spoke volumes. Makes me wonder what God is saying to us in these times. Particularly to the remnant of believers in America.

Bearnaster standing down.

Re: History Made Alive, on: 2012/5/30 8:40

I have listened to the first two messages of this series and find them to be rich with the truth of Jesus Christ. As a matter of fact I have had to listen to the first two messages twice to get their full import. Even though I could listen to Brother Denny several times I doubt very seriously if I could ever get the full thrust of these messages. I look forward to listening to the rest of these messages.

The second message spoke much to my heart. In this message Brother Denny spoke about the difference between the reformers and the Anabaptist. The reformers were more concerned about believing right. The Anabaptist were more concerned about living right. One was a head trip. The other was a heart trip.

If anyone has not listened to these messages I would commend them. Brother Denny is taking a little known group in church history and bringing them to life. There is much relevance for what the Anabaptist would say to us today.

Bearnaster.

Re: MUST HEAR: Early Anabaptism Audio Series - posted by Josef83, on: 2012/6/4 17:15

Well in that case if the life of the Anabaptist is true Christianity then I should go back to the charismatics and faith movement because there they had life but bad doctrine. They were radical for Christ.

Re: Josef, on: 2012/6/4 17:58

Brother I am a bit sure I get the thrust of your statement. Most of the Anabaptist were solid in the person and work of Jesus. They were simply more radical in living it out.

Bearnaster.

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2012/6/4 18:23

I think the main reformers such as Luther and Zwingli stopped at correct doctrine and the Anabaptist were not content with just "head doctrine" and a few changes in the way people "did" church at the time, the Anabaptist had a desire to go all the way back to living authentic Christianity as the first Christians did as the others (Luther etc) had a desire to adapt (reform) Christianity into the society keeping child baptism etc to not "rock the boat" too much. The Anabaptists had more of an attitude to follow Christ no matter the cost and they proved it with their lives.

The Anabaptist were not perfect nor the reformers, but they set a great example of what a life surrendered to God through faith and obedience can do "they turned the world upside down"

Re: (Early Anabaptism) Reviving the Righteous Root of Anabaptism by Denny Kenaston - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2012/6/5 7:47

I found a comment on the second to last one, (Early Anabaptism) Reviving the Righteous Root of Anabaptism by Denny Kenaston, very prophetic. A sister at 1:11 says that she is afraid of the long term fruit even for the Charity Fellowship with the effective lifespan of the Anabaptists of only 30 years (1525-1555). She wondered what would happen to them in 2012. We know what has happened, we have heard the testimony of Brother Denny in the recent repentance. I found it very interesting that the comment almost directly after this sister was by a brother serving as a pastor. He makes the comment that the movement will remain if they train their children and have radiant wives. I fear that there has been a substitution of the family for the Body that always looks to the Head that is Jesus Christ. Denny makes the same comment but the proof is in the fruit. It is interesting to hear the later comment by what was then one of the young men. He pledges to press on in the model shown. The anointing was not on him though. I have had the honor of meeting some people like those from Charity and they are very pleasant, kind and generous. However, there are very real reasons God spoke in 1 Corinthians 7 about the cost of being a disciple and being married. It is very easy to go from serving God wholeheartedly to being consumed with the complexities of family life. So the question of whether we really believe the Word comes to the fore.

Link to Brother Denny Kenaston's "Jealous for the Testimony"

<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=23771&commentView=itemComments>

Quote:

-----Jealous for the Testimony of the Lord by Denny Kenaston

Topic: Testimony

Description: Brother Denny Kenaston has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer of the brain. He came back on April 22, 2012 to a church he planted to share the burden of the Lord with them. He confessed many of his failures and sins over the years and humbled himself before the body of Christ.

EDIT: Added link.

Re: , on: 2012/6/5 7:47

It would be good to go back and look at the movements of God and see how long they did last. Is thirty years the optimum? I heard that Acts covered the first 30 years of the Spirit's movement. Is this the norm?

Though the New Testament exhorts unto godly families when one turns inward to godly children and radiant wives the family becomes an idol. Besides I see this only in the west. In persecuted lands such as China or Iran the emphasis of the persecuted church is on discipleship, growth in Jesus Christ. If memory serves the accounts of the anwbaptist stressed this.

Just my thoughts.

Bearnaster.

Re: , on: 2012/6/5 11:11

Brother Jeremy221, I'm sorry but I don't understand what you're saying in your post. Did you write it, is one question but I'm in the dark as far as what the message is within it.

To see this message posted again has troubled me, because I still have no idea what he was repenting 'for'.

I only know from being a medical person that a brain tumor - even a small one - depending upon what part of the brain that it's located, can play havoc with emotions - which in turn can exaggerate any accusations that a person comes under from 'any' source and if the person is spiritually sensitive, fearing GOD Himself - then that makes it doubly difficult to express or endure without some type of 'expression'.

Maybe you could clear my clouds, so to speak, and explain what is being said in your post.

I've only heard this one message by Brother Kenaston, so obviously - I don't know him very well - but listening to it - my

thinking was on the 'affects' of stage 4 cancer - which is worse than a TBI .

Thank you.

Re: , on: 2012/6/5 13:36

In a message given years ago Richard Wormbrandt lananted and said "I did not live then enough. I did not live them en ough". When asked who he was talking about. He said the Romanian communist who had imprisoned him.

Could it be Br. Denny is speaking in a similar context.

Bearnaster.

Re: , on: 2012/6/5 13:43

I understand what you're saying, Brother.

Just to clarify, he said, "I did not Love them enough."

Amen. We need to check our hearts on this regarding the unsaved and any future enemies. Wurmbrand was a trail-blaz er for our example - as he said that his books were written for the church in America for when her time comes.

Thank you and Bless you as well.

Re: The Source - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2012/6/5 14:38

Hi Jesus-Is-GOD,

Brother Denny repented for many things in the tape I linked in my last post. Listen to the Godly Home series and you will be able to understand some of the context of comments. In the Godly Home series, Brother Denny goes through the Word and shows what a home of this type should look like and describes the principles by which it operates. The Lord has blessed many people through the ministry of those tapes. They instruct families to turn from the world, practice good biblical discipline, modesty, for husbands to love their wives, wives to submit and so on. Good things. The end result is that the family is elevated very high. Charity Ministries also reach out to the Plain People, Mennonites, Amish, do missions trips in New York and around the world. Brother Denny and the others at the fellowship are strong on holiness and prayer. There is good reason the Lord lead Greg to feature Brother Denny's teaching here because it mirrors the heart of SI. The tapes about family made Brother Denny famous to some extent and gave him opportunity to minister throughout the States and, I think, help found other assemblies similar to Charity. Brother Denny's testimony helps explain the path that brought him to this, in which we see a man arrested by God, supernaturally saved and taught of the Spirit. The message I referred to in my previous post from this series, is the heart of Brother Denny's desire for those involved with Charity, including himself, to have a life that radiates Christ and receives the hatred of the World as its testimony. If you listen through the messages by Brother Denny here on SI, you will hear again and again his love for Christ and his desire to see these people grow into the knowledge of the fullness of Him. At one point, he laments about the nature of Charity's tape ministry. The Godly Home and the tapes regarding raising a family consistently rank at the top but the really God focused, Christ focused tapes get very few requests. In order to meet demand, the less popular tapes are thinned from the catalog.

I have attached the link from the original post to the sermon with the comments. They start at about one hour and eleven minutes into the recording.

Quote:

------(Early Anabaptism) Reviving the Righteous Root of Anabaptism by Denny Kenaston
<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=17841&commentView=itemComments>

Re: , on: 2012/6/5 15:03

Hi Brother. Thank you for this reply.

That is the point of what I was asking. Though I hadn't listened to Brother Denny, maybe because of my age and family issues not an issue - I've always heard nothing but good about this dear man, so I was confused by his last message. As one sister on that recording - during the reply/testimony part of the Service, also said something to the effect that she didn't know nor could think of anything that he needed to repent of.

I know young couples with children that have greatly benefited from his Godly Home series. I knew about him and what I knew was all good. That's why I could only feel that his emotions during his asking for forgiveness was linked to his physical condition.

Thank you for all that you've replied with!
His tangible Hand on you as well.

Re: Tapes - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2012/6/5 16:44

It is important to note the reason why Brother Denny was repenting. He repented because something had taken the place of Christ in his life. He had valued his family higher than it ought to have been and it became an area of pride. He treated the church he helped found as his own rather than Christ's and in his desire for recognition competed in his heart against brothers in other like minded assemblies for the largest numbers which is to say he did that for his own glory rather than the LORD's. In his service to this group through out the country he did not always do it as unto to the Lord so a way was opened for loathing and bitterness to root. We can see that the reason Brother Denny was repenting was because he saw that he had not done everything for the glory of God. Is what he did of no use to the Lord? No, because even Paul praises the Lord for those who preached Christ for impure motives. From what I can tell, Brother Denny has taught more for the glory of God but he is aware that as one saved by the grace of God that a little leaven leavens the whole lump. Even though the people he has been in fellowship with did not recognize what was happening does not mean it was not present. The reason I pointed out the brother's comments from the Anabaptists' tapes was because he articulated what I meant. He stated that if he kept to the Godly Home teachings, it would all be alright. The problem with that is that to focus on one's own family in realizing a system is to not focus on Christ. It is for this same reason referred to the statement by Denny about the tape ministry. An easy way understand this is to see it as a present analogy of what happened with Christ at the feeding of the five thousand in John 5. The people wanted to make Christ Jesus their king because He met their physical need. But Christ told them no, He would not because rather than lead them, they must follow Him. One is the democratic mindset that is focused on one's self whereas following Christ is focused on Him for Himself. There is also the issue that Christ chooses those who are His. We do not make Him king, He is the king whether we agree or not. The people tried to make Brother Denny a type of king.

Re: , on: 2012/6/5 18:14

Bless his heart and yours for explaining that this man was just as human as Elijah or Peter or us.

Bless you as well for leaving that last link to that sermon. Why he would say that he's not a prophet, I wouldn't know neither, because that was a prophetic message.

I'm very touched and very blessed by hearing that message that was from the beginning - from Abel, to the O.T. prophets, to the Apostles and through Church history, right up until today. I never tire of hearing of those that love Him unto the death.

Before I came back to find your post with the link to that message - I don't know why, but "Wedding Vows" came to my mind but it came not as normally spoken before the LORD at the altar. It came as "In sickness and in death" and I asked The LORD, "Why am I hearing it said that way?" ... and I smiled so big as I felt the answer was because that's His Bride's Wedding Vows.

And this as well came to mind after his message - "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world. THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love Him, Because He first loved us."

Thank you so much for posting that message.

Blessing GOD that He's given you the gift of storing up the right foods and the knowledge of how and when to pass those out.

Keep on, Brother. I'm know you've been helping more than just me on here. GOD Bless.

Re: The Anabaptist of Today, on: 2012/6/5 18:23

I have listened to the third message in this audio series regarding the anabaptist. The message dealt with glassenheit. I may not be spelling this right. But the word implies total surrender to the will of God. What Oswald Chambers would imply total abandonment unto God.

The early anabaptist surrendered themselves to the will of God. Even to the point of persecution and death. It is incredible to read about these saints 500 years ago and what they lost and suffered for Jesus. Their stories as recounted in Martyrs Mirror are incredible. But in our minds are far removed. Almost as removed as the first century Christians who died in the arena in Rome.

May I introduce you to the anabaptist of today. It is called the persecuted church. Primarily the persecuted church in the 10/40 window. 500 years ago for a person to embrace Jesus and be baptized by immersion as a believer would be a death sentence. Today for a Moslem to come to faith in Jesus Christ and be baptized is a death sentence. There are believers who have death sentences against them in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

In N. Korea the average life expectancy of an evangelist is about 3 to 6 months. Did you know that 3 generations of one's family can be arrested in N. Korea. Execution would be an instant mercy. The N. Koreans death camps are a certain slow made death. Presently 40,000 believers are imprisoned in N. Korea. Yet the gospel is growing there.

I doubt very seriously if anyone on Sermon Index has heard of Isaias Afworky. Or probably Eritrea. That alright. Up until a few years ago I had never heard of either. Isaias is the brutal dictator of Eritrea. He hates Christians. Have you ever seen a shipping container? Approximately 3000 believers in Jesus are imprisoned in those shipping containers. Some in the most horrid conditions. By the way the United States has diplomatic relations with Eritrea. But no word has ever been raised by our government regarding the persecuted believers.

Time does not permit me to speak of China or Iran or India. I invite you to go to Voice of the Martyrs or Open Doors or Christians in Crisis to verify if what I am sharing is true. The persecuted church is a reality. For surely these are the modern anabaptist of today.

Bearmaster.

Re: - posted by Josef83, on: 2012/6/11 6:25

Its true what he is saying its should not only be theology but also reality.

Re: , on: 2012/6/11 7:42

Brother it was reality to a saint martyred in Tunisia a few days ago.

Bear.

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2013/9/27 0:43

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Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2014/4/24 13:08

Bump up for brother Bear,

Re: internet site Anabaptist sermons - posted by RogerB (), on: 2014/4/24 14:03

<http://www.radicalreformation.com/sermons/by-speaker>