

**General Topics :: Joel Osteen on Glenn Beck last night...****Joel Osteen on Glenn Beck last night..., on: 2009/1/20 10:46**

Saw Joel Osteen on Glenn Beck's show last night. The context of the conversation was how people in this world can get along, even if they disagree. Osteen was waxing eloquently about how we should always treat people with a spirit of love even if we disagree on everything... and then Osteen said something to the effect that he has been all over the world. He said he's been to India where he's met many "great and wonderful Hindu people who love God with all their hearts."

I'm sorry... but this needs to be said: **Joel Osteen is a theological dork.**

Krispy

**Re: Joel Osteen on Glenn Beck last night..., on: 2009/1/20 11:39**

Following is a further analysis of Joel Osteen, comparing his doctrine with true Christian Doctrine, as found in the Bible.

Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for:

**Joel Osteen versus Paul Washer**

You will see parts 1, 2, & 3 that document the heresy of Joel Osteen, and others like him.

Sincerely,

Walter

**Re: , on: 2009/1/20 11:52**

Thanx Walter... seen it and heard it all before both on YouTube (which we're not supposed to link to on this forum), and in writing. It's been discussed here many times.

No secret that he is a flake. It's just that people rush to his defense even on this forum saying "it was just a gaff... he did not mean that!" YET... here he is again... with the same gaff... again.

You would think that if he were so "gaff-prone" that speaking in front of thousands of people in Houston several times a week he would get better at public speaking.

I guess not.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by stephent, on: 2009/1/20 13:53**

Why do these kind of remarks from a "pastor" go unchallenged? Has major Denomination confronted him on what he teaches about what the Bible says?

**Re: - posted by TaylorOtwell (), on: 2009/1/20 13:58**

As far as I know, he is not a part of a denomination.

In my opinion, this is one of the dangers of a radical independency in church structure.

May we pray the Lord would convict of sin, righteousness, and judgement - bringing him to receive and rest in Christ's propitiation for sinners.

**Re: , on: 2009/1/20 14:26**

No church will confront him.... instead, they book him for their conferences and peddle his books.

Krispy

**Re: - posted by Ruach34 (), on: 2009/1/20 15:50**

Krittr - I have to admit, your original post made me chuckle, "A theological dork," pretty much nails it.

Then the tragedy of it struck my heart...this 'theological dork-ness' is the reason for the 'darkness' in this nation. Men like this go unchecked, satisfied in their large, unbelievably large, congregations leading many astray.

I am wondering, for the good of the site here, about a question...

In Hebrews 13:17 we see a curious statement, "Obey your leaders and submit to them for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account."

"...for they keep watch..."

in prayer and study. Stedfastly, earnestly applying themselves to prayer and the systematic, full study of the Bible.

"...over your souls..."

Maybe so that those in the church will not stray. Has a context of deep care for those in their care.

"...as those who will give account."

Uh-Oh! How can this whole passage, put together, be being worked out by a pastor of a 10 - 20,000 member congregation? Many of 'em don't even get the whole married relationship right, how much less the members of their own congregation?

My question is - How can a pastor fulfill this in a multi-thousand member church, even hundreds of members?

**Re: , on: 2009/1/20 17:04**

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Exactly... it took him less than 3 seconds to make that statement, but it was on a TV show that is broadcasted around the world on FoxNews. How many people saw that around the world? When he says what he said... he is basically condemning souls to hell because they see him saying "you're ok in your deception... you're ok in your sin... God loves you! All you have to do is love the god you've created in your mind..."

I cant get past his slick car salesman exterior anyway, but he makes a used car salesman look trustworthy!

(no offense to any used car salesmen reading this!)

Krispy

**Re: - posted by rreighe (), on: 2009/1/20 17:57**

Quote:  
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haha my uncle is a car sales man and from what i heard he is quite trustworthy, at least in everyday things haha.

as for the theological dork, someone needs to talk to him! my mom watches him like every sunday. someone needs to tell him what's what.

**Re: Joel Osteen on Glenn Beck last night... - posted by Smokey (), on: 2009/1/20 22:44**

Joel probably gets all kinds of good advice from true (Spirit filled) Christians, but for the most part any good council he receives seems to be falling on deaf ears.

Blessings Greg :-o

Edit:  
1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

**Re: Joel Osteen on Glenn Beck last night..., on: 2009/1/20 23:35**

Quote:  
-----He's been to India where he has met "many great and wonderful people who loved God with all of their hearts."  
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So have mother Teresa, and Mahatma Gandhi, but that doesn't mean the people they met were ever saved; Sad to say, but probably not. For that, you would have to repent, and receive the gospel, and be born again, which, I'm also sorry to say, Joel is quite ignorant of.

Joel Osteen is more than a theological dork. He is a lost one who is leading the innocents his way....down.

**Re: Joel Osteen on Glenn Beck last night... - posted by MJones (), on: 2009/1/20 23:51**

I don't know of anyone I agree with 100%. I even question myself sometimes. But I have to say this about Osteen.

During a very difficult time of my life, I sought God hard for strength. My mornings were with Him. In my evening leisure I would read or watch recorded sermons by Jakes and Osteen. I have to admit I questioned Osteen a few times, but God, in time, always allowed me to see his heart regarding what concerned me.

I am a builder. In building I use many different tools to build a house. Why is it so hard for us to see that God does the same. Sure Osteen is a little on the positive side. But there was a time God used that to help me.

I have actually watched him off and on for 2 years. So my opinion is not based on a couple of experiences with him. I see God using him for a purpose as He uses Wilkerson for a purpose. I see him over and over try to lift people's thoughts toward the awesome God that we serve. As I don't think satan would try to do that, his source then must be another.

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I know Wilkerson has spoke out against him. Though I have a lot of respect for Wilkerson, my personal opinion is that h e is wrong. I respectfully submit to you that you are also wrong about Osteen.

Before you get mad, try to understand this one thing. I was the same way at one time. But in this test I went through, G od burned all that out of me. I am not as prone to pick at faults as I used to be. We are all at fault until God cleanses us . Nothing cleanses like fire.

**Mike Jones, on: 2009/1/21 0:21**

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I hope you find it edifying, I have.

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**Re: Mike Jones, on: 2009/1/21 7:36**

God's Word does not return void. If a false teacher quotes John 3:16... John 3:16 is still John 3:16.

The problem is when truth gets mixed with error. No one in their right mind would drink poison. But if someone mixed poi son into Kool-Aid and served it to you without warning you... you would drink of it, and be poisoned.

Thats the trouble with people like Osteen.

Krispy

**Re: Mike Jones, on: 2009/1/21 14:39**

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2 Timothy tells us to:

15. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.study, and show ourselves approved unto God, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

If I was a non-believer, on my death bed, and was listening to Joel Osteen, would I ever hear the Gospel from him? The answer is no. I could be in full agreement with everything he had to say, but never hear the requirement that I must

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repent of my sin, and accept Jesus Christ as my Lord & Savior, and believe that God raised Him from the dead.

In other words, without my repentance and belief in Him and His Works, I would never be saved, and when I took my last breath, after Osteen's message ended, I would be on my way hell.

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Walter

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**Re: , on: 2009/1/21 15:05**

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And conversly, it is possible that Joel's messages could be used to tear down Wilkerson. If God is trying to wake up a nation to the ills of materialism and the soul rot of chasing after riches, then the soothing voices of "its all right, God wants you to have all of that," would not really be helpful. In everything there is a balance, a tension, then of course, there is the word of God.....Frank

Re: Walt, on: 2009/1/21 15:44

lovingly, meekly, I say, too much blood has been shed in the past by Christians:

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that act of "exposing" false doctrine has been at the root of so much blood being shed in the past, by those who deem themselves as "wall-watchers", declaring this one or that one "hereticks", tying them to a stack and burning them.

You can't do that anyway now, you'd be charged with murder, but Joel Osteen....so what? Who really cares? for every "Joel Osteen", there's a thousand Spirit filled pastors namelessly laboring away for Jesus. You quoted 2 Timothy, Paul's last letter, his most poignant letter

Quote:  
-----Study to shew thyself approved unto God  
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study to show thyself to Who?....man?

no, to show thyself approved to God, you know that.

and as that verse goes onto to reiterate that very point:

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Why is that solid believers feel the need to "expose" these shaky quirky exhorters?

are you, or Krispy, or me BETTER than Joel Osteen?

Does God need our help in bringing to light that what must be brought to light?

For all the postings and hthreads regarding Todd Bentley, do you think they "helped" God at all, exposing Todd?

or what about Ted Haggard? the former head of NAE, who many here might have lifted up as a prime vessel of Christ, for his vociferous stance on homosexual marriage, yet Who was it Who exposed Ted Haggard as a homosexual whore-mongering meth addict?

It was God, not you or me or Steve. God did it.

NONE of us is "better" than Joel Osteen, and the day we start to think that we are, watch out, coz "religious pride" starts to ooze through these threads, and God doesn't approve of that.

I don't wish for any contention, or argument, brothers, believe me. I, personally have so much to contend for in my own walk with Jesus, I don't give nary a thought to the Osteen's, the bentleys, or the Hinns of this world, Jesus will handle them.

in His love, neil

**Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2009/1/21 16:25**

I submit this humbly and as an honest question that I hope we all could mull over for a bit.

Joel Osteen is simply preaching from a framework of semi-Pelagian/Arminian views of man. So it is no wonder why he feels that man can simply be true to the light he feels or sees and be saved apart from the work of Christ.

I am not stating this to start a Cal/Arm debate, but simply to show that the logical flow of those beliefs that were said to be heretical in the past are what has produced much of what people complain about today in the Church.

If we were back in the 1500s or 1600s, Arminius would be the Osteen of the day, and men like John Owen, John Calvin and others would have called him a theological doofus.

So my main question is this; how is it that people can tear apart Joel Osteen and be "right" in doing so, but if any question those who were deemed heretics previously, we are "intellectual" or "cruel" or any other host of names that are levied against us. (please note, I am not saying "us" to mark an us/them debate, but rather to show that there is a small group on SI that are looked upon differently because of our Biblical convictions).

May we ponder this deeply, and learn Church history so that we may avoid the errors that we are suffering from now and that the person and work of Christ would be above all things.

**Re: , on: 2009/1/21 16:38**

Roar... what Osteen said has nothing to do with the Calvin/Arminian debate. What Osteen promotes in reality is Universalism.

As for the other comments concerning "exposing/blood letting"... or whatever... stop being a spiritual wimp (-:)). The fact is that Osteen is a tremendously influential leader world-wide. Whenever something false comes out of his mouth it potentially reaches and influences MILLIONS of souls.

I'm convinced my realm of influence is considerably smaller... if I even have a realm of influence!

Krispy

**Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2009/1/21 17:01**

Krispy,

I know that it is not a debate on Cal/Arm, but(planting my tongue firmly in my cheek), if we come down hard on Osteen for teaching universalism simply because he feels that man has "light within" and "divine DNA in his veins". Is that any different than Arminius saying similar things? or Fox(founder of the Friends/Quakers)?

Where do we draw the line? If the same thing being said by one before is heralded as truth(Arminius, Fox, Finney) does it now become untruth because another(Osteen) says it?

Sure he believes in universalism, but I am sure he would also out of the other side of his mouth talk of how Jesus is his Savior. But he also would be one of the first to say that theology doesn't matter, but rather life, or how your truth impacts your life. Or basically what pragmatism says is the way to prove if something is true(i.e. "does it work?").

But is that makes Christianity true? My testimony has no impact upon Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Those truths are true regardless of how I live.

Sorry to ramble man, it's just that we are in strange times in the Church, and the truth of the Gospel has been subjected to if it works in my life, like some sort of product: "try it, you'll like it, if not, you can have your money back".

All of these issues we deal with have Gospel implications and that's the ONLY reason I ask these questions, to get people to use their brains and wrestle through some hard questions with Scripture.

Blessings to you brother.

Re: False Gospel is ....., on: 2009/1/21 18:02

To----Natan4Jesus

From Walter

Natan, how did the Apostles in the early Church respond to false Gospel being preached?

There is another gospel... another Christ.... another spirit. In the future we see that the one called Antichrist will wield power so convincing the Saints might fall for it. And we know from 1 John 4:3 that the spirit of the Antichrist is already at work.

So what should we ministers of the Lord's work do about it? What are we the 'body of Christ' supposed to do in the wake of this promised apostasy? **Are we supposed to ignore it, and preach truth along side of error and hope our voice is LOUDER than the voice of the adversary?**

**Contrary to what many modern Christians believe the answer to this question is a definite NO!**

**This Post Modern era that we live in would have us believe that truth is only but a social convention. That the truth of is merely what we ourselves, or a group of us believe to be true. We live in a time of conformity. We believe that extremism of any form is an absolute sin to society, even if it an extreme belief in things that are actually true. As truth is defined as whatever our social constructs deem it to be at the time, we are left in a soup of mud died waters with no hope of clarity. We believe in live and let live, and that in merely suggest our beliefs to another we have violated that person's right to their own version of truth. There are no absolutes. Truth, I mean good, honest and God Given absolute truth is dead in the minds of the philosophers. This same mindset is just as prevalent in the churches today as it is in the rest of society.**

**There are many individuals and Ministries out there that believe that we are not to address what we feel to be false doctrine and unsound biblical teachings. They cry out that we are not judge others - That we are not to name names - That we are to simply pray for them and leave them be. They claim that if we do speak out we are tearing down the body of Christ. They vehemently are against those that would expose false doctrine. In a "why can't we all get along?" mentality they forsake the safeguarding of the truth.**

**Why should 'God Fearing' Christians NAME NAMES WHEN DEALING WITH THOSE IN PUBLIC MINISTRY?**

**BECAUSE OF PRECEDENCE.**

Jude 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude 1:4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Timothy 5:20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.**

**2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.**

**Titus 1:13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;**

**Proverbs 27:5 Open rebuke is better than secret love.**

So what about Matthew 7:1?

Mat 7:1 "Judge not, that ye be not judged."

I believe we have been misled into a wrong understanding of this verse and therefore failing to do our duty for the body



of Christ.

Read in context we can see that Matt 7:2-5 clarifies that v. 1 is referring to hypocritical judgment. A brother who has a beam in his own eye should not be judging the brother who may have a mote in his eye. The passage is reading, you cannot judge another for his sin if you are guilty of the same sin. And that we shouldn't judge others unless we are prepared to be held to the same set of standards.

Those who cling to "Judge not, that ye be not judged" to condemn those who expose error should read the entire chapter. Jesus said, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing... " (v. 15). How can we know false prophets unless we judge them by what is written in the Word of God? If we know of false teachings, and those who teach them, how can we fail to warn the sheep of these "ravaging wolves?" The Bible contains many passages that give us proof that these false prophets should be identified and exposed.

John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

Righteous judgment is based upon the solid word of God for our foundation. We can judge others based upon the Word of God. Using the Word as our guide, we judge others.

#### LOOK HOW PAUL JUDGED IN 1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-13

1Co 5:1 I can hardly believe the report about the sexual immorality going on among you-something that even pagans do not do. I am told that a man in your church is living in sin with his stepmother.

1Co 5:2 You are so proud of yourselves, but you should be mourning in sorrow and shame. And you should remove this man from your fellowship.

1Co 5:3 Even though I am not with you in person, I am with you in the Spirit. And as though I were there, I have already passed judgment on this man

1Co 5:4 in the name of the Lord Jesus. You must call a meeting of the church. I will be present with you in spirit, and so will the power of our Lord Jesus.

1Co 5:5 Then you must throw this man out and hand him over to Satan so that his sinful nature will be destroyed and he himself will be saved on the day the Lord returns. 1Co 5:6 Your boasting about this is terrible. Don't you realize that this sin is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough? 1Co 5:7 Get rid of the old "yeast" by removing this wicked person from among you. Then you will be like a fresh batch of dough made without yeast, which is what you really are. Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us.

1Co 5:8 So let us celebrate the festival, not with the old bread of wickedness and evil, but with the new bread of sincerity and truth.

1Co 5:9 When I wrote to you before, I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin. 1Co 5:10 But I was not talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols. You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that. 1Co 5:11 I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Do not even eat with such people. 1Co 5:12 It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning. 1Co 5:13 God will judge those on the outside; but as the Scriptures say, "You must remove the evil person from among you."

#### A PERSON WHO IS ABLE TO DISCERN BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL, HAS AT LEAST ONE OF THE MAJOR MARKS OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY. LOOK AT HEBREWS 5:14

Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

THE VERY WORD "DISCERN" MEANS TO JUDGE.

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diakrisis

dee-ak'-ree-sis

judicial estimation: - discern (-ing), disputation

If we are to be fully equipped with discernment as this passage says, should we not then point out issues contrary to what scriptures teach?

The answer is an invariable YES.

SO, IS IT RIGHT FOR US TO EXPOSE FALSE TEACHERS?

If we sit idly by we are in essence encouraging false doctrine to be spread. Wolves in sheep's clothing are thus enabled to ravage the flock, thereby destroying many.

Remember John the Baptist? He called the Pharisees and Sadducees (the religious leaders of his day) "a generation of Vipers". Today would we dare tell him to "your too harsh, be kind to our brethren and don't judge"??

We must always remember that the scripture admonishes us if we do not expose error in the flock. What are we to do when we know of 'false' teachers?

WE ARE TO TRY THEM.

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they be of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world" - I John 4: 1

ALL DOCTRINE AND TEACHERS ARE TO BE TRIED ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF GOD.

Isa 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Every sermon, every message, pastor, preacher, so called prophet or any methodology it to be judged through the looking glass of God's Word. On that note, I hope that right now your bibles are open, and you're verifying this talk with scripture.

Have a look at what Christ says to the Church of Ephesus in Revelation 2:2. Christ commends them on what?

"I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:"

WE ARE TO THEREFORE DO THE SAME.

Never is it to be acceptable to us to 'tolerate' false teachers within our midst.

WE ARE TO MARK THEM AND AVOID THEM.

Rom 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

Rom 16:18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

Those whose conduct and teaching contradicts the Word of God are to be marked and to be avoided. How can we mark them? We need a standard in which to compare them to. In other words we require discernment and judgment in light of God's Word. These are not my words. I am merely quoting scripture. We cannot mark and avoid, unless their words and deeds are judged according to the Word of God.

WE ARE TO REBUKE THEM!

Tit 1:13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;

Look at the surrounding passages of Titus 1:10-16. To whom was Paul referring when he wrote this to Titus?

Tit 1:10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, especially they of the circumcision: Tit 1:11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. Tit 1:12 O

ne of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. Tit 1:13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;  
Tit 1:14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.  
Tit 1:15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. Tit 1:16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

For money's sake - unruly, vain talkers and deceivers were fooling whole houses, and leading them astray. Teaching them things that they should not teach. Sounds familiar doesn't it? Just watch a couple of hours of the so-called Christian broadcasting and you'll bear witness to on the television stations today.

Many high profile preachers and evangelists are subverting whole houses with their false doctrine today. Are we to sit silently by, while they do this, without rebuking and admonishing people to avoid their teaching? I say NOT! Sound doctrine is supposed to be too precious to us.

Tit 1:9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

**WE ARE TO HAVE NO FELLOWSHIP WITH THEM.**

Eph 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

This one is very important and one of the most often overlooked commands on this subject.

Reprove means to show disapproval, condemn, find fault, rebuke, and to refute. How can we obey Ephesians 5:11 unless we try them by the Word of God?

You may be wondering, "Well that verse says 'works of darkness'; certainly a fellow Christian who is only slightly off doctrine is not involved in works of darkness?"

John said this:

2Jn 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God...

1Jn 1:5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

False religion and false doctrines are brambles that grow across the path of truth. They are designed to ensnare and bind people to the author of this confusion - the prince of darkness. If Satan can twist the true gospel to something of his own making, then he has pulled the spiritual wool over the eyes of those who follow. He then in-turn renders that person inadequate for duty as a disciple of Jesus Christ. I think we can all agree that the source of all false doctrine is the prince of darkness.

**WE ARE TO WITHDRAW FROM THEM.**

If we have rebuked them. If we have shown them the error of their ways through scripture, and they still refuse to turn away from their sinful practice, we are to withdraw from them.

2Th 3:6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

2Th 3:14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

2Th 3:15 Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

**WE ARE TO TURN AWAY FROM THEM.**

2Ti 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

2Ti 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

2Ti 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Concerning the last days, Paul says that some will have "a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. from such turn away." How can we turn away from them if we do not identify them?

WE ARE NOT TO RECEIVE THEM INTO OUR HOUSE.

2Jn 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

2Jn 1:10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed:

2Jn 1:11 For he that biddeth him Godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds.

This should be an easy one right? But what about Radio, TV, music, etc? Once we have marked someone as a false teacher we are to NOT receive them into our house.

WE ARE TO LOOK OUT FOR THOSE WHO PREACH ANOTHER GOSPEL.

In the beginning I mentioned that Paul warned about those who preached "another Jesus ... another spirit ... or another gospel" - 2 Cor. 11:4. How can we identify them unless we judge their Jesus, their spirit, and their gospel by the Word of God? Paul goes on to call such preachers, false apostles who transform themselves into apostles of Christ. He also hints at who their master is and refers to Satan himself as an 'Angel of Light'.

PAUL REITERATES SOME OF THIS IN GALATIANS:

Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:Gal 1:7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.Gal 1:9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

'Let him be accursed'. Let those words echo in your head for a minute or two. Now think of how many 'perversions' of the gospel there are today.

Those who teach salvation by baptism, or by works, are teaching a perverted gospel. The hyper charismatic, the Roman Catholic Church, many once evangelical and Christian fundamentalists are preaching a perverted gospel. Albeit, perhaps unknowingly, but they are doing it just the same.

Yet according to many in the church today, we are supposed to cooperate with them in evangelism and Christian work and cast aside our differences for the sake of the Gospel. Yet I must ask you that if we fail to expose these falsities and errors, have we not betrayed the very Gospel we believe we're furthering?

IS IT RIGHT TO NAME NAMES?

Many mistakenly believe that it is wrong to name the teachers who proclaim false teachings. Again I believe that scripture tells us that they are wrong. Mark these passages in your own bibles and see.

Paul named and rebuked Peter publicly. - See Galatians 2:11-14

Paul named Demas for loving the world. - See 2 Timothy 4:10

Paul named Hymenaeus and Alexander. - See 1 Timothy 1:18-20

Paul named Hymenaeus and Philetus. - See 2 Timothy 2:15-18

Paul named Alexander the coppersmith. - See 2 Timothy 4:14-15

John named Diotrefes. - See 3 John 9-10

Moses called the name of Balaam. - See Num. 22-25 (Peter also exposed "the way of Balaam ... who loved the wages of unrighteousness" in 2 Peter 2:15)

There are more examples, but this last one is of particular interest. You see Balaam was a prophet that was in the business of the Lord's work for money. Now think of some of the Televangelists today; they beg for money and live like kings, while multitudes of innocent people send them their hard earned money. Kenneth Copeland for instance bought a \$20 million personal jet so he could spread the gospel and do the work of the Lord more effectively. In 1997, Benny Hinn told CNN that he earns between \$500,000 and \$1 million a year. They are always building colleges, hospitals, TV network satellites, and amusement parks all in the name of Christ. The early church was something that looked much different however.

Act 4:32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

Act 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Act 4:34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

Now doesn't that stand in stark contrast to how the popular ministries and churches are run today?

My friends. It is certainly proper and our duty to expose error and to name those who are in error. It is right and our duty to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" as commanded of us in Jude 3. Faithful messengers will indeed warn the sheep of these heretics, and identify them by name. It is not enough to broadly hint of their identity, for the young lambs will not understand and will be destroyed by the wolves.

Mat 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Act 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Act 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Act 20:30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

In this time of End Times apostasy, now more than ever before it's time to expose, warn, and prepare the flock for the onslaught of false teachers, the spirit of the antichrist that's already in the world. You will note that this very thing is in our ministries mission statement, and always has been. "Â...to equip and strengthen believers with sound apologetics and warnings against the false teachings in the world..." Our very motto is 'Safeguarding the Truth' as we pledge to do all we can to that effect.

The above information was found at Exposing False Gospel at:

(This information was found at Bereanwatchman.com and represents my views) <http://www.bereanwatchmen.com/j.r.hall/exposing-false-doctrine.html>

Sincerely,

Walter

Quote:

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Natan4Jesus wrote:

lovingly, meekly, I say, too much blood has been shed in the past by Christians:

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in His love, neil  
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**Re: - posted by intrcssr83 (), on: 2009/1/21 18:18**

How does Osteen's teaching differ from what  
([http://www.godtube.com/view\\_video.php?viewkeyca4cd7b4ea73c84e6184](http://www.godtube.com/view_video.php?viewkeyca4cd7b4ea73c84e6184)) Robert Schuller has been teaching? :-)

**Re: - posted by MJones (), on: 2009/1/21 18:34**

Quote:

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KrispyKrittr wrote:

The problem is when truth gets mixed with error. No one in their right mind would drink poison. But if someone mixed poison into Kool-Aid and served it to you without warning you... you would drink of it, and be poisoned.

Thats the trouble with people like Osteen.

Krispy  
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Krispy,

I read your reply this morning and have thought about it off and on today. I am aware of the aspect of 'a little leaven' and your point of poison in the Kool-Aid. I do feel that way about some teachings.

When Jesus used the term, He was referring to the Pharisees who denied that He was from God. So, no matter what they taught, they had the main point wrong. I see that as poison in the Kool-Aid. The two cannot be separated.

But I see Osteen differently. He may have a few points wrong, according to some, but I believe he has the main point right. With him, and with most of us, it is more like a bag of apples that contain a couple of bad ones.

Where you can't remove poison from the Kool-Aid, you can take the bad apples out from the good ones.

**Re: Mike Jones - posted by MJones (), on: 2009/1/21 18:56**

Quote:

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Natan4Jesus wrote:

here's what Peter Celcicky, a prime vessel of Christ wrote in c.1440

Quote:

-----Our faith obliges us to bind wounds, not to make blood run...  
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Neil,

I appreciate your comments and this quote. I will look at the referenced site later.

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2009/1/21 19:40**

Personally I like Pastor Joel, his inspirational messages do help me, obviously there are no perfect Pastor's as there are no perfect Church members. Yes were more is given more is required, but the required is in the ears of the beholders, he "can" personally minister to me. I will not name names, I just don't go there anymore, but there are some very prominent Pastors out yonder that can't personally minister to me, so I guess it all comes down to who can minister to us, I don't know I guess I am just tired of kicking the dead horse.

**Walter, on: 2009/1/21 20:45**

you closed off your post with

Quote:

-----Sincerely,

Walter

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I'm sure you're "sincere", but do you sincerely love me?

in the mean time, allow me the time to give your long post the read, and deliberation it deserves, but hear me clearly, I ain't going to be getting into any dust-up, or contentious argument with anybody, over this issue. Just so you know.

In Jesus' love, neil

**Reply to Walter , on: 2009/1/21 22:07**

Beloved,

let me ask you a question, and please don't take the question wrong, I don't mean offense? You wrote the whole thing?, (excepting of course, the portions of Scripture)

you asked:

Quote:

-----So what should we ministers of the Lord's work do about it?

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in regards to the spirit of anti-christ afoot in the world?

Walter, I'm not a "minister", not a pastor, just a saved sinner following Jesus, lowest of the low, scum of the earth. I love to encourage others, in the mold of Barnabas, but the way I read it, it's the LORD'S WORK, meaning HE does it, not me. Have mercy, I get my hands on it, and I'll make a mess of it, it's kind of what Pastor Reidhead said in his famous sermon, and I paraphrase, I'll hand Jesus the car keys, climb into the trunk, He'll close the trunk, and Jesus will do the driving.

That was in response to the carsticker that says "Jesus is my co-pilot" (you're supposed to laugh now, but you're probably not)

Zinzendorff came up with something that I kind of like: "In essentials, unity, in non-essentials, liberty, and above all, love". It's not Scripture, but I think it's a good roadmap in dealing with the other inmates trapped here on Earth.

you also asked me:

Quote:

-----What are we the 'body of Christ' supposed to do in the wake of this promised apostasy?

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Die. Die to the world, die to self, die to the flesh, die.

you also asked:

Quote:

-----Are we supposed to ignore it

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yep. the Two Royal Commandments Jesus gave us were, the Schma, which is to love God, with all your heart mind body soul, and to love your neighbor as yourself.

then you asked:

**General Topics :: Joel Osteen on Glenn Beck last night...**

Quote:

-----and preach truth along side of error and hope our voice is LOUDER than the voice of the adversary?  
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Brother, I WILL preach the Gospel and IF necessary, I MIGHT use words. I'll let others do the shouting and hollering. I know that might not be what a Berean watchman wants to hear, but there it is.

you stated:

Quote:

-----We live in a time of conformity. We believe that extremism of any form is an absolute sin to society, even if it is an extreme belief in things that are actually true.  
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sure enough, and I realize you don't KNOW me, but if you did, you'd sure know that the last thing I am is a "conformist", the things of this world matter very very little to me, and that I believe "extremism" can cut both ways, it can walk itself out in a man strapping 70 pounds of c-4 to his waist, and blowing himself up in a market square crowded with women and children, done in the "name of god", or it can be extreme love walked out in the face of absolute scorn and hatred arrayed against it. I like the latter..

Oh Walter!!...I went to the link, which doesn't work, so I went to berean watchmen, went to the JR Hall article and you pasted the whole thing, and here I sit, stupidly answering your post, typing, pouring my heart into it, and it was just a paste job. If I want to talk to JR Hall, why don't I write him an email?

I was just trying to reach out and give you the respect and love by answering what you unspooled to me....but it wasn't you that wrote it.

let me wind this up, by just saying, If you and Steve, and any others want to take Joel Osteen to the Holy Ghost woodshed, please do so, do as the Lord leads.

In Jesus' love, neil

oh, by the way, here's the link to the article you pasted:

(<http://www.bereanwatchmen.com/j.r.hall/exposing-false-doctrine.html>) "Exposing False Doctrine"

**Re: Walter - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2009/1/21 22:09**

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Look we have only two choices here expose or Pray, if you feel that God has placed the responsibility on you to expose Pastors by all means go for it, but unless the word of God lies you will also reap the same some day, exposed for some of your flaws.

I think Praying and exposing would be an oxymoron in my opinion, I don't think in good faith we can honestly and sincerely do both with a pure heart, I think some of our reasons come from our flesh, I personally choose to Pray for them so I will reap the same "Prayer" "unless" again the word lies, so folks what is more powerful, exposing the Pastors or praying for them? it's pretty simple, this is really cut and dry it's our choice.

Yes, I know I will have folks say well Mr. Bill, the word says it is our responsibility to expose, is it? it may be, but you better make real sure, before you do, you have made that choice through your spirit and Prayed and Prayed over and over a gain and your decision has not come from your flesh, because the fallout you reap may not be very desirable.



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May God Bless All Of Our Pastors.

**Bill, on: 2009/1/21 22:17**

The prayer meeting has always been my favorite meeting of the Church....a prayer meeting where the start time is posted, but the ending time is left blank, coz the Holy Spirit knows when the meeting ends, and we all ask Jesus to pastor the meeting.

So I agree with you....prayer is the better path, and when account is taken of me, God will see the seed I've sown and by His Grace, and His Indwelling Spirit IN me, it will be love mercy charity hope and Faith.

the other stuff I've sown? You make amends on that, and put it under the Blood of Christ.

thats my dime.

**Re: Walter, on: 2009/1/22 8:10**

Quote:  
-----In Jesus' love, neil  
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Neil??? Is that you, bro??

Krispy

**Re: Joel Osteen on Glenn Beck last night... - posted by LoveGodsWay2, on: 2009/1/22 9:44**

Last year Joel Osteen came on TV and my son asked me what I thought of him. My son is 14 yrs old.

I told him to watch Joel Osteen and then tell me what he thought.

So my son watched him and he said something like this:

"He is not very deep. He didn't use many scriptures and some things he said didn't sound correct, but he speaks well."

We have a local pastor on the radio who I heard preach last week. He quotes Thomas Manton and then paraphrases him to explain why there are arenas in America that have 30,000 people to hear preaching,

"It is because the preaching says two things over and over again. "You are great! and You are okay!" ([http://www.truthforlife.org/site/News2?abbrl&pageNewsArticle&id8270&news\\_iv\\_ctrl1102](http://www.truthforlife.org/site/News2?abbrl&pageNewsArticle&id8270&news_iv_ctrl1102)) False Faith, Part A, James 2:14-17, By Alistair Begg)

I think Joel Osteen's message to the world is this : "You are great! and You are okay!"

**Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2009/1/22 11:13**

Dear Brethren,

God has showed me not to be critical and run down other people but to bring truth out exposing the errors so we know to hold to the truth.

I don't watch much of any preaching on television lately but from time to time I will listen to see what is going on and all so hopefully to be edified.

I remember a while back I turn on to Joel's preaching and it just bothered me that he was teaching people to have confidence in themselves. The more I listened to him the more I was saying that's not the gospel and my wife walked by and said why do you listen to him if it's going to bother you. I told her that I just wanted to see what he was saying and hoping that I was wrong about him. I prayed Lord help me not to be judgmental.

I will say this about him. He is very positive and does not believe in being negative. I agree with some of his positiveness because we live in such a negative world. I believe his positive faith based messages have help people have a better attitude as long as they get a pep talk. I would say that he is probably the best self help preacher out their today. The problem with all this is that the true message of the cross and denying ourselves is not really being preached like it should so therefore you want see much preaching against sin.

Everybody can get something out of his message even while still living in sin. Many people can go there or listen to him that are not confronted with their true lost condition and therefore are not born of God but still benefit from his preaching on how to live a better life because it makes them feel better. I have decided to pray for him to have a deeper experience with God. I believe though that we who believe in the message of the cross don't have to be negative either because it is our confidence in Him that makes all the difference. The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness but to us who believe it is the power of God.

Blessings to all!

**Stevie Krispy, on: 2009/1/22 12:18**

Quote:

-----Neil??? Is that you, bro??  
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Yes!!!...and there's a lot I want to tell you off the board, stuff you would like.

How is it on the mountain? I'm just forgetting this Osteen stuff in this response...what's is important, did football go okay this year? How are your babies? etc, wife?

there's a lot I want to tell ya, if I got you mad before, forgive me please, I'm a Yankee, what can I say? (lol) but I'll PM after I read this and finish up morning devotional readings.

your brother, neil

**Re: MrBillPro, on: 2009/1/22 12:23**

Dear MrBillPro:

You have stated:

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Pastors by all means go for it, but unless the word of God lies you will also reap the same some day, exposed for some of your flaws."

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**My response would be that I hope and pray that others would expose me for my flaws by the Anvil, by GOD'S VERY WORDS if and when I stray from THEM. Today, many Christians have no interest in what the Bible teaches, in Bible Doctrine, and that is THE reason why we have such apostasy today**

"What is the gospel?"

As Paul makes clear, there is actually only one gospel:

1 Corinthians 15:1-8,11 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

The purpose of confronting those that call themselves Christian but do not preach the true Gospel is twofold:

1. To draw them back to Christ
2. To warn others of their deception.

The Bible teaches us in how we are to deal with those that teach error:

WE ARE TO EXPOSE THEM BY NAME  
(The same as Paul & John did)

WE ARE TO WITHDRAW FROM THEM.

WE ARE TO TURN AWAY FROM THEM.

WE ARE NOT TO RECEIVE THEM INTO OUR HOUSE.

WE ARE NOT TO BREAK BREAD WITH THEM.

WE ARE TO LOOK OUT FOR THOSE WHO PREACH ANOTHER GOSPEL AND WARN OTHERS OF THEIR ERROR.

The purpose of dealing this way with those that preach a false Gospel is to confront them of their error by the very Word of God, the ANVIL, and to draw them back to the truth.

We have all been called to "Preach" the Gospel- when we "go out" to work each day, or wherever we go---when we are at the market and meet others that God puts in our path, we are commanded to share the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ who came to this earth to die for our sin. We are all commanded to be "Preachers" of the Gospel.

Matthew 19:19-20 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:  
Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Mark 16:15-16 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Sincerely,

Walter

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**Re: - posted by dab (), on: 2009/1/22 12:59**

I was just wondering what you all thought - when Paul stated his desire (prayer? - maybe not) that those who preached another gospel would "cut themselves off," was he speaking out of his flesh, or by the Spirit?

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2009/1/22 13:03**

Walter, unless your diluting Galatians 6:7 you will still reap what you sow, or will you? are you saying that you will not personally reap what "you" sow or what here? I do understand what you have said in your post and trust me I had already expected that response. Walter if you re-read my post, I said if you are called to expose well brother go for it expose. I have personally never been called to nor ever had God speak to me to expose anyone "but" if I do I sure will obey him. Look I don't not believe we are all called to do this "why" because I have never felt in my spirit nor have even had God speak to me nor do I know how to do it in a Godly manner, this is how I personally know I am not called to do this, unless God told you I should. So Walter if you are called to expose there has to be more Pastors out there that are flawed were is your list? "or" is Pastor Joel just your jumping on the band wagon? when I see your list of others and trust me there out there I will sincerely believe that "Walter" was called to expose all these Pastors.

I think it is wrong for Christians to pick out certain scripture favorable to their opinion, because I can also pick out "if I wanted to" in favor of my opinion, so at this point right now in my life I am not personally called to expose flawed Pastors "but" if and when I am trust me I will obey my Father.

**Re: A LITTLE LEAVEN IS OK...You think?, on: 2009/1/25 19:05**

Overall Walter, I thoroughly support your position, and cannot understand this liberal thought train that excuses a little bit of heresy here and there.

I posted a thread in April 2008..."Your best life now, your worst eternity forever: Joel Osteen, the flower of TBN theology."... How in the world can a real Christian NOT be disturbed by this?

Mister Osteen publicly confessed that he believed that there were many ways, and religions, that lead to God. This is what Jesus, Paul and Peter referred to as a WOLF. How can some so cavalierly state that "to each his own, just worry about yourself" attitude is a sound approach to deceivers?

I'm sorry, but this kind of thinking and inclusion is as bad as the wolves it lets run free. Joel Osteen is a false brother preaching a false gospel that is destructive to many who believe it's veracity.....and Walter...you've got it right! That is t

he Bible answer to these anti-Christ's like Olsteen.

**Re: - posted by HomeFree89 (), on: 2009/1/25 20:17**

Quote:  
-----I know that it is not a debate on Cal/Arm, but(planting my tongue firmly in my cheek), if we come down hard on Osteen for teaching universalism simply because he feels that man has "light within" and "divine DNA in his veins". Is that any different than Arminius saying similar things ? or Fox(founder of the Friends/Quakers)?  
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I'm just wanting to be totally clear on what you're saying. So you're lumping Arminians in with the likes of Osteen?

And what did Arminius say that is so much like Osteen?

**Re: - posted by MJones (), on: 2009/1/25 20:50**

I take it by the title you gave your post, 'A LITTLE LEAVEN IS OK...you think?' that you were referring to my reply to Kris py. If you will read it closely, you will notice that I did not say a little leaven was okay. When Jesus referred to a little leaven, He was specifically referring to the Pharisees who did not believe He was from God. So anything they taught was flawed from the beginning.

I have listened to Osteen off and on for 2 years. I have read his first book and 1/2 his second one. I have never heard anything that gives me reason to believe he should be linked with the category that some in this thread try to put him in. I simply haven't heard it.

At the end of each broadcast, he gives a person the opportunity to accept Christ and concludes that if a person has, he has been 'born again'. Those are his words and they are at the end of each broadcast.

So when I say he has the main part right, I am basing it on what I have heard collectively for over 2 years. It is not the case of a little leaven. It is no more, in my opinion than a bad apple or two in a bag of good ones, which you and myself and all on this sight also have.

**Re: , on: 2009/1/26 0:26**

To MJones:

Since you have listened to Joel for quite a while, I would like to know how many times you have personally heard Joel Osteen preach about REPENTENCE? How many times has Joel Osteen preached about SIN? How many times has he even mentioned the word SIN?---NEVER, he refuses to even use the word sin (according to his interview with Larry King). How many times has he preached that Jesus Christ DIED FOR OUR SINS AND THAT HE IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE, AND THAT NO MAN COMES UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY CHRIST JESUS (John 14:6)? How many times has he preached on the power and efficacy of THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST?

Joel Osteen preaches a "social gospel", and also believes in Universalism. Another apostate Pastor that preaches and teaches this is Dr. Robert A. Schuler.

Jesus Christ had this to say about the way to heaven, the way to eternal life. Both paths are traveled by "Christians" on "the way". Some Christians take the broad way and the wide gate, and end up in hell. Other Christians take the narrow way, and the straight gate that leads to eternal life, and there are few that find it. We are warned to beware of the false prophets of this world:

(Matthew 17:13-23)

13. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. 15. **Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.** 16. **Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?** 17. **Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.** 18. **A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.** 19. **Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.** 20. **Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.** 21. **Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.** 22. **Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?** 23. **And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.,**

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)

Joel refuses to tell the truth that Jesus Christ is the only way for men to be saved in his interviews with Larry King and others on National Television. He is the kind of man that Christ will spew out of His mouth, like He will to the lukewarm Church of Laodicea.

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Walter

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I take it by the title you gave your post, 'A LITTLE LEAVEN IS OK...you think?' that you were referring to my reply to Krispy. If you will read it closely, you will notice that I did not say a little leaven was okay. When Jesus referred to a little leaven, He was specifically referring to the Pharisees who did not believe He was from God. So anything they taught was flawed from the beginning.

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**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2009/1/26 1:06**

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Yep and Walter refuses to forgive him, I wonder which is worse? because true forgiveness never brings it up again. Well again unless the Word of God lies. Walter, I if I were you, I would personally work on my learning how to forgive others, and let Joel Osteen work on his issues, or like the word says, be more concerned about the log in your eye before you concern yourself about the speck in your Brothers. Have yourself a wonderful day "unless" you have other plans.

God Bless

Peace :-)

Mr. Bill

**dont forget the mustard seed!! , on: 2009/1/26 1:43**

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**Re: dont forget the mustard seed!! , on: 2009/1/26 1:52**

To Natan4Jesus:

Since when are Christians required to forgive false prophets? I have already quoted the Bible that instructs CHRISTIANS on how to deal with FALSE PROPHETS and other Christians who are in grave Doctrinal error and therefore, on their way to hell. I am surely not the one who would have to forgive them for anything. They have not hurt or attacked me in any way. They have attacked the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as the His Word, the DOCTRINE found in the Bible.

**Natan, how did the Apostles in the early Church respond to false Gospel being preached?**

**I posted this previously. You obviously missed it, so I will do so here. If you respond to this, PLEASE RESPOND WITH SCRIPTURE THAT RELATES TO FALSE DOCTRINE AND FALSE TEACHERS, AND WHAT WE (CHRISTIANS) ARE INSTRUCTED TO DO WITH THEM.**

1 Timothy 5:20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

Titus 1:13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;

Proverbs 27:5 Open rebuke is better than secret love.

Why should 'God Fearing' Christians NAME NAMES WHEN DEALING WITH THOSE IN PUBLIC MINISTRY?

BECAUSE OF PRECEDENCE.

Jude 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude 1:4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

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LOOK HOW PAUL JUDGED IN 1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-13

1Co 5:1-13 I can hardly believe the report about the sexual immorality going on among you-something that even pagans don't do. I am told that a man in your church is living in sin with his stepmother. You are so proud of yourselves, but you should be mourning in sorrow and shame. And you should remove this man from your fellowship. Even though I am not with you in person, I am with you in the Spirit. And as though I were there, I have already passed judgment on this man in the name of the Lord Jesus. You must call a meeting of the church. I will be present with you in spirit, and so will the power of our Lord Jesus. Then you must throw this man out and hand him over to Satan so that his sinful nature will be destroyed and he himself will be saved on the day the Lord returns. Your boasting about this is terrible. Don't you realize that this sin is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old "yeast" by removing this wicked person from among you. Then you will be like a fresh batch of dough made without yeast, which is what you really are. Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us. So let us celebrate the festival, not with the old bread of wickedness and evil, but with the new bread of sincerity and truth. When I wrote to you before, I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin. But I wasn't talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols. You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that. I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people. It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning. God will judge those on the outside; but as the Scriptures say, "You must remove the evil person from among you."

A PERSON WHO IS ABLE TO DISCERN BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL, HAS AT LEAST ONE OF THE MAJOR MARKS OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY. LOOK AT HEBREWS 5:14

Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

THE VERY WORD "DISCERN" MEANS TO JUDGE.

SO, IS IT RIGHT FOR US TO EXPOSE FALSE TEACHERS?

If we sit idly by we are in essence encouraging false doctrine to be spread. Wolves in sheep's clothing are thus enabled to ravage the flock, thereby destroying many.

Remember John the Baptist? He called the Pharisees and Sadducees (the religious leaders of his day) "a generation of Vipers". Today would we dare tell him to "your too harsh, be kind to our brethren and don't judge"??

**We must always remember that the scripture admonishes us if we do not expose error in the flock. What are we to do when we know of 'false' teachers?**

WE ARE TO TRY THEM.

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they be of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world" - I John 4: 1

ALL DOCTRINE AND TEACHERS ARE TO BE TRIED ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF GOD.

Isa 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Every sermon, every message, pastor, preacher, so called prophet or any methodology it to be judged through the looking glass of God's Word. On that note, I hope that right now your bibles are open, and you're verifying this talk with scripture.



Have a look at what Christ says to the Church of Ephesus in Revelation 2:2. Christ commends them on what?

"I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:"

WE ARE TO THEREFORE DO THE SAME.

Never is it to be acceptable to us to 'tolerate' false teachers within our midst.

WE ARE TO MARK THEM AND AVOID THEM.

Rom 16:17-18 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

Those whose conduct and teaching contradicts the Word of God are to be marked and to be avoided. How can we mark them? We need a standard in which to compare them to. In other words we require discernment and judgment in light of God's Word. These are not my words. I am merely quoting scripture. We cannot mark and avoid, unless their words and deeds are judged according to the Word of God.

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Look up for yourself the passages of Titus 1:10-16--- To whom was Paul referring when he wrote this to Titus?

“For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, especially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Creteans are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.”

For money's sake - unruly, vain talkers and deceivers were fooling whole houses, and leading them astray. Teaching them things that they should not teach. Does that sound familiar to you?

**Joel Osteen and other preachers and evangelists are subverting whole houses with their false doctrine today. Are we to sit silently by, while they do this, without rebuking and admonishing people to avoid their teaching? NO, ABSOLUTELY NOT!** Sound doctrine tells us the way to salvation, and is supposed to be too precious to us.

Titus 1:9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

**WE ARE TO HAVE NO FELLOWSHIP WITH THEM.**

Eph 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

This one is very important and one of the most often overlooked commands on this subject.

Reprove means to show disapproval, condemn, find fault, rebuke, and to refute. How can we obey Ephesians 5:11 unless we try them by the Word of God?

You may be wondering, "Well that verse says 'works of darkness'; certainly a fellow Christian who is only slightly off doctrine is not involved in works of darkness?"

John said this:

2John 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God...

1John 1:5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

False religion and false doctrines are brambles that grow across the path of truth. They are designed to ensnare and bind people to the author of this confusion - the prince of darkness. If Satan can twist the true gospel to something of his own making, then he has pulled the spiritual wool over the eyes of those who follow. He then in-turn renders that person inadequate for duty as a disciple of Jesus Christ. I think we can all agree that the source of all false doctrine is the prince of darkness.

### **WE ARE TO WITHDRAW FROM THEM.**

If we have rebuked them. If we have shown them the error of their ways through scripture, and they still refuse to turn a way from their sinful practice, we are to withdraw from them.

2 Thessalonians 3:6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

2 Thessalonians 3:14-15 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

### **ARE TO TURN AWAY FROM THEM.**

2 Timothy 3:5-7 "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Concerning the last days, Paul says that some will have "a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. from such turn away." How can we turn away from them if we do not identify them?

### **ARE NOT TO RECEIVE THEM INTO OUR HOUSE.**

2 John 19-11

Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed:

For he that biddeth him Godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds.

**This should be an easy one right? But what about Radio, TV, music, etc? Once we have marked someone as a false teacher we are to NOT receive them into our house.**

### **WE ARE TO LOOK OUT FOR THOSE WHO PREACH ANOTHER GOSPEL.**

(2 Cor. 11:4) How can we identify them unless we judge their Jesus, their spirit, and their gospel by the Word of God? Paul goes on to call such preachers, false apostles who transform themselves into apostles of Christ. He also hints at who their master is and refers to Satan himself as an 'Angel of Light'.

### **PAUL REITERATES SOME OF THIS IN GALATIANS:**

Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:Gal 1:7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.Gal 1:9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Those who teach salvation by baptism, or by works, are teaching a perverted gospel. The hyper charismatic, the Roman Catholic Church, many once evangelical and Christian fundamentalists are preaching a perverted gospel. Albeit, perhaps unknowingly, but they are doing it just the same.

**Yet according to you Natan, and others like you on this thread, we are supposed to cooperate with these PERVERTERS OF THE GOSPEL and cast aside our differences for the sake of the Gospel--A FALSE GOSPEL. If we (you and I) fail to expose these falsities and errors, we have BETRAYED the very Gospel we believe we're furthering! What about the thousands upon thousands of our brothers and sisters who are sitting in these apostate Churches, and on their way to hell because they are being taught lies? Are we to ignore them, so that we can "all get along"?**

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Walter  
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**Re: - posted by MJones (), on: 2009/1/26 7:02**

Quote:

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waltern wrote:

To MJones:

Since you have listened to Joel for quite a while, I would like to know how many times you have personally heard Joel Osteen preach about REPENTANCE? How many times has Joel Osteen preached about SIN? How many times has he even mentioned the word SIN?---NEVER, he refuses to even use the word sin (according to his interview with Larry King). How many times has he preached that Jesus Christ DIED FOR OUR SINS AND THAT HE IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE, AND THAT NO MAN COMES UNTO THE FATHER BUT BY CHRIST JESUS (John 14:6)? How many times has he preached on the power and efficacy of THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST?

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Waltern,

I,m glad you asked these questions. With all due respect, I don't believe my reply will do much to change your opinion, but for the benefit of some others, I will reply.

For starters, this is the exact quote of how Osteen ends his broadcast;

'We never like to close our broadcast without giving you the opportunity to make Jesus the Lord of your life.

**General Topics :: Joel Osteen on Glenn Beck last night...**

Would you pray this prayer with me; Lord Jesus, I repent of my sin. Come into my heart. I will make you the Lord of my life.

Friends if you prayed that simple prayer, we believe you got born again. Get into a Bible based church and keep God first place in your life.

In addition to that, just last night I heard him refer to the scripture in Hebrews regarding the sin that so easily entangles. He specifically used the word 'sin' in the context of encouraging the listeners to do more to avoid it.

In addition, I have heard him repeatedly speak on healing. He believes that God has the ability to heal. His mother is often used when he mentions it, for evidently she is a recipient of God's healing touch.

I could go on and on. What bothers me in this, is we have people who write volumes slamming the guy because they heard him in an interview one time. We need to be better about really knowing something before we speak out for it or against it. Then we have those who join the bandwagon because they hear people, who have only heard an interview, do all this bashing.

I think it would be good, before you do any more bashing, to take the time to listen to 5 of his broadcast sermons. If you still have problems, then at least you will have something specific and current to have a problem with.

All due respect.

**Re: , on: 2009/1/26 7:56**

Quote:

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The only thing scripture has commanded the Christian to do concerning false teachers is to "mark and avoid".

Krispy

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2009/1/26 9:27**

In John 5:40 Jesus DIDN'T say "ye cannot come"; no, rather He said... ye WILL NOT come. Anyone who has a desire to come to Jesus Christ for forgiveness may be saved. Yes, it is true, God will forgive anybody. I realize that such a statement will help many of the self-righteous, and Calvinists who don't believe that Christ died for the ungodly; however, Romans 5:6 clearly silences them... "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."

Christ never died for anyone other than the UNGODLY! I don't understand how anyone, such as Calvinists, can twist the Scriptures to claim that Jesus only died for the righteous. We read in 2nd Peter 2:1, "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction." Did you see that? Jesus bought those false prophets, even though they were bound for Hell in their sins. Oh! Listen my friend, I don't care what sins you may have committed, or how far from God you may have run, you may still come to Jesus for forgiveness and salvation. This is Biblical. Isaiah 1:18 plainly states... "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." The Hebrew word for "crimson" is interesting. It refers to a worm used to make clothing dye. Thus, God is saying that although your life may seem permanently stained with sin, He can cleanse you as white as wool. This is the power of Jesus' precious blood that cleanses our sins away, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1st John 1:7).

God "will" forgive anybody, because Jesus died for everybody! 1st John 2:2 states, "And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." How much clearer could the Bible be on this matter? Whatever depths of sin you may have gone to, God is willing to forgive you, if you'll come by way of the blood of Jesus. I will say this again Jesus will forgive anyone and so will I, why? because I personally want to be like Jesus.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2009/1/26 9:40

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Re: MrBillPro & MJones, on: 2009/1/26 11:59

**This is addressed to MrBillPro and MJones (One and the same person?):**

This response has nothing to do with "Calvanism" or any other "ism" and everything to do with God's Spirit Breathed Word.

God's Word is clear in how the body of Christ is to deal with the likes of Joel Osteen, Robert Schuller, and other false Prophets and Teachers. I have quoted from the Anvil, The Bible of how we are to deal with them. **Each of us has a choice in how we respond to His Word, in how we respond to the commands He has given us. Are we obedient?**

**At the Judgment Seat of Jesus Christ, the Bema Seat, all those that make it to this judgment of believers** will see all the things that they have done in their life pass before their eyes, as they are judged by Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 3:9.23 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. 10. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13. Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. 16. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17. If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. 18. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. 19. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. 20. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. 21. Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; 22. Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; 23. And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

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**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2009/1/26 12:15**

Ok Walter you have addressed the problem with many hand picked scripture to help your cause, so what is the solution? just pray Pastor Joel goes to hell?

Just what do "good" Christian folks do? do they just continue to "not to forgive" and Pray for him.

Matthew 18:15-17 say's:

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Walter have you done this yet?

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2009/1/26 12:23**

By the way just for the record here, I am not condoning any sin, or false teachers, I am just forgiving them, why? because I want to be forgiven, I think that is the way it goes, or maybe someone will show me some scripture that's to the contrary, Mr. Bill forgives very easily, you know why? because he has a huge mirror. :-)

**Re: , on: 2009/1/26 12:23**

Oh boy... everyone hold one! The train is going off the tracks!

Krispy

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2009/1/26 12:28**

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KrispyKrittr wrote:

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Krispy  
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That's "hold on" not hold one. :-P

Also my train has always run beside the tracks, you know why? because I am not perfect, by the way how does it feel up yonder on the tracks? I bet the ride is a lot smoother. Sometimes Mr. Bill feels like Job, but that's ok as long as my results are the same. :-P

Re: - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2009/1/26 12:57

Guess, I will jump into this train wreck as you call it.

Speaking about forgiving errant Pastors, it is my understanding that to be forgiven, one must repent and ask for forgiveness. I am ready and willing to forgive. I do not seek to condemn but in my opinion, anyone who does not ask for forgiveness is condemning themselves.

The world has corrupted so much it is not possible to hear a sermon or read anything that man writes (myself included here) and not see it influenced by the world. There are none Holy.

But, some are trying, I encourage that and long for that in myself. Everyday God gives is another day to strive to be Holy. I know I will always fall short but that does not justify not trying.

Speaking of Job, to have his faith in God would be sustaining. Thanks to Jesus we only have to have the faith of a little child.

Kind regards,  
white stone

Re: , on: 2009/1/26 14:08

To MrBillPro & MJones:

In Communist Russia, just before Perestroika came about, a group of Christians were meeting secretly in a home. There was a knock on the door, and when it was opened the KGB Rushed into the room, with their guns drawn and ready. They announced that anyone who really did not believe in Jesus Christ could leave, because they were going to kill everyone who was a believer. Over 1/2 of the Church cleared out, and ran for dear life. Once they were gone, the leader closed the door and locked it and said---"Now that the non-believers have left, let's Worship and Praise God and His Son, Jesus Christ". All of these KGB men had come to belief in Jesus Christ, and knew that there were counterfeit Christians in the midst of the underground Christian Church. They wanted to worship in safety, after the counterfeits had been cleared out.

How did Peter & John and the other disciples respond to the Gospel in Acts, Chapter 3 and after that? Did they deny Jesus Christ as the only Lord and the Resurrected Savior once? No, never. After Acts 1, when the disciples were empowered by the Holy Ghost, they never wavered. They responded boldly to the truth, and went to prison for it, and eventually died for it!. How about Stephen, did he waiver, ever?. No, he died for the truth. How about Ananias, with Sapphira? What was their penalty for lying to the Holy Spirit? Death and hell!

During the reformation, men and women of God died for their testimony. Pick up Foxe's "Voice of the Martyrs" and see what happened to William Tyndale (1494-1536), George Wishart (1546), Felix Manz (1527), Michael Sattler (1495-1527), George Wagner (1527), Balthasar Hubmaier (1480-1528), George Blaurock (1491-1529), John Frith (1503-1533), John Lambert (1538), Dirk Willems (1569), Lady Jane Grey (1554), John Bradford (1510-1555), John Hooper (1555), John Rogers (1500-1555), John Penry (1593) and many, many, millions more. They did not waiver, they did not stretch the truth, and they died excruciating deaths for their beliefs.

Christians have been persecuted for their beliefs since the beginning, and we will be persecuted even more as we enter end time events. **The Christian does nothing on his own, by his own flesh, because he has been crucified with Jesus Christ. The Christian is a new creation, that has died to self and is empowered by the Holy Spirit!**. We are commanded to witness to the lost till the end comes:

"18. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18-20

The end is close, and we must be strong in the Lord. He is the one that will get us through whatever we have to face—

whether we live or die, we are "in Him".

**In response to your concerns about forgiving others, you are misguided. We are to forgive those that have harmed us personally, as individuals. Those that have harmed us by words or deeds. False Prophets and False Teachers have not hurt us, individually. They are harming Jesus Christ, and His Gospel. His Word, the Anvil, The Bible directs us, his Body, His Church-- and he has given us specific directions in how to deal with them. I have previously posted on this thread Christ's commands in how to handle false prophets and false teachers, that you have ignored entirely on this thread.**

**I do pray for Joel Osteen, Robert Schuller, and many other false teachers. However, I do not have to forgive them, because they have not hurt me. I am commanded to expose them, in order to draw them back to Christ. I am also commanded to expose them because of their ability to corrupt others in the Body of Christ.**

Sincerely,

Walter  
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Quote:

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MrBillPro wrote:

By the way just for the record here, I am not condoning any sin, or false teachers, I am just forgiving them, why? because I want to be forgiven, I think that is the way it goes, or maybe someone will show me some scripture that's to the contrary, Mr. Bill forgives very easily, you know why? because he has as a huge mirror. :-)  
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#### Easy Walter...., on: 2009/1/26 16:11

slow down....I was marveling over the parable of the humble mustard seed, the same way in my morning devotionals, I've been tracking in Scriptures, when these Words are said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is near"..or "the Kingdom of God is near", and what that means, what that looks like, how you walk it out etc.

That's been my burden, joyous burden, locked in prayer, wrestling with God.

what I am NOT doing is this, what you ACCUSE me of :

Quote:

-----Yet according to you Natan, and others like you on this thread, we are supposed to cooperate with these PERVERTERS OF THE GOSPEL and cast aside our differences for the sake of the Gospel--A FALSE GOSPEL.  
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I never said that, and you should step back a second, and think and pray about this ungraceful tenor with which you accuse me of such. I cooperate with none of these folk, and the Lord knows it.

I am poor in spirit and the Lord knows it, hence this is the last post I make in response to this completely unedifying thread, and I pray the moderators discern as such, and lock this unseemingly display. It give God no Glory.

in Jesus' love to you Walter, neil



**Re: Unsanctified Mercy...your best life now, just as you are., on: 2009/1/26 16:25**

Mercy without repentance is not mercy at all, but unsanctified mercy. This is why the gospel is centered around repentance from dead works as a prerequisite to Faith.

In 2 Tim chpt: 2, Hymenaeus was marked, as one who said that the resurrection had passed. and had,"overthrown the faith of some." Previously , in 1 Tim: chpt:1, vs. 20, Paul says that he turned him over to Satan, that he may learn " not to blaspheme." To some, like say the Mormon faith, multitudes believe another gospel. The momentum from this deception has surely overthrown the faith of some. They will be in the Lake of Fire forever because they believed a lie, and did not receive a love for the truth. The Mormons use the Bible too, and have an element of truth, and "terrific: family life.

So can you see where a true and Biblical gospel matters, in it's purity. The Israelites had to eat unleavened bread for a season, every day, as a point to bring this home... "the Feast of unleavened bread." Leaven is sin, and deceiving teaching. A little sin is like being a little married. It is the same with blasphemous teachers. Jesus is not the only way..in the long run, you will be fine because God is good. He wants you to be a success and live large. The bible states that the result of our faith and lives is that we will become like HIM!..that we will grow up into the fullness of christ, and LOVE, as He loves through us.

This is obtained through dying to ourselves, and hating our own way, as we love His way above all. There is suffering , and a commanded cross we all must bear to accomplish this death and resurrection within ourselves. "I am crucified with Christ, but never the less, I live,,, yet not I , but Christ who lives in me,,,and the life that I live.....you know the rest.

This is the walk, and the heart of the faith.

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You fail to see the difference between sin, and unbelief. You cannot repent of unbelief, except by believing, and that by the Word of God. Osteen is a motivational speaker, who believes that God loves everyone, and exists for all to enjoy life, and that would be your best life now.

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Well then what's all the fuss about? so Pastor Joel is only to be forgiven by folks that he has harmed individually? Walter

I am hip to your mission here and Brother I totally understand your heart, but I have yet to read "ANY" Bible verse that tells me there are certain individuals I am not to forgive. So Walter if a drunk person runs over my grand child "I pray this never happens" I am not supposed to or cannot forgive them? only my son or daughter can forgive them? you have really lost me here, I am sorry Bro.

**Re: , on: 2009/1/26 18:13**

To MrBillPro:

I have tried to reply to your misconceptions about forgiveness. Other's have tried as well.

Brother Tom had much to say to you about this, and concluded as follows:

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**In conclusion to MrBillPro:**

**Based upon your posts, that are not supported by Scripture, I have to conclude that you have a blindness in regards to who we (Christians) are called to forgive and why. We have been commanded to treat false teachers and prophets, who Christ described as ravening wolves, in specific ways. If it offends you, then your problem is not with me or other Christians who are obedient to God's Word. Your problem is with God Himself- talk to Him about it- fast and pray until you can understand.**

**My suggestion to you would be to become a Berean, and search the scriptures daily. Read the Word at night, in the evening. Disconnect your Television and radio and study God's Word. On your lunch break, study God's Word. Wake up in the morning and spend quiet time with the Lord by praying back His Word to Him.**

**Internalize His Word- "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Hebrews 4:12-13**

Sincerley,

Walter

**P.S.**

**We have some friends who have been missionaries to Africa for over 40 years. Idi Amin, the butcher of Uganda was in power and they (Richard & Dorothy Bennett) were led by the Spirit to preach at the time of the waning of his power. They were in a large building, full of Christian believers. Dorothy was at the podium, teaching the mixed audience of men and women. The locked door was broken and many soldiers came into the room, armed with AK 47's. The leader came up to the stage and pointed his gun into the chest of Dorothy Bennett, and said--"it is time for you to die". She responded, "no, it time for you to meet my Savior, Jesus Christ who died for you." T**

he power of the Holy Spirit fell over this man, and he dropped the rifle and fell to his knees, and said "I must meet this woman's God".

He was convicted of his sin and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord & Savior, and no one was killed! What Satan meant for evil, God turned it around, and made it for good.

That is what we have, as Christian believers---we are "new creations", and are led by the Holy Spirit, who lives within our hearts, where Jesus sits upon the Throne. We have been:

**Crucified with Christ**

**We are dead with Christ**

**We were buried with Christ**

**We were made alive with Christ**

**We were raised together with Christ**

**We are sufferers with Christ**

**We are glorified with Christ**

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2009/1/26 18:35**

Well Walter I have a news flash for you and those here that have not heard this, "MY PASTOR" Joel Osteen did repent and ask God for forgiveness in front of 18,000 of us at Church shortly after his Larry King episode, I am sorry you were not personally there to hear. If you want to go on with your attitude towards him, your more than welcome but that will be between you and God, right? by the way you need to quit watching so much TV because you must watch it some Larry King is a TV person last I heard. By the way Pastor Joel does believe that Jesus Christ "IS" the only way into the Kingdom, I am sorry he made a mistake on national TV that some have not let him live down, because they like to harbor unforgiveness, now can we change directions here and talk about the thousand other Pastors out there that are not perfect? I won't personally do it, but I will read about it thought, so post away.

**Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2009/1/26 18:54**

Quote:  
-----I realize that such a statement will help many of the self-righteous, and Calvinists who don't believe that Christ died for the ungodly; however, Romans 5:6 clearly silences them... "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."  
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I do not know which Calvinists you are talking about, but any that I know would agree that Christ died for the ungodly, even more than that, He bought all who will come to faith in Him.

Please do not misrepresent fellow brethren in an attempt to make a point, because that is lying about what we (Calvinists) believe.

Quote:  
-----"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction."  
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You might want to do a little grammar check on this passage before making it mean Christ where it says "Lord" as the Greek word is not the same one used though the NT for Christ(kurios), but is rather Master(despotes) and is indicative of God's Sovereign rule and ownership of all life.

You would also have to wonder then if Christ was lying when He said that all that the Father had given Him would be saved. For if these men were truly Christians, they would not have denied the Master.

The fact that they did makes this verse bring more light on the topic-  
1 Peter 2:8 and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." **They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.**

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**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2009/1/26 19:01**

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It was directed to only who it might apply, if it does not apply to you then I would not be concerned, personally I feel we all need a larger mirror, some of us are way to busy standing behind other folks looking at them in their mirror.:)

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2009/1/26 19:43**

Quote:

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Be that as it may, the conversation has digressed yet again to this abortive topic. This thread is 7 pages long. The majority of it is as unedifying as a tabloid magazine in a grocery store. Brethren, I believe that if we would only *pray before posting*, we would find the Lord impressing it upon us to avoid these topics like a pestilence.

Try it for yourself and see :-(

Locked.