

**General Topics :: We Know Not The Gospel Of Jesus Christ by Paul Washer (Video)****We Know Not The Gospel Of Jesus Christ by Paul Washer (Video) - posted by tjservant (), on: 2009/5/22 10:32**

Excellent 10 minute video of Paul Washer

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?vty5uHLqdgIY&featurechannel>) We Know Not The Gospel Of Jesus Christ

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The doctrines of grace teach that God is personal and that he rules and governs all things for his glory out of love for his elect. He works all things for their good. God is one who loves, and loves sovereignly. So, as you can see, this is not fatalistic.

Regarding man's responsibility, Fatalism would teach that "what will be will be" therefore you can do whatever you want to do, since it's all determined anyway. Fatalism will always be antinomian.

The doctrines of grace (i.e the Gospel) teach that man is responsible for his actions. He must obey God's law. He must respond to the Word. He must believe on Christ to be saved. After he is regenerate and has faith, he must produce fruit. God requires this of man.

Scripture (i.e. Doctrines of Grace) teaches both the absolute sovereignty of God and the responsibility of man.

Please study this subject for your self and do not rely on the opinions being put forth on this thread.

**Re: We Know Not The Gospel Of Jesus Christ by Paul Washer (Video) - posted by bible4life (), on: 2009/5/24 1:54**

great video, that place seemed so silent and not expecting of that. The whole sermon is great, i actually would want to know how they reacted to that sermon. You know their is a testimony of his wife up now, you should check it out.

**Re: We Know Not The Gospel Of Jesus Christ by Paul Washer (Video) - posted by Jimotheus, on: 2009/5/24 7:53**

Grace, peace, and love be multiplied:

Greetings to all. Once again I am disappointed to hear a good start to a sermon that only ended up being more Calvinistic fatalism. Yes, Mr. Washer is correct that there is an obvious need to re-educate the Church concerning the evangelizing of the true gospel, and that many a modern techniques of leading people to decision making is wrong. The preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ isn't about asking people if they want to go to heaven. The gospel isn't about "four spiritual laws." This is a true observation that is made clear by the Holy Scriptures. However, the Calvinistic theology that is evident in Mr. Washer's presentation is also unbiblical and therefore not the gospel of Jesus Christ either. No man or woman is passive in the call to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as suggested in his sermon. Nor has God elected particular men to salvation to the exclusion of the others. If one studies the Holy Scriptures you will not find any prophet, or apostle of the New Testament (Not even Christ himself) asking the question that Mr. Washer says is the real question namely, "has God so worked in your heart to such a degree that the sin you once loved you now hate?" Mr. Washer also offers a "technique" that isn't found in the Bible. God himself doesn't ask any sinner this question nor does the Holy Ghost approach any sinner in this manner. The bible says that when the Holy Ghost is come he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. This must take place to awaken men and women to the reality that they are sinners, and what that means in the sight of a holy God. The sinner must be made aware by the Holy Ghost as the gospel is being preached the criminality of his whole position before God. But there is no regeneration until the sinner is convinced

d, and submits in obedience to the call of the gospel namely, repentance toward God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. God does not seize men arbitrarily as so suggested by Mr. Washer as if men and women are simply passive in the process. The preaching of the gospel is reason; it cause men to think about their lostness before God; to consider how offensive to God they are and how deserving of Hell they really are. Yea, let God be true and every man and woman a liar. I repeat, God does not seize any man or women arbitrarily for salvation; he reasons with them in the conviction of their sins. In Isaiah 1:18-20, it reads, "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 as crimson, they shall be as wool.(19)If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:(20)But if you refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Notice what God Almighty says in verses 19 "If ye be willing and obedient. . ." and again in verse 20, "If ye refuse and rebel. . ." This reveals the responsibility that men and women have in being "willing", or, "refusing" to repent and be saved. Notice also that Jehovah was willing, but it was obvious that Israel was not willing. There are many other scriptures that can be cited to demonstrate that God commands men everywhere to repent, but does not seize any particular person before they are willing and obedient concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Re: - posted by tjservant (), on: 2009/5/24 13:03**

Quote:

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Thanks, I have.

I think that it (Charo's testimony/experience) has perhaps provided some of the fuel for Paul Washer's particular burden and message.

**Re: - posted by bible4life (), on: 2009/5/24 21:59**

You cannot take a few verses and say that is how it is. There are our scriptures that say like in Acts 18 those were ordained believed. Jesus also speaks in the gospels that if he opened their eyes and their ears that they would believe that they may be saved, so God must open their eyes. Also Jesus said no one can come to me unless the father draws them showing the inability of man or their depravity. Your expecting a dead man to respond to the gospel, they must be given a new spirit to do so to come back to the father in repentance. Jesus said all that the father has given me will come to me, what you don't understand is there is a mystery to salvation and who gets saved and that is for God alone to know. Read Romans ch. 9 it squashes the argument that the Bible doesn't mention God choosing at all. You can say what you're saying but the Calvinists' argument is as valid as yours because scripture points out both and even taking into context it still does the same.

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/5/24 22:41**

timotheous,

Seems to me you need to go back and listen again to Washer's sermon. Washer is emphatic that repentance is the evidence of salvation in the life of a person being 'saved'.

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I never heard Washer say his, nor imply it. If he did at what point in the sermon did you understand him to say it? Listen to it again tell me where it is so I can listen to it again...

Thank-you!  
ginnyrose

Re: - posted by Jimotheus, on: 2009/6/7 1:09

Greetings ginnyrose:

Thank you for your reply. I do not believe I need to go back and listen to Mr. Washer's video. I heard him well enough and I have also listened to other sermon's that he has preached.

"Washer is emphatic that repentance is the evidence of salvation in the life of a person being 'saved'."

I never said that Mr. Washer does not believe in repentance, or that he doesn't preach repentance. Remember the holy scriptures say first repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Act 20:21. Also chapter 26:20. The apostle warns both Jew and Gentile that they should repent, and turn to God and do works meet(or as evidence of)true repentance. Notice the divine order according to the Holy Bible. The born again experience does not precede repentance, but the convicting power of the Holy Ghost does. The convicting power of the Holy Ghost convices, and convicts us of our sins. Only then we are made aware of our criminality, and guilt before God; only then can true repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ be realized. The born again experience does not precede faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross. According to the Bible #1.Repentance #2.Faith #3.Salvation.

*"I repeat, God does not seize any man or women arbitrarily for salvation; "My point in this statement is that men, and women are not passive in the process, that is, God does not seize individuals with some kind of "irresistable grace" He will command men everywhere to repent and believe the gospel. They are free to submit themselves to God, or resist the truth of the gospel and remain lost.*

Unfortunately, Mr. Washer believes in "particular redemption" (the title to one of his sermons), that is, limited atonement, and the election of particular persons. This is classic Calvinistic fatalism. The only man in all of time that has been particularly elected from all eternity past is none other than the man Jesus Christ. Once it is understood that the election is Christocentric and not particular persons; then and only then can we understand that our election and eternal life is IN THE SON not in particular persons as the Calvinist believe.

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Jimotheus said

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Amen.

One could express this truth in this way also, that I become 'elected' only as the 'Elect' One is in me - John 14:1, John 17:23, 2 Cor 3:17.

Your observations about the order in which a person is released into faith (or alternatively, chooses unbelief) through the hearing of the word (Rom 10:17) was gently expressed, brother.

Re: - posted by tjservant (), on: 2009/6/7 6:30

Quote:

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I would like to add to the thread that I do not believe Paul Washer is a fatalist.

Fatalism accepts what the Bible says about God's sovereignty without acknowledging the verses about human responsibility and free agency. Much of the rest of contemporary Christianity does just the opposite -- swallowing free agency without facing up to the sovereignty verses. Both approaches leave one with a truncated Bible and a distorted image of God. Paul Washer does not deny the responsibility of the believer.

I will not argue the matter, but would like to make it clear that having heard several of Paul Washer's sermons...he is

definitely not fatalistic. Many folks attempt to lump all those holding to the doctrines of grace into the same "hyper"- Calvinistic pile. The fact of the matter is that there are many people who hold to a balanced and historically consistent view that is anything but fatalistic.

**Re: - posted by bible1985, on: 2009/6/7 7:43**

I think their our arguments for both sides so to think that Bible doesn't teach God's sovereignty in salvation without any mention that I would advise you study a little more because it actually does. Ephesians ch. 1, John ch. 6 and ch. 10, Romans ch. 8 and 9, Acts ch. 18 our for starts. We also forget God chose Israel out of all the nations.

**Re: - posted by Jimotheus, on: 2009/6/10 18:30**

Greetings:

The Holy Bible does teach that God is sovereign. I do not believe that I have read where anyone posted any different. However, the truth that God is sovereign does not make Paul Washer's Calvinism true. It would seem that some who believe in Calvinism read into many texts such a conclusion of particular election, and particular reprobation. This is unfortunate. Calvinism (not the faith that was once delivered to the saints) is founded on 5 pillars, or "T.U.L.I.P" Theology; if only one of these pillars fall, the whole facade of Calvinism falls to the ground.

As I have stated on another thread: I know that Bro. Paul Washer is well loved, and celebrated on this website. I do not have a personal axe to grind with Mr. Washer or any of his followers. My revulsion is with the Calvinistic faith Mr. Washer clearly propagates.

Once again, if you keep in mind and heart as you read the scriptures that the only one who is worthy of unconditional election is Christ Jesus alone. This is why he and only he is the elect of God. Our election as individual persons is only contingent on our organic relationship to Christ Jesus who is the executor of election. As one Brother puts it, "Christ is the Elect, and the Electing God."

**"Behold my servant, whom I uphold; MINE ELECT, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles."** Isaiah 42:1.

There may be "arguments on both sides" as one brother indicated, but logically speaking only one can be true while the other is false. We will hold to the one and reject the other. I chose the Bible over Calvinistic fatalism. I encourage every one who reads this to do the same.

**Re: , on: 2009/6/10 19:08**

by Jimotheus

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**Re: We Know Not The Gospel Of Jesus Christ by Paul Washer (Video), on: 2009/6/11 3:26**

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If He is not more eternal than we are, how come there are all those people in the world who reject Him?

Surely the Son was from eternity in the Godhead, and it is only as we receive of Him through the Holy Spirit, that we ourselves can have any sense of eternity - whether before we consciously put our trust in Him, or after? It is only **after** that we can join Paul in the claim of Eph 1:4. Until then, salvation is lost to our consciousness.

This is one of the proofs of new birth - the consciousness of God as *my* Father.

**Re: Paul Washer's Fatalism - posted by jpspeer, on: 2009/6/11 10:19**

I agree with Jimotheus on this one.

Having listened to MANY of Paul Washer's sermons and teachings, I have found much to rally around as revival-seeking brethren. "10 Indictments" is one of the greatest sermons I've heard anywhere by anyone.

However, even Mr. Washer seems to be constantly morphing in his belief in the so-called doctrines of grace. In one sermon he emphatically declares himself a Calvinist. In "10 Indictments" he stumbles as he describes himself as a "5-point Spurgeonist." I certainly wouldn't describe Mr. Washer as dogmatic on all of Calvin's teachings. He even preaches that Calvinism vs. Arminianism isn't the issue-- redemption is the issue. I'm no Calvinist and am certainly no Arminian. I am, however, redeemed, Praise God forever!

After immersing myself in the preaching of Paul Washer for several weeks, I had to turn him off. (I will probably go back and listen to his other sermons sometime and will probably go back and re-listen to ones I've heard already at some point in the future because I think that he often starts with the correct premise of many of the problems in modern Christianity.) I couldn't put my finger on what it was that bothered me so much until I read this thread. As I listened to his sermons, where I was compelled by scripture to agree with him on the nature of the issues we face, I so often was repulsed by the fatalism in his solutions and the lack of hope offered.

For instance, I definitely agree with him that the easy-believism movement is wrong and the little prayer rituals they propagate are damning heresies. But Mr. Washer often sought simply to replace easy believism with what can only be descr

ibed as "hard believism." It is just as ritualistic as its counterpart, but it is much more confusing and convoluted due to the sheer volume of its extra-biblical foundations.

There were some in the Bible such as Paul who had profound salvation "experiences" and others such as the Philippian jailer who simply asked "what must I do to be saved?" According to the Bible, both men were equally made sons of God. However, neither of these men had to agonize for hours until they felt saved (Mr. Washer's apparent ideal of true salvation). They simply believed God, repented, and entered into the fellowship of obedience to their Creator.

Anyway, I hope that Mr. Washer continues to re-evaluate the so-called doctrines of grace and that many souls will be saved or revived as a result of his obedience to preach the gospel.

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**Re: tjservant - posted by jpspeer, on: 2009/6/11 11:24**

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**Re: - posted by tjservant (), on: 2009/6/11 11:42**

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Ephesians 1:4-5, 11

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things

according to the counsel of His will,

Many people feel that predestination portrays God as an arbitrary despot who uses the stairway method of saving people. He writes down everybody's name on separate sheets of paper and throws the papers down the steps. Those that land on the top steps are saved, those that land on the bottom are not.

Now let me ask you, is this characterization true to everything we know about God from the Scriptures? Biblical predestination flows from the character of God, and is rooted in his nature and attributes-it cannot be separated. If therefore we can prove that God is not arbitrary in nature, we can prove that predestination is not arbitrary and does not reveal anything arbitrary about God.

Is there anything in our current passage which indicates that God is arbitrary? Not at all. The entire tenor of the passage is filled with language about God's purpose, and his good pleasure. It is true that God does what he wants, but there is nothing in the passage which indicates that what God wants is not good. Indeed, when it speaks of God's pleasure, the word in the original strongly implies the fact that this pleasure is good. We see that God has a plan and a purpose which include bringing the entire universe under the headship of Jesus Christ. The goodness of God's pleasure, the fact that he has a plan from the very beginning, a plan to which he relates all his individual acts, is the very opposite of arbitrary decisions. - Barry Hofstetter ([http://www.reformed.org/calvinism/index.html?mainframe/calvinism/bh\\_predestination.html](http://www.reformed.org/calvinism/index.html?mainframe/calvinism/bh_predestination.html)) Source

The attributes of God show in themselves that He is not arbitrary...even if we do not have all the reasons or understanding.

I wish not to debate Calvinism.

God bless you. :-)

**Re: - posted by jpspeer, on: 2009/6/11 12:05**

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I replied with scripture. I included a quote. I believe it answers it perfectly. God has a will and can do whatever He wants. The scripture says, "His pleasure." Can God not simply make choices based on His will and Pleasure? This does not make Him arbitrary nor does it mean that those that hold belief in the doctrines of grace make Him to be arbitrary just because He has not included anymore details.

There are plenty of threads here on SI that have went through this before. I am sure there are others that can better ans

wer your question. Please forgive my inadequacies.

This thread was not intended to be a launching pad for Calvinism theology discussions. I feel I should bow out at this point.

May God bless you all.

**Re: - posted by bible1985, on: 2009/6/11 14:07**

People think their our 2 definitions of the word elect, one believes if they have become a christian they our elect but by their own choosing, the other believes God chose them to be the elect. I lean more to the second one and that is because that is what the Bible more teaches of like i said in romans 9, john ch. 6 and 0, ephesians ch. and acts 18 our some to show Gods sovereignty in salvation. One things armians don't understand is that God must awaken the dead soul for them to seek after him. Go up to anyone on the streets or unbelievers in your family and you tell me our they automatically seeking God, as my family they our dead to it and want no part of it, is it because they choose him not or because God has not opened their eyes or is drawing them, you tell me but the Bible supports this. Jesus said the only way anyone could come to him is if the father drew them, but we seem to forget that. Paul washers sermons have helped me more than any other preacher i have listened to before, he believes what he believes because scripture teaches it and Gods has taught him because he sought God probably more than most. I really don't like the fact that some can point the finger at someone saying their teachings our fatalistic when they can't prove their teachings wrong because want to know why because that person the calvinist has many scriptures to prove their point, if their not valid or not completely they still have verses to show some evidence. This is not about calvinism i guess, but what the Bible literally teaches, what makes your belief system right and washers wrong, prove to me that john ch. 6 and 0 and romans 9 and ephesians our saying something different. Their our more too, but i am trying to say that no side has full evidence to prove their point, but washer surely understands the depravity of man which scripture clearly teaches, amen to this sermon.

**Re: - posted by Jimotheus, on: 2009/6/11 17:54**

Greetings Bible1985:

Thank you for your reply. I do wish to reference the typical passages that are used to teach John Calvin's theology. However, where I live it is late and I have to get up for work at 2:00 a.m. so I do not have the time now, but when I come home from work, I would like to give it a shot. I am not a preacher, or a theologian: I'm just an everyday average man with concerns about what some call the gospel when in fact it is not. So, have me excused for now, and I will post something concerning the verses Calvinist love to use to support what they call truth. God Bless.

**Re: - posted by bible1985, on: 2009/6/11 18:03**

you sound like a friend of mine named ryan who lives in las vegas, but i will love to discuss this and give you my word.

**Re: - posted by ceedub, on: 2009/6/11 19:32**

I'd just like to comment on an earlier statement on this thread by Jimotheus that blew me away...

Quote:  
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To say that we as depraved sinners are the only ones worthy of 'conditional election' while the sinless Christ should be the elect of God apart from condition of merit is one of the most incredible statements I've ever heard.

On the contrary, my friend, Jesus is the only one worthy of **CONDITIONAL ELECTION**, not the other way around.

**Re: Arbitrary or not Arbitrary - posted by savannah, on: 2009/6/11 20:37**

jpspeer wrote on 2009/6/11

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An actual honest answer to your query follows:

God the Father has no more and no less of a standard of judgement for election than God the Son.

Being created in Christ Jesus as opposed to not being created in Christ Jesus is God the Father's non-arbitrariness in election by which individuals are compared and judged.

Jesus is very God of very God, and we the elect of God in Him. And so God is well pleased with us as with His Own Dear Son of His Love.

Eph. 3:14-19 For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

That he would grant you according to the riches of his glory to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height. And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Eph. 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him.

Col. 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Rom. 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

The elect of God are the righteousness of God in Him, the Christ of God.

God sees Christ alone. His perfect Righteousness, His perfect obedience, His very Own Image. Absolutely nothing in the creature is by any means a motif for electing or not electing this one or that one.

Therefore, God does not arbitrarily elect or not elect. The adoption of sons and their inheritance is "to the praise of the glory of His grace in which He favored us in the One having been loved" (Eph. 1:6).

The Son and the Father's love for His Son is certainly not arbitrary but is God's sole purpose for electing.

May all who read make their own judgement as to whether this statement is true.

And Jehovah said to him, Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the dumb, or the deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? Is it not I, Jehovah?  
(Exodus 4:11)

And he said to me, Behold! Stop! For I am your fellow-slave, and of your brothers the prophets, and of the ones keeping the Words of this Book. Do worship to God (Rev.22:9).

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Jimotheus, could you respond to this?

**Re: - posted by fuehrerbe21 (), on: 2009/6/12 19:23**

Jimotheus,

Can any creature stand before Almighty God and on their own will spit in the face of God and deny Him?

I'm not here to debate, but the issue I have is not that of Calvinism (which we are not to discuss in a public forum), but that of God's sovereignty.

Nothing created is above the creator.

If Christ himself is the elect, but we (the saved) are a new creation, reconciled to God, would we not then share in this election?

I would encourage you to read The Sovereignty of God by A. W. Pink if you haven't already done so.

I'm not here to debate, so I bow out before it even begins...

Respectfully,

Ben