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I've been struggling with my faith and lost almost everything and only wanted to figure this out. It was a crisis of faith and I put everything else on hold for this.

I know this is "bad" but I can't help empathize with this guy. He sounds like he genuinely sought God

I can relate to this guy.

please watch all four parts

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aa5FDATiErk&NR=1>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?annotation_id=annotation_396625&v=h97IurNPoG8&feature=iv

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=iv&v=0GMyD4-Y-EM&annotation_id=annotation_537080

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdKwyV1gnNw>

Re: Deconversion: I can't say this guy is lying. - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/5/7 7:42

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If faith is only an intellectual thing, it will fail you every time because there are so many things out there that does not make sense. Why is there evil? why does God allow evil, cruelty to exist? So, you discard God as being irrelevant to society because he does nothing to stop it, or so you think. And what happens to people who live like this? They pursue a life centered on satisfying selfish interests only to find themselves caught in its consequences and then blaming God. Does this alone not convince someone of the futility of living for self?

Moderns have been spoiled because they have imbibed the gospel of self-esteem and they want to marry it to Christian faith. It will never work. Self-esteem works to be on the throne where all are to serve ME, MY COMFORT, MY INTERESTS, I THINK... You need to take yourself to that cross and allow a crucifixion to take place and in a few days you will experience a resurrection.

No, I refuse to listen to the remaining videos because I believe them to be devilish, unedifying. Sure, I have had to deal with my own doubts and it does no good to revisit them...I have doubted everything I had been taught as a child but God in his mercy kept working on me and succeeded. PTL!! and He will do it to any who want it. I am nobody special - if he will do it for me, He certainly will do it for anyone else.

ginnyrose

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Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2011/5/7 8:56

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AMAN! Ginnyrose, I agree completely. What you shared here is so right on the mark I could not have said it better!! Thank you also for the warning about these videos, I do not want to give any room to the enemy so this kind of stuff is not worth the time HE has so graciously given me!!

God Bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by PaulFaculin, on: 2011/5/7 9:07

What a wonderful post, sister ginnyrose!

Re: Deconversion: I can't say this guy is lying. - posted by DesertRose, on: 2011/5/7 10:17

My Help and My Deliverer

1 I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
2 He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.
4 Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!
5 You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!
6 In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.
7 Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."
9 I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.
10 I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.
11 As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!
12 For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.
13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!
14 Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!
15 Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"
16 But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"
17 As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

Re: , on: 2011/5/7 12:21

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I wrote this because I'm being genuinely honest. I don't know what to think. I think 99% of the christianity I've faced in decades of growing up and attending church is absolutely not the work of Jesus Christ. It just doesn't work. I've been searching earnestly for the real thing.

I admire your reasoning but I have to disagree with you about not watching the videos. Although, I'm not sure where the guy stands, the person who created those videos, I know, wasn't trying to be self centered. He surrendered much for Jesus Christ. He just burned out. And right now he is so very lost. I feel sympathy for him like Paul does for non believers. I really don't want him to go to hell.

Also, doesn't the bible say that we are transformed into a new person when we are saved and that the Holy spirit is in us. So by that premise, if I really believed in God, I would be willing to test it against anything because it would be the absolute TRUTH. I wouldn't believe that by watching some video of how a earnest christian STRUGGLED WITH FAITH would hinder mine.

I think most of us here live in a Christian cocoon, we love to be on this forum among believers but we have no guts to actually going out into the real world. I'm not saying this about anyone specific but I think it's just the general consensus here. Most people know the bible very well but i don't see people going out into the real world and dealing with real people and real problems.

Because the state of the modern church is so horrific today, I think true believers should fellowship with the lost, understand where they are coming from and minister to them. After all, isn't that what Jesus did?()

He might be blasphemy on most accounts but the author of the video is not wrong on the account that most modern church experience stems too much from feelings derived from the praise and worship experience. I realized how I overconfided in praise.

I mean as a christian, shouldn't we care to save this guy's soul.

I also disagree with the view that this guy is self centered. He served in the ministry, He worked his butt off to serve God, not to chase girls or fame. He cried out to God and to him it seemed like God was silent. And I think we all know what it feels like for God to be silent.

I mean I'm not really sure what kind of christian I am today. That's why I have so many questions and so much doubt. I'm so jaded by all the fake christians I've seen, I don't know what to think but one fact remains is that I'm earnestly trying to seek God and really believe to the point that I have lost most things and my condition is looking very bleak.

I'm not saying this to attack anyone but I just think we should have sympathy for people like this as Christ would and find out why the multitude of people are leaving the church. And if we really believe, try to love them and bring them back.

I really think we should be more honest with each other on this forum. And we should be open to sharpening each other even with harsh truth. I will dish it out but you should correct me as well.

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I remember someone on this forum saying that we're going to have to start loving people because of these times even strangers. I was surprised because Jesus commanded us to love everyone and not just friends even before "these times" hit. (what you do to the least of these, you have done until me, and the his commandment on loving our enemies, even nonbelievers love their friends)

Re: Deconversion: I can't say this guy is lying. - posted by Lysa (), on: 2011/5/7 12:24

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God bless,
Lisa

PS codek, I will comment more on the videos later today (I'm watching them now).

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2011/5/7 12:53

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I am praying for you codek. The devil is real, Hell is real, sin is real, Jesus Christ is the Lord right now in heaven.

PLEASE WATCH THIS VIDEO:

He Died! by Paul Washer
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t9Ej_f4rXP8

May God rouse you to "reality" and the sense of sin, and the reality of eternity.

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2011/5/7 12:56

Praying for you as well. You know I am.

"Lord I believe, but help my unbelief!"

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2011/5/7 13:04

After watching some of these videos it is clear the emotional music which is soulful, the very sensual voice of this individual is clear that he is probably into homosexuality, as he said in the video he struggled with sensuality. Having only a view of the fatherhood of God and not the fear of God will lead to this type of christianity and people falling away from this faith.

Sadly many who have these views don't really know God to start with.

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Re: , on: 2011/5/7 13:08

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It may be that in the glare and glare of modern American Christianity, this part of the Sermon in the Mount was missed out. It's probably the reason you have the impression that most if not all of us have nothing to do with real people outside the forum. You GUESS that because you don't see people talking about what they've been doing. But they are obeying Jesus.

Matthew 6:1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. 2 Therefore when thou doest alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: 4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

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I think 'fellowship' is the wrong word here. If we are fellowshiping with their unbelief and lostness, we cannot help them return to God. What Jesus did was to set up a spiritual dissonance with those He spent time with, so that they FELT their distance from God, at the same time as knowing that He loved them. The best example of this is Zacchaeus, to whom Jesus didn't preach at all, but who came to the conclusion he had some repenting to do. How? Because spending time with Jesus made him see himself more clearly.

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PS God's word tells us not to put Him to any tests (in the way that you said here). If I've misunderstood you, please try again to explain what you mean? Thanks.

Re: , on: 2011/5/7 13:29

Quote:
-----Praying for you as well. You know I am. "Lord I believe, but help my unbelief!"

Thank you. This means a lot to me.

Re: , on: 2011/5/7 13:33

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Very true. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. But however misguided his zeal was, I can't say he wasn't being genuine about seeking God at church. I wouldn't understand what other motive he would have for all the actions he took.

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Re: Deconversion: I can't say this guy is lying. - posted by Lysa (), on: 2011/5/7 13:34

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-----codek wrote:
I mean I'm not really sure what kind of christian I am today. I'm so jaded by all the fake christians I've seen, I don't know what to think but one fact remains is that I'm earnestly trying to seek God and really believe to the point that I have lost most things and my condition is looking very bleak.

Brother Codek, there are fake Christians everywhere; the churches are littered with them.

This video is terribly sad, I agreed wholeheartedly with several statements he made but this one in particular: "What we were doing with worship was wrong... at night the hundreds of us gathered in front of a stage and a huge sound system for worship and as I watched the others, I started seeing it like a flock of seagulls when you toss bread, crowded and leaning their necks in for the food." I have always thought that about how churches "do" worship! They play three or four songs, shout halleluyah and then move on with "their" program for God.

I heard Carter Conlon and others say similar things to this: Every person who going to be anything for God has a great struggle of faith at some time in their life, whether it's from sickness or questioning everything. Some make it through to know that they know that they know and some don't (it sounds like this boy on the video did not make it). I pray you and hope you make it through brother and do not give up on God.

I must ask you this: what are you willing to give up personally to know Christ? I know that you've already given up all your money and other material things but what about you? Are you willing to give up food for a period of fasting and time away from the computer and TV with nothing but your Bible, notebook paper and pens (edit: until you hear from God)? ??

Brother, God bless you and I will be praying for you to make it to the other side of this crisis of faith,
Lisa

Re: , on: 2011/5/7 13:35

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true words of wisdom

Re: , on: 2011/5/7 13:37

I think it's very important to not glorify the backslidden state but to hit the ground running Toward GOD with all one's might if there's even the slightest hint that faith is failing and doubts begin to flood in or one notices that they prefer to be with others who are not walking-the-walk.

One Brother recommended this booklet from Zac.

http://www.cfcindia.com/web/mainpages/book_window.php?book=the_purpose_of_failure

Instead of focusing on the ones who have fallen - we need to focus on those who have a message of how to get back up

There are others as well.

Keith Daniel's message - "When the Godly fall".

And "Walking in the Light" by Oswald Smith

<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=6618>

And "The Christian Race" by Keith Daniel

<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=4637>

The Church is like a Hospital.

When someone comes in and their "life is ebbing" - there's no time to sit around and discuss "how" the life has come so close to death or is in coronary arrest - but the only course of action is Immediate action toward 'restoring Life'.

The more time spent watching youtubes like that - will not help one soul that is teeter-tottering on the brink of spiritual death.

To fear the LORD is 'the beginning' of wisdom.

Start with 'fear' of "the loss of Life" and start emergency measures to restore the life to any soul who's spiritual-heart monitor is beginning to 'flat-line'.

The longer he stays in that state - the higher the chance for brain damage (so to speak). He needs oxygen first - and then the needed procedures and medications to restart the heart and getting it functioning again.

The Holy Spirit - Prayer - The WORD - messages by men who know the heart of man.

You have our prayers - the rest is up to you. Get to GOD's ER and we'll back you - knowing that GOD is waiting and Always is for Any one who comes to Him for help.

He's always there for even the prodigals - IF they want to come Home. The fault is never with Him.

Re: , on: 2011/5/7 13:43

Just to explain myself. I'm not trying to bash this forum. I do not have a gift of words as most of you have already noticed. It just comes out. If I thought Obama did something wrong, I would tell him. I'm not trying to be mean, the truth in my mind just comes out.

I am active on this forum because I believe that people here actually do read the bible and truly seek God which 99% of Christians don't even do. I respect your thoughts, comments, suggestions very much and that is why I continue to post.

This forum is a blessing because I have found sermons which are really hard to find and this is where I found sound teaching and doctrine. Paris Reidhead(ten shekels), Art Katz and others.

This is not a gathering of lukewarm Christians here.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2011/5/7 13:46

Codek,

One major problem to be honest with you is guilt over sin, failures and a lack of desire to see God as He really is and sin as it is. I am not sure if you have had a moral failure or repeated sin in your life that guilt has gnawed away to doubt. Please see the scriptures as your only hope. As a pilgrim in pilgrims progress it said to him: "FLEE from the wrath to come."

That is your only hope. I hope many can continue to pray for you here.

<http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/myvideo/photo.php?lid=2522>

my dear Codek, on: 2011/5/7 14:09

what a truly blessed post from you. it was a "broken bread" post, vulnerable, authentic, real.

i dont know your circumstance in life, meaning the temporal world around you, ie, if God forbid, you're getting hammered in your personal life, job, family, but if you allow me, may i go out on a limb here?

i feel that your faith is strong, otherwise you wouldnt have made that second post in such a transparent vulnerable manner. Your faith might FEEL like its flagging, but in the secret place of your heart, you're holding onto the Hem of Jesus, out of sheer desperation, because in the end, we both know, Jesus is Real.

forget about all the side trips man takes on the road of religion, right now, obviously, it's just between you and Jesus. Just like Jacob on the bank Jabbok River, all alone, scared out of his wits, in the deep of night, and who did he wrestle with? He wrestled with Jesus, and said, 'I will not let you go, until you bless me'.

Jesus gave Jacob a new name, Israel, that night on the Jabbok, was holy desperation. forgive my audacity, but thats what you're going thru.

If your faith was truly shipwrecked, you wouldnt even be posting on this forum, because i know you know, in the final analysis, this second, me included, your brothers and sisters are praying for YOU....Jesus is praying for you, and my prayer for you, one i pray for myself is what the disciples prayed, and its one of the most simple:

Increase our Faith!

When you look back on this time in your life, y'know, just being crushed, broken, bended, cant even hear God, and you come out the other end, you will view it as one of the most blessed times in your life.

that sounds strange, doesnt it? You might be thinking, "i'm wandering around in the most desolate place in my life, and this guy is telling me it's a blessed time?"

Yeh, i am. Because i been there, and i fully expect to sojourn out into the desolate places again, You know the Book of the Numbers..the Hebrew name for the Book is B'Midbar, translates "in the desert"...or in the desolate place. Did you ever notice, when Jesus had to talk with Our Father God, He always went to the desolate places?

Woke up before dawn, went to the desolate places and prayed? thats in the 1st Chapter of Mark.....or mountainsides....alone. i FULLY believe and am convinced that we receive the greatest revelations of God's Love, of God's REALNESS, when we are in the desolate places.

Blessed as it is, you have to get FAR FAR AWAY from Jerusalem, because religion kills and Jesus saves, thats why John the Baptizer was on the other side of the Jordan, that beautiful freak, i love him so, he couldnt stand the religious stenches of the pharisee's, and their pride, and their show of religion, their money making scams and schemes, their self righteous chest pounding.

The abuse he heaped upon them, called them a brood of vipers, and the tragic thing, the neo-pharisees are still with us today, may God have mercy on them, may He anoint their hearts with the Love of Messiah, so i understand your disillusionment with the current state of affairs, but its been like this for a very long time, look at Eli's degenerate "priest" sons, the phony little game they were running at their father Eli's house, so God sent a little man, a little boy named Samuel to set things right.

God created you Codek, for such a moment, and the second you believe like Jeremiah did, "i'm only a child, what can i do?"....God has you RIGHT WHERE HE WANTS YOU, broken, bleeding and battered. That might sound cruel, but He loves you like a Father, and sometimes a Father, whether it be our earthly fathers, or Yahweh, subjects us to loving discipline....and it never feels good when its happening, but even if your clinging by your very fingernails, in desperation to this Most Holy Faith, forget about the dross of man, keep your eyes focused on Jesus, and He WILL NEVER LET YOU GO..

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.Jesus PROMISED that, and in Him there are no lies.

God created you Codek for such a moment, and what moment would that be? i believe with all my heart body mind and soul, in the Holy Spirit, that ONE man, with the Glory of God on him, can spend one hour, two hours...whatever, in heart rending prayer ascending to the Throne, and change the world.

and that man could be you, search your heart,you know i speak the Truth in Christ.

two last things, one, i really wish i could be with you in the person right this second, just silently praying, whatever...talkin g, praying, crying, laughing, but i'm with you in spirit.

the second thing is, and i beg your leave on this, i know you're probably sick of hearing sermons, but many times in the past, when i found myself pressed, bewildered, hurt...i had stumbled upon a really intense beautiful bit of exhortation from Michael Brown, like me, another Jew who follows Jesus, called "Holy Desperation"i cant explain in human words, what happened when i listened to this on my knees, in the dark....but trust me, give it a listen, and if led, listen to it on your knees:

<http://askdrbrown.org/media/albums/ICN/Revival/Holy%20Desperation.mp3>

i love you brother, i'm with you, more importantly, infinitely more so, Jesus is with you, neil

Re: Deconversion: I can't say this guy is lying. - posted by Benjamin7 (), on: 2011/5/7 14:12

As it is written: "There is none righteous, no not one; there is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God." "There is no fear of God before their eyes." (Romains 3:10,18)

This is true: "There is none that seeks after God."

I'm praying for you Codek.

Re: , on: 2011/5/7 14:49

Codek, if I may use the Hospital analogy again and someone in "heart failure" rushing to the ER ... if he can still speak at all during this heart-failure and the Dr asks, "Have you a Dr?" -- and the man says, "Yes" - and then Dr asks, "Did you act on the recommendations he gave you to change your life-style and take the medications he prescribed for you?" and the man answers, "No" ... Then the ER Dr knows all the more of why this man's heart is failing him.

In your prayer request today on the other thread, you said -

"I sound like a broken record but God hasn't done anything in my life to really change it."

Do you see the connection here?

Now this patient is in the ER - claiming to be "flat-lining".

We call that a "Code Blue" at the Hospital and you probably know what they'd do first - "the defibrillator" or as some may call it "Shock the guy."

The "fear of the LORD" is that first 'shock' that awakens a person enough to begin the remainder of the emergency procedures to get their heart back.

Somewhere - the 'fear' of the LORD must have been just enough shock for you to ask for prayer - but saying that "GOD hasn't done anything" is definitely a problem with you. And posting these youtubes just sends a message that you didn't want to follow your Great Physicians orders when they were first given to you, somewhere along the line.

You need the defibrillator again and we'll pray for that and that you'll see that it is never our Great Physician that is not responding or co-operating but has prescribed the ways for all of us to stay consistently heart-healthy.

None of us want to 'Charge GOD foolishly' & "some save with fear".

Re: - posted by fromtheold (), on: 2011/5/7 15:03

Hi Codek

I am not sure what the video says because my connection is too slow to load youtube.

There is a sermon by Paul Washer called "The depth of the Gospel", not sure if its here on SI but i could find it somewhere online for you if you cant.

Please listen to that.

Re: - posted by lylewise, on: 2011/5/7 20:50

I would consider this an opportunity as sad as it may seem to gain insight and understanding of the condition of many who are churchied. I appreciate you posting it Codek. This is much of the world around us. The insight into this young man's struggles needs to be understood and recognized. I was so impressed by the gal that posted Wilkerson's last sermon where he spoke to wondering the area of 42nd street during his daily walks and asking that the Lord impress upon him the lostness of the hundreds if not thousands of those who are worshipping one god or another near Times Square. Imagine one like him who had such a heart, asking God after all those years, to give him eyes to see the lost in his last days. That is dependence upon God!

This young man is a casualty not unlike untold millions who have come up against false notions and struggles with religion. It will be difficult for many to listen to this young man as they will look at him having painted a picture of himself that seems almost saint like. His piousness would challenge many in their faith because they cannot see how one who looks so real is not. There is truth to so many of the things he has mentioned. Truly in churches there is much false fire, and there is much flesh working under the name of God. It should be no surprise when we put faith in such men and a god created more in our image than His own, that there should be great disillusionment and disappointment.

It is the wisdom (reasoning) of man that God sees as foolishness that we are talking about. Likewise it is the wisdom of God that men see (reason) as foolish. Foolishness begins with men. It will always be when men seek to understand God from the natural. It is always foolish no matter how much arithmetic, false science or reasoning they use. It is always death to do so. (There is a way that seems so very right to men, but in the end it leads to death) It does not exempt anyone who pursues its end! Neither Elder, Evangelist, Deacon, Prophet or Teacher is exempt from such fatal reasoning. Or in this case a young man who is struggling with who God is according to his own reasoning. Even choosing to disregard scripture that is not palatable to his desire. I feel very burdened by youth like this. To his credit he does reveal that the image of God in scripture does not fit the image of the god he has made. He judges what is important not by the true God, but by the god that others have made as well.

This young man wants desperately to come out of bondage. The problem is his bondage is self inflicted. His was a religion without true heart but it looked so right to him and to those around him. Many, as sad as it is, will identify themselves with Christ and do a great many things that will look as Christ yet without the heart of Christ. That is the Spirit to us who believe.

This was the call and warning given by many a preacher recorded on SI. One might even say that the blood of Abel sounded the first warning. It is as old as mankind and it could not be more timely for the age in which we live. It is the majority make up of religion today. "The majority are lost"! It would be redundant to say such a thing about those who have virtually no exposure to God. That was not the intent of the men who warned us. They always applied it to the religious and churchied!

This is to be the greatest part of our mission field today if we will believe the words of those who have gone before us. We must also teach the fullness of God. When the teaching of God's fullness is neglected, He will become to us a very o

ne sided god indeed. This young man could not hold long to such a one sided god. Who could?

Re: , on: 2011/5/7 23:00

Hey brother Codek, sincerely speaking, what is it exactly that your looking for out of Christianity?

Let me share something of what I look for out of Christianity.

I am a great sinner and I need a great saviour. One such man stepped forward and paid for my redemption to which I am eternally grateful. There are others who share in this as well to which I am happy to be apart of. But I had to stop looking for that perfect Church on earth because it can't be found. Paul tells us to look unto Jesus and nothing else. When you look to Him for your sustenance all doubts flee away.

If I may suggest something, it would be advisable to stop watching programs that bring doubt to the validity of Christ.

Let me say further that it doesn't take a lot to adjust the mind to exhibit faith, all it takes is the willingness to do so and flipping aside the reasonings of doubt, and God will do the rest. Allow Him to do that by simply asking Him to make Himself real to you. Having prayed that in all sincerity, go about your day and allow Him to work in mysterious ways that will knock your socks off.

It's just you and God and if He includes anyone else in your life to be a blessing to you and you them, then count that as a perk. But it basically boils down to just you and Him.

Re: , on: 2011/5/7 23:54

I watched all four parts, and I have to say, while the guy primarily talks about himself and his "experience", I do applaud him for his sincerity and honesty.

That being said. I believe he summed up his entire experience in his last sentence...

" I was running to the very thing that was hurting me the most."

...and he's right. Based upon his own words, its clear that he never knew the love of God. Oh he told God that he loved Him, but he never knew and came to a rest in the love that God had for him. So all he had, even with all his wonderful experience, was dead religion.

He wasn't running to Jesus. I'm sorry if that sounds harsh, but he was not. If a man runs to Jesus, his burden is lifted..." Come unto me..." He was running to an idol. A God of conditional love. A God of his own making. One who cannot hear and cannot speak.

The most fearful warning in scripture is not in regard to lying, murder, hatred, lust, etc. The most fearful warning in scripture is found in Hebrews 4:1,2:

1Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

2For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

The most difficult thing for a person to do is to receive the unconditional love of God that is found in Christ.

Re: - posted by lylewise, on: 2011/5/8 16:23

Atheism is freedom. That is to answer to no one you must be free from everyone. That is the way out of the bondage this young man feels. To deny God provides him freedom, at least that is his thought. Yet the god of this world uses velvet shackles. His are attractive to the eye. They look even comfortable, vogue, and sporty! Beneath the velvet cover of His shackles is a metal harder than steel. It even hardens with time.

There are two kinds of people that seek freedom. Strangely they will both voluntarily place themselves in bondage by seeking freedom. The Christian's bondage to Christ is true freedom. The atheist seeking freedom from the God of all creation ends up in bondage to the prince of this world where he has always been but this time with little to no restraint. So the atheist in his attempt to be freed willingly enslaves himself. Just as an animal that seeks freedom from hunger and is enticed by the bait that will be its undoing.

I'm not sure this young man is not in a better place as one who has placed himself opposed to and in defiance of God. He will deal with much in an effort to convince himself that what is clearly evidenced by God's creative hand comes by way of anything other than God himself. Or is he safer within the walls of religious affirmations void of substance and heart, resting in an assurance that has no foundation? I would think the former.

Re: Deconversion: I can't say this guy is lying. - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/5/8 19:17

This is why I believe it is so important for us to understand and discern the issue of true and false conversion. Many of us have become accustomed to such a shallow view of conversion that we cannot tell when someone is obviously a false convert with all the wrong motives for doing church. If someone professes to be a Christian we accept their profession without question. We are afraid to discern or judge rightly as Christ exhorted. The Word warns us over and over regarding this very issue. Jesus said that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. What we utter says volumes about where our hearts are in relation to God.

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/5/8 21:01

Toward the end of part 2 he says, "Even the Bible hurt to read. I read some verses (meaning verses on Judgment Day and hell), and I was not okay with this. And I found myself censoring my own Bible, only reading the parts that portrayed the Jesus I was in love with."

That statement alone shows clearly that this young man was in love with a false god indeed, a false Jesus. A Jesus who only bestowed grace and mercy and love and forgiveness. It was not the God of the Bible, the God who is an all-consuming fire in His awesome holiness and majesty. It was not the God who executed eternal justice and wrath on unrepentant evildoers.

One thing that seems to have contributed to this false view of God is the lack of preaching on the holiness and eternal justice of God. All or most of what he heard in his church experience was probably about the grace and mercy of Jesus. That kind of unbalanced and unbiblical preaching and experience is rampant today in many evangelical churches and has been producing an untold number of false conversions.

We need to get back to that old time gospel and old time religion that contributes to more sound conversions.

Re: Deconversion: I can't say this guy is lying. - posted by InLove, on: 2011/5/8 22:46

Dearly beloved brethren,

We often look at the externals of things and not the heart of the matter. Not to judge someone's heart, but to try to find the core issue and resolve it. We all go about this in deferent ways, but we all always have common denominators along the way. The enemy attacks us in the same ways just in deferent issues. This young man in the video was being attacked no more deferent than you and I. The deference is in us and what we choose.

The sermons by Jim Logan has enlightened me a lot and helped me to discern a lot of my thought processes. We have three basic core thoughts. Seeds if you will. One, from God. Two, from ourselves, and three, satan. Again these are just seeds we choose how much they grow.

If we choose to dwell in those thoughts of evil or even just idle thoughts were losing ground. Allowing that room to grow and fester. This is exactly what this young man has done.

I deal with sexual sin. Everyone has a sin or temptation they must deal with. Some may not seem as big as others, but this is where we must look at the core and not the sin itself. This young man's outer sin is unbelief, but it is because he has not stood ground on what he knew was true about God. Why did he love God in the first place? There must have been some truth in his beginning walk, but he dwelt on the seed of unbelief. We must cast those evil seeds along with self seeds out and meditate on whatever is true, honest, just, pure ect.. Phl 4:8.

WE ARE AT WAR!! There's more forces out there than ourselves. Our heart is wicked, give it room to grow and what's the outcome? I'm not saying be willing stupid and cast all questions out, but look deeper into why you are asking those questions and where they are coming from. What's the influence? Trust me we all are being influenced by one of the three forces.

I pray this may exhort you all.
In much Love,
Joe

Re: , on: 2011/5/8 23:39

We are at war, Joe and unfortunately the Church has not shown up for the battle. They don't understand the enemy or his devices so how can they understand how to do battle and overcome.

Not everyone that is living in defeat is a false convert. In fact, many are Christians.

That is clear throughout the Word of God. We have so many examples in the Word of God's people walking with God, then straying and getting in a horrible predicament, taken captive by their enemies and spiraling down into complete confusion of soul.

We see here that spiritual bondage and oppression from the enemy all starts with our own responsibility.

Psa 106:13 They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:

Psa 106:14 But LUSTED exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.

Psa 106:15 And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul.

How many of us have experienced this leanness? I would say, probably everyone.

If we don't repent we then become SUBJECTED to the ENEMY. The works of the flesh open us up to deeper oppression from Satan.

Psa 106:39 Thus were they DEFILED with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

Psa 106:40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

Psa 106:41 And HE GAVE THEM into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them RULED OVER THEM.

Psa 106:42 Their enemies also OPPRESSED them, and they were BROUGHT INTO SUBJECTION under their hand.

It is a pitiful state that we sometimes find ourselves or our brethren in and our natural inclination is to think that maybe they aren't saved.

Psa 106:43 Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.

I think what strikes me the most about this Psalm is the compassion of God for His people even though they sinned and rebelled and were brought into horrible spiritual bondage. The discernment we need is how to minister to those that have become captive to the enemy so as to show them the way out of their darkness, the way of deliverance. They may very well have had a conversion, yet were brought back into bondage through their sin.

Psa 106:44 Nevertheless HE REGARDED THEIR AFFLICTION, WHEN HE HEARD THEIR CRY:

Psa 106:45 And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.

Psa 106:46 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.

Psa 106:47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.

Psa 106:48 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD.

Neh 9:27 Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, WHEN THEY CRIED unto thee, THOU HEARDEST THEM from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies THOU GAVEST THEM SAVIOURS, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.

God will give them compassionate brethren who have understanding and know how to lead them out of darkness. This should be our heart for the hurting. There are many that are saved, yet confused, buffeted, hurting and in bondage and do not know their way out.

I too, am praying for you, Codek.

A777

Re: , on: 2011/5/9 0:18

Briefly, I was truly feeling the anointing on what Brother Oracio was posting and Thank him for it.

Today, on another thread, we discussed Rev 2 - of Balaam and Jezebel - both of which led the people into fornication.

One was a prophet gone bad and the other preferred false prophets and wanted the true prophet dead. 1Kings 18 & 19.

I have to speak plainly, that this preaching of what I now term this 2% doctrinal arsenic mixed in with clear water as "Logan's Lie". I know he's not alone with his putting too much blame on "devils" but because of how much this 2% is being pushed and allowed since his series was bumped, it's now merited that title.

IF you give a young or not fully committed Christian this bit about "bondage by demons to a sin" - you have promoted 'fornication'.

I said briefly, so I'll close this with just that.

Re: - posted by gazzar, on: 2011/5/9 0:26

that is sad i honestly beleieve this is where a watered down gosple leads a person

laking the fear of the lord ,,producing no spirtual wisdom ,only knowlage which puffs up ,,and gives a type of joy only for a time ,,it also produces idolarty,creating an image of a false god and jesus

as brother gordon said ,,i dont believe this gye was truly gorn again

jesus said my sheep hear my voice and they follow me ,and i give to them eturnal life ,AND THEY SHAL NOT PERISH , and no man is able to pluck them out of my hand

he who is born of god keeps him self and the evil one shal not touch him ,,they went out from us because they were not of us ,because if they had been of us they would have continued with ,but they went out from us ,that it might be made manifest they they were never of us

who ever sins has neither seen him nor known him

the narrow contex regarding this would be apostasising from the faith ,,and in a wider contex this can be applied to a false conversion of a suducing spirit ,regarding hearing a gosple conected with doctrines of demons

i believe a big problem amoungs people who are called christan ,and call them selfs christans ,is they mistake a drawing

of gods spirit ,for the acuatual newbirt ,

iv seen people who were literaly being drawn in to the new birth ,or so it seemed,,,,,who already beleieved they were in
ightened and bornagain ,,becasue of tasteing of th joy of the lord and feeling gods presence ,,they soon fell away and ev
edently were never trusting in the lord nor did they beleieve the bible ,,they only where beleieving the parts they fleshy
mind would except ,,many peopel partake in the spirit in this way and tast of the lord and the pweres of the ags to come
but are againg overcome ,that laterend being worse for them then in beggining ,for it would have certainly been better for
them not to come in contact ,with the way of righeousness ,but have knowen it to turn againg ,as a dog returns to his ow
n vomit ,or a sow having washed ,going back in to the wallowing in the mire ,,,,,it is sad ,and makes me weep

all i can say,,,,,is perfect love casts out all fear of the torment of being cast back in to hell

if we truly believe he have the gift of repentance and faith ,the faith which god hime self has delt to each man

then believe in this that YOU ARE ONE OF GODS SHEEP

AND YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE ,AND YOU WILL FOLLOW HIM

AND JESUS HS GIVERN YOU ETURNAL LIFE ,AND YOU WILL NOT PERISH ,NEITH WILL ANY MANY PLUCK YOU
OUT OF HIS HAND ,

NEITH WILL ANY CREATE THING BE ABLE TO SEPERATE YOU FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST ,IN GOD ,,,,AND TH
AT YOU ARE TRYLY BORN OF GOD ,AND YOU WILL KEPP YOUR SELF BY THE GIFT OF HIS IRASISTBLE GRAC
E ,AND THAT EVIL ONE WILL NEVER EVER BEABLE TO TOUCH YOU ,,,,,,GOD WILL SET YOU FREE FROM THE
SIN THAT YOU HATE ,GOD IS WITH YOU ,SO WHO CAN BE AGAINSTS YOU ????????

I DECLARE THT HE WHO BEGANE THIS GOOD WORKS IN YOU WILL FINISH IT ,,FOR HE IS THE AUTHOR ,AND
HE IS ALSO THE FINISHER ,OF THE GIFT OF FAITH THAT HE HIM SELF PUT IN YOU ,,,,,,WHAT IS IMPOSABLE W
ITH MEN ,,IS POSSABLE WITH GOD ,,,,,,,BELIEVE THE PROMISES,OF GOD BELIEVE

OR PRAY WEEPING FOR THIS ASURANCE

KNOWING THAT PEFECCR LOVE WILL CAST OUT ALL FEAR AND DOUBT OF FALLING AWAY ,PRAY ,,PRAY PRA
Y

DOUBT IS FEAR ,,,,SO ASK GOD TO GIVE YOU FAITH IN THESE PROMISES ,,,,AND HE WILL ,ASK AND IT WILL B
E GIVERN ,SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND ,KNOCK AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED

AND YOU WILL FIND REST WITH THE LORD

i only say this to the christan who lacks asurance,or the christan who is back slidden in to the sin he hates

not to the false profesing christan who is lost

you my beloved friend,son of adam ,,,,need to hear the gosple and repent and beleieve,and harden not not yor heart ,,i
m surer,,there are many brothers aand sisters who will tell you what the gosple is ,and how to recieve this supanatural bl
essing ,,,,i will only say one more thing it cost jesus christ his life ,and it will cost you your life ,,,,this is not some game ,,t
his is everything ,and will cost you everything ,,but god will make you willing ,,if you dont harden your heart ,

so if you do hear his voice calling you dont harden your heart ,but draw your self close to god ,and he will draw near to y
ou ,,he loves you so ,that he sent you his only begotton son that if you beleiev in him ,you will not perish ,but you will reci
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and you will know god intamantly ,,with a peace that, supasses all peace and all understanding , and a joy that is enexpr
esable and indescribale ,,,,,,today is the day of salvation ,,,,seek to no the gosple of the blessed christ jesus ,and you wi
ll find salvation of you soul and body ,,,,brother gary

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Re: , on: 2011/5/9 0:33

I won't let you get away with that JiG. No one is saying that we are not responsible for our own problems. Please provide a quote in this thread where I said what you intimated.

Now, you can stand back and point the finger and criticize all kinds of things but does anyone know how to help the poor guy out of his troubles?

Do you just sit back and lament the preaching of the gospel today, the quality of discipleship, and the genuineness of conversions or do you reach out and help a real live human being? Stop using him as an example to buttress your opinion about today's Christianity. There is a time for that, and this is not that time.

It's so easy to say that someone is not born-again and then skip on your way, down the street.

A777

Re: , on: 2011/5/9 0:36

Codek,

PM me, I want to know if you live close to me.

There is help in Jesus Christ.

A777

Re: , on: 2011/5/9 0:45

Mr 777 said: "Stop using him as an example to buttress your opinion about today's Christianity."

I'd have to say that is exactly what you are doing - again.

PM you? Who do you think you are here?

Your use of the O.T. with all of the Promises of Christ's finished work on the cross - His Blood that destroyed the enemy's power over us - etc being left out is wresting His WORD and is highly dangerous to any struggling or not truly regenerated person.

Are you saying your threads here are all Inerrant? Infallible? Have you set yourself up as the sole Teacher on SI who has "the Truth" - with your countless threads?

To say the least your OCD - because you get on a topic and can't stop. Whether it's tithing, the KJV, and this latest thing about "land" that HE purchased for those who would only Love Him with all of their hearts, minds, soul and strength --- and that's ALL that HE has ever asked for - from Deut to the Revelation... but man loves himself more than GOD so they build their house on sinking sand.

It's as easy as all of that = LOVE!

Re: , on: 2011/5/9 0:47

I do want to say, that I do appreciate all those on this thread that have spoken words of wisdom and compassion to Codek.

A777

Re: , on: 2011/5/9 0:54

Compassion is defined by you as what? Everyone prior to your post had compassion. True Compassion is giving a person on the Biblical Truth of what Christ has done for mankind and what He asks for in return. The truth of what the fruits of true redemption looks like.

When someone says "God won't do anything" to help them - if that in your eyes is a justified accusation against Christ - then so be it ... but "human" compassion kills. True Truth from His Word sets free, if the person is willing to count the cost and know what they're asking for when they ask Jesus to live through them.

Re: , on: 2011/5/9 1:24

You asked for a quote. Your use of the term "bondage" is to demons.

I asked on that other thread "where do you find that in the New Testament?"

I provided every verse that included the words "bondage" and the only one verse that used the word "stronghold" and the verses that use the term "deliverance" - and none of those verses prove that a true Christian can be in "bondage" and need demons "cast out" of them that are "in" them.

I also proved our entire walk is based upon our own "choices alone".

If you persist to use words that are not used in our New Testament - you are belittling what GOD did on that Cross and by His Resurrection and by His sending the very same Spirit of Creator GOD to reside within us. With just "one word" improperly used and not found in the New Covenant - you can open the door to lethal lies being fed into a person's mind - yes, from demons who will torment a person's mind and soul through those lies - that are contrary to Scripture - which makes it contrary to Christ Himself, Who is GOD in the flesh that inhabits His Own people.

Col 2:14,15 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Albert Barnes on Col 2:15 -

"And having spoiled - Plundered as a victorious army does a conquered country. Notes, Col_2:8. The terms used in this verse are all military, and the idea is, that Christ has completely subdued our enemies by his death. A complete victory was achieved by his death, so that every thing is now in subjection to him, and we have nothing to fear.

Principalities and powers - Notes, Eph_1:21; Eph_6:12, note. The "principalities and powers" here referred to, are the formidable enemies that had held man in subjection, and prevented his serving God. There can be no doubt, I think, that the apostle refers to the ranks of fallen, evil spirits which had usurped a dominion over the world, Joh_12:31, note; Eph_2:2, note. The Saviour, by his death, wrested the dominion from them, and seized upon what they had captured as a conqueror seizes upon his prey. Satan and his legions had invaded the earth and drawn its inhabitants into captivity, and subjected them to their evil reign. Christ, by his death, subdues the invaders and recaptures those whom they had subdued.

He made a show of them openly - As a conqueror, returning from a victory, displays in a triumphal procession the kings and princes whom he has taken, and the spoils of victory. This was commonly done when a "triumph" was decreed for a conqueror. On such occasions it sometimes happened that a considerable number of prisoners were led along amidst the scenes of triumph see the notes at 2Co_2:14. Paul says that this was now done "openly" - that is, it was in the face of the whole universe - a grand victory; a glorious triumph over all the powers of hell It does not refer to any public procession or display on the earth; but to the grand victory as achieved in view of the universe, by which Christ, as a conqueror, dragged Satan and his legions at his triumphal car; compare Rom_16:20.

Triumphing over them in it - Margin, or, "himself." Either "by the cross," or "by himself." Or, it may mean, as Rossmuller suggests, that "God Col_2:12 triumphed over these foes in him; i. e., in Christ. The sense is substantially the

same, that this triumph was effected by the atonement made for sin by the Redeemer. See the word "triumph" explained in the Notes on 2Co_2:14. The meaning of all this is, that since Christ has achieved for us such a victory, and has subdued all the foes of man, we should not be led captive, but should regard ourselves as freemen. We should not be made again the slaves of custom, or habit, or ritual observances, or superstitious rites, or anything whatever that has its origin in the kingdom of darkness. We are bound to assert and to use our freedom, and should not allow any hostile power in the form of philosophy or false teaching of any kind, to plunder or "spoil" us; Col_2:8. The Christian is a freeman. His great Captain has subdued all his enemies, and we should not allow them again to set up their dark empire over our souls. The argument of the apostle in these verses Col_2:13-15 is derived from what Christ has done for us. He mentions four things:

- (1) He has given us spiritual life.
- (2) he has forgiven all our trespasses.
- (3) he has blotted out or abolished the "ordinances" that were against us.
- (4) he has triumphed over all our foes. From all this he infers that we should not be made captive or subdued by any of the rites of superstition, or any of the influences of the kingdom of darkness."

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/5/9 1:36

a777, the reason some of us are not endeavoring to reason with or reach out to codek is because we have had this conversation before and it's the same thing all over again. It's great to see that he is still under the light of truth here and has not completely turned a deaf ear to it. The only thing left for him is what he will do with all that truth that he has been exposed to.

JIG, thanks for your encouragement.

Re: , on: 2011/5/9 1:41

Ok, thanks Oracio. I understand.

Bless you, JiG.

A777

Re: Deconversion: I can't say this guy is lying. , on: 2011/5/9 3:31

I watched/listened to the first 3 parts. The first video uses a young teen's voice and the others use a grown man's voice. This is clearly an ORGANIZED attack on Christianity; that is its sole purpose. This is not one person's sad tale or search. There is also some indication by video part 3 that someone in the organization confuses Catholicism with Christianity. Additionally, we are never told just HOW the boy in video part 1 came to BE a supposed Christian. Was he simply born into a Christian family? Did he pray a "magic prayer" or answer an "altar call" or make a "decision" for Christ as the Billy Graham movement has falsely taught since the 1950s? Or did he ever have a REAL, life changing encounter with God that changed his heart and mind and resulted in biblical REPENTANCE? The problem is that today people are given a false assurance that they are "now saved" because they prayed a prayer or "asked Jesus into their hearts". These methods are all heresy (i.e false Gospel) and are not taught anywhere in the Bible. Rather, the Gospel is this: REPENT AND BELIEVE in Jesus Christ and you shall be saved. That is, believe He is the Son of God, that He is God in the flesh (God the Son) and that He died for your sins and rose again on the 3rd day, etc. And there is no other.

Alot of people BEGIN this way but then get sucked into a works-based theology; they think they have to keep themselves saved by WORKS and so THAT becomes their real motive for going into ministry, etc and they burn out. In essence they become Marthas, and burn out, when all along the Lord may have been calling them to do nothing more than to come and sit at His feet and be Marys (simply be with Him and learn of Him and minister to Him in prayer). You seem to think this video poster was a real Christian simply because he was in some sort of "ministry" and all. Well there are lots of people in ministry who shouldn't be. God never called them to be. At other times, God only intended for a person to be in a certain role or place for a certain length of time and then He leads or drives them out, when we thought that was where He wanted us. Well it WAS where He wanted me, but only until a certain something was accomplished either in me or in my fellow man.

Lastly, if you have lost almost everything, remember that Job did too. So have I. So have many others. David Brainerd and others come to mind.

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Re: , on: 2011/5/9 5:31

Quote:
-----a777, the reason some of us are not endeavoring to reason with or reach out to codek is because we have had this conversation before and it's the same thing all over again. It's great to see that he is still under the light of truth here and has not completely turned a deaf ear to it. The only thing left for him is what he will do with all that truth that he has been exposed to. JIG, thanks for your encouragement.

Actually Oracio, I have to correct you here. I spoke to two people here on the forum. It's hard to understand where I'm coming from these internet posts. And I even called you out on the last one and all you really did was spit bible verses back at me so I just stopped responding. You were totally off on your remarks on the last thread.

To be frank, I'm not feeling any love from you, just religion and condemnation, basically "an it's all your fault" condemnation. Please excuse how direct I am with this reply but You don't know me.

My impression of you from your posts is that you really don't care about me at all. It seems like you just want to shove more religion down my throat, prove that you are right and show how much you know.

But I won't hold you to my first impression because I don't know you. So until you get to know me, I'm not going to judge. Remember, I offered my number to you if you wanted to talk about my situation. I'm also out in L.A. And you never replied.

I also have a difficulty understanding Christian lingo now. I've been around the church where this lingo was used for manipulation so I now don't trust it. You have to treat me like an almost new believer. That's why you were wrong and a lot of that advice can't help me because I can't understand them CAUSE THEY ARE IN HOLY SPEAK.

All holy speak I thought I knew turned out to be a total sham so now I'm starting over.

Re: , on: 2011/5/9 6:26

Quote:
-----I watched all four parts, and I have to say, while the guy primarily talks about himself and his "experience", I do applaud him for his sincerity and honesty. That being said, I believe he summed up his entire experience in his last sentence... "I was running to the very thing that was hurting me the most." ...and he's right. Based upon his own words, it's clear that he never knew the love of God. Oh he told God that he loved Him, but he never knew and came to a rest in the love that God had for him. So all he had, even with all his wonderful experience, was dead religion. He wasn't running to Jesus. I'm sorry if that sounds harsh, but he was not. If a man runs to Jesus, his burden is lifted..."Come unto me..." He was running to an idol. A God of conditional love. A God of his own making. One who cannot hear and cannot speak. The most fearful warning in scripture is not in regard to lying, murder, hatred, lust, etc. The most fearful warning in scripture is found in Hebrews 4:1,2: 1Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. The most difficult thing for a person to do is to receive the unconditional love of God that is found in Christ.

Exactly, most of us grew up in this phony church. I'm trying to find the real God but it's been so hard and unfruitful that I just would wake up thinking there couldn't be a God if I tried this hard and made no progress but there would be this weird feeling that there had to be a God that keeps me going.

I need to desperately understand God's love. Cause for the most part all I experienced that was supposed to be of Christ was lies, hate, and pain.

I have another reason for this search. Because I believe 99% of the church has no idea who Christ really is and they are going straight to hell. I want to figure this out so the rest of the modern church would know the truth also.

Re: , on: 2011/5/9 12:35

Cyan Wrote: "I watched/listened to the first 3 parts. The first video uses a young teen's voice and the others use a grown man's voice. This is clearly an ORGANIZED attack on Christianity; that is it's sole purpose. This is not one person's sad tale or search."

Yes, "an organized attack" - no different than our impression on this other thread as well ...

http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?mode=viewtopic&topic_id=36760&forum=44&start=0&viewmode=flat&order=0

The Church needs discernment and soon, with how this world is going. Listened to some good Keith Daniels and thank GOD that man doesn't mince words neither. There are those who creep into the Body with motives that some can't discern.

You Codek, need to go to prayer with a Bible and take it to HIM and HIM alone - and just know that people 'have been' praying for you.

You posted today on that thread linked above that "you understand Jesus' 1st and 2nd commandment" ... Then in the last post on this thread you again say that "you need to desperately understand God's love."

No, you already know how He loves His Creation and died a horrific death after being tortured for YOU but you just don't want to practice the commandments to love Him and others yourself and need to go back and read those 14 pages of how people on this forum tried to "help" you - but you've spurned GOD and now are Accusing HIM again and His Saints here.

I pray you get alone with HIM and leave these members alone to post to those who Truly are wanting Christ.

You need to be isolated with HIM Alone!

Re: , on: 2011/5/9 13:08

From the thread "Great Quotes 12" posted by SermonIndex -

"The only time you can say 'Christ is all I need'

is when Christ is all you have."

- Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by lylewise, on: 2011/5/9 15:12

I appreciate all the post but I'm grieved a little when it gets intense between between postings. To hear some of what has been said by those I deeply respect. I consider it an honor to listen voices of those who truly love God. We stay civil knowing all the while we are in it while life and death hangs in the balance all around us. Life for some and death for many. Is it any wonder it can get heated at times knowing so much is at stake? I have to tell you that God has used many of you to speak to me through SI. Don't lose sight of those who follow what is discussed hear. Know that your words fall on many an ear in need. Many behind the scenes are struggling with the eternal outcome. Do not take any of this lightly and I know many of you don't. I confess, I do not pray as I should when I post. That is me not trusting God as I should and trust

ting in my own flesh to be more proficient. Even in our posts there should be an exercise of faith.

I do appreciate the Ravenhill quote. It is Ravenhill at his best and through the Spirit he gets to the heart of the matter quickly. Anyone born of God will know it immediately.

i'm grieved a LOT, on: 2011/5/9 15:32

you know....no wonder the young man in the video's, or maybe codek, are hesitant to REALLY unburden whats on their hearts.

they're afraid of the FRIENDS OF JOB, the censure, the rebukes, the assumptions, even to the point of judging the VOICE of the young man and making the implication he "might" be into homosexuality.

i would exclaim, "unbelievable", but i realize its all very believable, because we're all so HUMAN, and our hearts are dark and deceitful, cold and without any love, sometimes.

Sometimes, when we let God the Holy Ghost have sway, we are FULL of God's Love, and that love might be just to listen....than encourage...or be a shoulder to lean on.

i wonder how many of you, beneath the hard brittle cover of religiosity, harbor deep dark secret sin, that you will never feel safe enough to confess. hmm?

thats why the church in america is in so much trouble today, its just become a bright shiny phony country club for saints, instead of a hospital for sinners.

that young man, AND our brother codek are the "barometer's" are what is going on with our children...are you all REALLY going to listen to them and love them...or just cast them into the dark with such statements like:

"never really was a christian".

just shameful. That's your rebuke, and i did pray before i posted.

Re: i'm grieved a LOT, on: 2011/5/9 15:52

Did you read the 14 page thread from December and the repeat of the accusations against GOD that come out of this man, Neil?

The Church needs Discernment.

These are some verses that apply here -

Act 8:23 "For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity."

Heb 12:15 "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God;

lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you,

and thereby 'many' be defiled"

Earlier I wrote that "human" compassion "kills" and you can believe that.

Human compassion is "pride" working through a person who desires to be the hero who will save the wrangler.

When someone consistently accuses GOD - we had Better have our spiritual antenna up - as The Word says - "many are defiled" by their accusations against GOD.

Unless you've read all of this man's posts on both threads and have been given a word of discernment - to accuse the brethren who have posted to this thread - From Discernment you are accusing the wrong one(s).

Discernment between true and false is sadly missing here and it will trickle down as the LORD said it will.

And "most" will fall away from the Truth and because iniquity abounds the love of most will also grow cold. That's Reality!

"and some save with fear" - not soppy human sentiments.

To pray for a man and then tell him to get alone with GOD is Not a Sin. It's his only answer to be saved in the end, with fear and trembling.

Some save with compassion - others with fear and pray for the discernment to be able to see the difference - lest Many Be Defiled here and in your own churches.

Pray for discernment or risk the "Many" for 'one'.

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/5/9 16:10

Quote:
-----And I even called you out on the last one and all you really did was spit bible verses back at me so I just stopped responding. You were totally off on your remarks on the last thread.

codek, I'm not sure what you meant by "I even called you out".

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Quote:
-----My impression of you from your posts is that you really don't care about me at all. It seems like you just want to shove more religion down my throat, prove that you are right and show how much you know.

I'm sorry to hear that that's how you feel about me. At this moment JIG's recent comments made to you represent the same way I think and feel about your situation. I am and will continue to pray for you.

Quote:
-----Remember, I offered my number to you if you wanted to talk about my situation. I'm also out in L.A. And you never replied.

I never noticed that you offered your number specifically to me. I did not sense that you cared to speak with me privately at all. Had I known you were interested in speaking with me I would have been glad to do so. I honestly do not remember you sending me a PM. Do you still have it in your profile? Can you resend it?

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I did not realize that you did not understand my statements directed toward you. I apologize if I did not try my best to make things more understandable.

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/5/9 17:02

I realized that my last post was not that understandable due to me rushing it. I went ahead and edited it. So this is just a bump in case some may have been confused concerning my last post.

Re: "JIG" , on: 2011/5/9 17:02

Quote:
-----Did you read the 14 page thread from December and the repeat of the accusations against GOD that come out of this man, Neil?

no.....i believe i was doing something God honoring, like loving my family during the holiday season.

Quote:
-----The Church needs Discernment.

wrong, the Church needs Love....Humility, Grace, Mercy, a Baptism of the Holy Ghost...and then more Love.

oh my, i just read thru the rest of your post, and its not even worth it to argue, or fuss with you.

SIX, count them, six times you use the word "discernment"
three times you use the word "defiled".

no Jesus, no "love", no "mercy".

and then, you write this line, which is YOUR OPINION:

Quote:
-----Earlier I wrote that "human" compassion "kills" and you can believe that.
Human compassion is "pride" working through a person who desires to be the hero who will save the wrangler.

chapter and verse,please.

wooo! the hardheartedness just takes my breath away.

i'm gonna ask you a question; shortest verse in the Bible:

"Jesus wept".

why did He weep?

why?

Re: , on: 2011/5/9 17:11

Jud 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.

Jud 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.

Jud 1:5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

Jud 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Jud 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Jud 1:8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

Jud 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Jud 1:10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

Jud 1:11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

Jud 1:12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

Jud 1:13 Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

Jud 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

Jud 1:15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Jud 1:16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

Jud 1:17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Jud 1:18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

Jud 1:19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

Jud 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

Jud 1:21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Jud 1:22 And of some have compassion, making a difference:

Jud 1:23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Jud 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Jud 1:25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Re: , on: 2011/5/9 17:31

i guess you cant or wont answer my simple question.

maybe Gandhi was right....too bad, i thought we were sposed to be a "peculiar people"...radical in love, mercy, charity, hope and Faith. i thought the gentiles were sposed to say, "look how they love one another".

this is just sad.

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2011/5/9 17:31

Quote:

-----CyAn wrote:

I watched/listened to the first 3 parts. The first video uses a young teen's voice and the others use a grown man's voice.

Please listen again; it was the same voice in all four. There was nothing deceitful. It takes him a few months in between videos to make them.

Quote:

-----Natan4Jesus wrote:

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they're afraid of the FRIENDS OF JOB, the censure, the rebukes, the assumptions, even to the point of judging the VOICE of the young man and making the implication he "might" be into homosexuality.

Exactly, brother. It's quite a shame.

Quote:

-----lylewise wrote:

I appreciate all the post but I'm grieved a little when it gets intense between between postings. To hear some of what has been said by those I deeply respect.

So am I, brother; thank you for posting your heart.

God bless,
Lisa

Re: Discernment , on: 2011/5/9 17:49

Praying for The Church to have Discernment when they "counsel". Amen, and Amen!

2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2Ti 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2Ti 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

2Ti 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

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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.

2Ti 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

2Ti 3:9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

2Ti 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

2Ti 3:11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

2Ti 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

2Ti 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

Mat 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

Mat 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

Mat 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Mat 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Re: , on: 2011/5/9 20:26

Quote:

-----"The only time you can say 'Christ is all I need' is when Christ is all you have." - Leonard Ravenhill

That's a great quote but I just can't trust it. So is the perfect christian life a life where you ONLY SUFFER. Cause that's the way it's looking to me now.

If it is that way, why does God even talk about marriage and why did some people in the bible get blessed. If what is best for us is just suffering, why not be the ultimate sufferer?

Have only Jesus in our life, lose everything, have no friends, no wife, no nothing, suffer and die.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2011/5/9 20:49

Codek

Quote:

-----That's a great quote but I just can't trust it. So is the perfect christian life a life where you ONLY SUFFER. Cause that's the way it's looking to me now.

We are told in the Word to take up our cross daily and follow Jesus. There is unspeakable joy in following Jesus even if you do lose everything in this life, because we have JESUS HIMSELF! For someone who loves the LORD with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength the pain of losing our life in this world is bearable because we know that we will have eternity with HIM. Jesus did say that it would cost you everything to follow HIM. I think for many of us here we just realize that following Jesus is worth it no matter what...how about you? Some do count the cost, like the rich young ruler and they walk away because they love this world more than they do JESUS.

mj

Re: Deconversion: I can't say this guy is lying. , on: 2011/5/9 21:05

Hi codek,

Slowly, over the weeks, from various things you've posted, I've gained the impression you grew up in a variety of prosperity gospel / American Dream kind of churches, not realising that you were being taught a complicated lie about God's priorities and nature. I have a friend that this happened to, who also has this feeling of being made to 'suffer' beyond what is reasonable, every day, who still does not find peace in a biblical gospel.

At the beginning of 1 Peter 4, he says 'he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin', and he's talking about live people. Normally, when we say that a person's suffering is over, we mean they have died.

Realistically, this IS the solution the Bible offers - to sink into the death of Christ - to end all our woes. It seems terribly harsh at the time, if we do not yet see how reasonable a solution to sin God finds it. Indeed, He recommends it. But until we are sick of ourselves, our sin, our everything, it's spectacularly unappealing to die.

I hope you realise I'm talking about becoming identified with Christ's death through a spiritual miracle. By another spiritual miracle, we become identified with His life, and nothing ever seems quite so bad again - but don't take that as a synonym for 'easy'. People who have come to the cross of Christ find it is the backbone of their new life in Him. Without it, they are sickly.

Re: , on: 2011/5/9 22:26

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that's Kingdom speech, loving measured gentle.

tell me about a King, where a prostitute washes His feet with her tears and hair, out of relief, grief, joy, sorrow, that's the King I follow.

I wish people would stop trying to be Paul and just get low, coz none of us is Paul....but I sure like what you wrote to our codek, God the Holy Ghost is just gonna ring his bell, wish I could be there. That's why I'm praising God, codek ain't going nowhere, he's going back to Jesus, and I shout HalleLuYah, knowing that.

I hope you hear me codek, Jesus will not let you go, you know it and I know it, love you....you're gonna get a job, you're gonna get shalom, you just got to believe bro.....coz Jesus has you anyway.

Re: , on: 2011/5/9 22:35

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Of course, absolutely, I grew up in the modern church where 99% won't make it. Most Christians are taught this. And yes the modern church teaches a prosperity gospel which is a tamer version of the Joel Osteen variety. How else will they fill their pews? They have to lie knowingly or unknowingly.

And a wise man told me once that Jesus did not come to heal our sickness, he came to heal our sinful nature. I'm slow

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y beginning to realize that fact. I'm figuring out what the true gospel is but it won't happen overnight.

You guys have to realize that I'm not of the same variety as the people here. If you guys are NBA pro's, I'm still a high school bball player.

And right now I'm not saying give me this or that but I'm saying don't obliterate everything and make me suffer (this is beyond what most of you guys are facing here, I only know this because most people are not as distraught as I am right now.)

I really, really don't care if I live another day. I only fear hell and God.

Do you guys know what that feels like?

It feels like I have to go to a weekly meeting where one of my body parts gets chopped off of me. I'm not saying this because I want pity. I'm suffering more than normal. That's all I'm saying.

Imagine what has to happen to a person for a person to say "I really, really don't care if I live another day."

Again I must say, I'm not a seasoned pro like most of the people here JUST AN AVERAGE JOE LUKEWARM WANNABE CHRISTIAN who just realized there is something very wrong here and I'm searching for the truth.

I didn't know what "Christ is all I need" means really. A lot of times it's still very abstract. And the only examples of people that used that saying in my life have been misused it to make themselves look more holy. So I am weary of those phrases.

Thank you, AlivetoGod, I can feel how sincerely feel you care for other Christians. I really do mean that.

Real Christianity is serious business. To be a Christian, you have to be REALLY willing to die for this. Before I thought that was a cute saying now I'm beginning to realize that it's means what it says.

Re: , on: 2011/5/9 23:08

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I really wanted to shun God but even in the midst of this wreck I call my spiritual life, I believe you. I'm trying so hard to run away but something won't let me go.

Thank you for your words of encouragement and prayers!

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2011/5/9 23:47

Quote:
-----Real Christianity is serious business. To be a Christian, you have to be REALLY willing to die for this.

A willingness to die grows within us as we are conformed to his image (Romans 8:29.) When we become Christians we are baptized into his death and are resurrected into his life. For some of us the willingness to die to ourselves becomes the outgrowth of that. In Romans six Paul tells us to "Reckon ourselves dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." -Romans 6:11.

It was an act of faith on the part of the believers who were reading this to perform such a 'reckoning' as a past event in fact. Not some future event one is to attain to through effort of self will, or through emotional preparedness.

Jesus told Peter that he would die when he was old, he would die for his faith in John 21:18. When Peter asked Jesus if the same would happen to John, his response was, "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me." John 21:22.

Some are called to physical death for the faith, and some are not. It is death to self we are called to. While this may seem insurmountable from one perspective, it truly is the greatest liberation from hindsight. I want to encourage you again Codek to learn from Christ as much as possible in these things. Men, for all their good intentions, have a knack for making these things sound far more complicated and burdensome than Christ would. Without Christ's Spirit to help us, death to self is as impossible as hefting Annapurna across the ocean on my shoulders. But with his spirit, and the faith of a mustard seed, the impossible becomes not just possible, but a delight. "Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart." Psalm 119:111.

Jesus does all the heavy lifting bro. Not us. He is the captain of our salvation, not the tyrant of our salvation! He sits not at the backs of his soldiers whipping them into a battle fervor, NO! He is at the forefront of the battle urging us to follow him into the fracas. He is not going to leave you to fight this battle alone, he is with you always even until the end of this age! Until the regeneration! I cannot wait to see the beaming faces of every soldier then. Knees bent and crowns cast at his brazen feet. He is not weak to save, the onus is not, nor ever will be upon you. Look not unto thyself for thy saving, look unto him. Look unto his dying. Reckon Him to have been the one who did the work.

He says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Jesus is the one who died Codek. He shouldered the burden, He takes the sin, He comforts the weak, he carries the yoke, He spearheads the Christian march, He...He...HE is MIGHTY to SAVE!!!

It is worth remembering that even Jesus did not want to suffer the death he was appointed to Codek. In this manner He is greatly compassionate and not only that but empathetic. "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless not as I will but as thou wilt." Matthew 26:39. And Hebrews 12:2, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him (everyone who would be saved as a result of his death) endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." His death was shameful even to him, he too despised it. And he even questioned it at the end, "Father why hast thou forsaken me?" Mark 16:34.

When Thomas said he would not believe unless he could put his fingers in Christ's wounds, Christ did not chastise him at first, but willingly complied to Thomas's need. Afterwards he kind of chastened him for it, but not first. Christ is humble, meek, lowly, condescending (in the good way, not the bad.)

"Call to me and I will show you great and unsearchable things." -Jeremiah 33:3.

Re: , on: 2011/5/9 23:55

Yes, AtG, that was a sweet word to a hurting soul.

Codek,

That is the way our God is. The Bible says that the law came through Moses but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Without His grace we could never receive His truth. He doesn't just speak truth to us, but gives us His grace and love to enable us not only to receive His truth but to love it, also. He lavishes grace on us and I can see He is doing that with you. He has done the same with all of us.

The Lord wants you to come to Him and REST. Unlike the religious system, He has no intention of ever defrauding you or taking advantage of you. You are tired and worn out and weary of being lied to and deceived. Come to Jesus and rest. Rest, my friend. Unload your burdens to Him. He is meek and lowly in heart and He came for those that know they need a Physician. You know that you are "sick" and need Him. Don't come half way, come all the way. You are coming to Jesus, not any man. You have nothing to lose except a miserable life. We all lost a miserable life and wondered why we did not do it sooner.

Codek, in reality we have all been taken advantage of by our mortal enemy, Satan. His only aim is to kill people by stealing their hope and destroying their identity.

Jesus wants to give you new hope and a new identity. Like AtG said, let the old Codek die, and rise up with Christ, to be a new man.

"He who conquers" was the risen Christ's word to members in every one of the seven churches that are spiritually described in Revelation 2 and 3. Even to backslidden, lukewarm, failing Laodicea.

"He who conquers", To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. (Rev 3:21).

This promise to be a conqueror is beyond our strength and this new purpose of being a conqueror is way beyond our reach. In Christ (with Jesus) we receive the power to conquer even while we are in our earthly bodies. If that were not so, He would never have told us to arise and do it.

It is true that we must begin inwardly with a birth and must also pass through the matrix of death. It is like Paul said,

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Look to Jesus and only Him and you will discover the joy that vanquishes all suffering. Your life will be wonderfully enlarged in ways that you cannot even guess, because it is so totally beyond you. None of us could even remotely understand what we were stepping into when we "stepped into" Jesus' and took His hand and said, "OK Lord, I will trust you".

Hear these words from God to you, Codek:

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and WITHOUT PRICE (Free).

Incline your ear, and COME UNTO ME: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

COME UNTO ME, all ye that labour and are HEAVY LADEN, and I WILL GIVE YOU REST. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

If you have never heard the mountains singing or seen the trees of the field clapping their hands, do not think because of that, that they don't. Ask God to open your ears so you may hear it and your eyes so you may see it, because, though few people ever know it, they do, my friend, they really do.

A777

oh codek, on: 2011/5/9 23:58

Quote:
-----I really wanted to shun God but even in the midst of this wreck I call my spiritual life, I believe you. I'm trying so hard to run away but something won't let me go.

Thank you for your words of encouragement and prayers!

oh codek, you just break my heart with joy!!! God the Holy Spirit used me to write those words to you, and by your testimony, you have proven Him to be Real, you break my heart with joy! He is Real! and Jesus loves us all, period, end of sentence.

in my own life, Today, has just been a huge Praise day, God has blessed me, and your words, are the cherry atop the cake. Good night beloved brother, neil

Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2011/5/10 0:03

Quote:
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Alreadymind,

I hardly post anymore but I had to reply to your post because you nailed it brother. Thank God for this anointed message

Blessings to all!

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/5/10 2:06

ATG and Alreadymind, I too was blessed by your last posts. I can learn some things from them in how to season my words with grace.

codek, while I do not take the gist of any of my previous posts back, I do believe I owe you an apology for something. Concerning the other thread, I realize I did not read all your prior posts and the replies before I posted there. While going back and reading all the posts there I realized I did miss a few things that would have been beneficial to read. I will try to learn my lesson from now on, and read or try my best to read all prior posts on a thread before posting.

I am firmly convinced that the Lord has supernaturally shown you the sad state of the modern churches. I am convinced we are living in the time of the great apostasy prophesied about in the Bible. And I agree with you and the videos you recommended that there is much deception in the contemporary "Christian" music scene. And like you state, the vast majority of those who profess to know Christ do not know him.

Yet in the midst of all of this the Lord is still on the throne and His truth stands, even if it is genuinely or savingly applied to a small remnant of true believers in Christ. So while I sympathize with you for having been deceived by much falsehood in your experience, I also know that God is calling out His remnant and separating them unto Himself and showing Himself strongly on their behalf. I hope and pray you will become part of that remnant soon.

As I stated before, growing in Christ is not overnight, but the new birth is. As followers of Christ we are called to warn ev

ery person concerning the urgent need to come to Christ in true repentance and faith. The Bible declares that now is the acceptable time, today is the day of salvation. We are warned not to boast of tommorow for we do not know what a day may bring. We may be here today and gone tommorow. We are called to plead with people on Christ's behalf, to be reconciled to God. My sincere best wishes to you.

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/5/10 9:56

JIG, I also wanted to take the time to thank you for posting those passages that exhort on discernment. I thought they were spot on.

Re: - posted by lylewise, on: 2011/5/10 11:42

Codek, there is a death to be had. Just as there was for Christ so you will suffer it if you are to be born again. You seem so very close. I love that the saints have not told you what is offered by so many. Those very things that have brought us to the state we find ourselves in today in the church of our blessed Lord and Savior. A church with so many in attendance, yet so few written into the book of life which is the true roll.

You asked a few questions that have been answered, but might this help a little?

This loving of God before all things cannot be fully understood until one has been born anew. It can be seen from the outside. It can amaze and perplex the mind to think such a thing is possible, but it can only be realized when the blinders have been removed by God Himself. Many refer to this as a miracle. If vision is given where there was none before then how can it not be? Man will not educate or learn himself into this condition. He can however seek and it will be given to him, but only through Christ who is God.

The reality of receiving it in the new life is that God becomes first above all things. Which is part of the Royal command of God, but attached with a desire born of God that becomes as much a part of the believer as anything could ever be. There is some struggle by way of flesh due to this imperfect and temporary housing, but it is a part of, and common to sanctification. The church that is truly not representative of the true church has taken both salvation and sanctification and a great many other things and redefined them for the times. It is necessary and natural for it to do so if they operate by the hand of man apart from God. It is false religion. It is not new that men do such things and it results in the great casualty that surrounds us. This, God has allowed even you to see Codek.

So back to God being first. There is given one a new perspective on life. He no longer sees the wife, the children, the possessions, his reputation, or whatever he has held to as the most important thing(s) in his life. Many will say that God is most important but it is a mere theory that will not withstand the testing God brings. He tests both the true and the false. To the false He exposes them, and it is a merciful action. To the true he does this in love. Not to expose them as liars, for they hold to the truth, but rather to point out to them those very things that impede their growth and hold them back from a greater dependency upon Him.

I believe you said, "is the perfect Christian life a life where you only suffer"?

Oh no! There is no joy under the sun that men will experience that can compare to the new life that is in Christ. Men see the loss of all the earthly things as a great loss by reasoning with the natural mind. When one is truly born again they for the first time see by discernment. A gift that is part of the new birth that allows them to see those things for what they truly are. No different from the Apostle Paul or any other born of God. It's that the earthly things are not even worthy of mention because they are considered the refuse of all creation when compared to this love we have for our Lord. The chasing after the world is shown for what it is! Anything that we compare next to Christ is seen as meaningless by comparison. So our love for Christ is greater than all things. It is by God's grace and it is a most graceful act of God that we are given the eyes to see these things for what they are. Imagine a wayward child on drugs, who comes after much pain to the understanding that drugs can harm and kill, though there may be a period of high that is enjoyed. You will rejoice that your child is given this new vision that allows them to see what this substance can do to them and rob them of. Suffering is not loss but gain. Even in the suffering there is joy for it glorifies the greatest Love of your life. What could possibly be greater and more joyous than this? Foolishness to a self centered world. We have freedom as we have been released from bondage through Christ. Even having gained freedom we still fight against those things that can temporarily place us in bondage if we afford them the opportunity.

The world will see what the Christian voluntarily gives up as loss. We however see it as gain all the while drawing closer

to God. It will seem somewhat foolish but it is a truth driven deep within the heart of every believer in the new life.

I know this may not fully hit home, but it will not, until the fullness of the rebirth occurs. In the mean time it can be something to be pondered and that creates an awe of how God and how he can so change a man that even his greatest affections can be turned upside down and brought to nothing. Codek you have been shown a grace that has not been given to many. You are privy to things that even a great majority in the church at large do not see. It is a grace of God. I state the obvious but others have given you the gospel. Not as it is so often given in cheap form but in a greater fullness. One told you to pursue God in a place of solitude, another to keep seeking until He does His mighty work upon you, another to not give up. There is nothing more important in life and you find yourself at now at the crossroad. I can add nothing to what they have already given you by the Spirit of Christ that dwells within them. I encourage you in this pursuit and I pray that one day, and hopefully soon, God will give you the most excellent testimony.

Re: , on: 2011/5/16 5:16

thank you for all your replies. I'm taking some to take all the replies in and carefully thinking about what I need to do next.

Re: Deconversion: I can't say this guy is lying. - posted by Questor, on: 2011/5/28 18:52

Codex, I did you the courtesy of listening to the entire You Tube posts, then even read some of the comments.

I saw in the videos a young man crying out to be heard about seeing and feeling nothing of the Holy Spirit in these meetings, these youth camps.

If this is the only food being given to the younglings of this world, then I understand the spiritual starvation that many feel today in the churches.

If all that is given these young ones is a feelly touchy music extravaganza, they will indeed not find even the milk they should be receiving. Concerts are great, but they need to be labeled as such.

This is the time of the great falling away...and the young are being poisoned, both by the world, and by the secularity of the churches they are told to attend. Yet, if you read the Testaments, you see instead that people went to Synagogue to listen to a portion of the scriptures, and then discuss them. Much of the ceremonial praying was done by the Cantor, and was and still is sung, but worship songs for the sake of worship songs was not done then as a group, and I wonder why it is done now? Miriam's song, and the song in Revelation are victory songs, but not sing alongs done night after night to woo the younglings into a Godless Church with beauty and emotion, and call it praise.

Yeshua, when He read the daily portion, and cut it off early, only to say 'These words are fulfilled in your ears', I'm very sure there was a vigorous discussion afterward. The young man on the video's at You Tube is looking for God, loves God, despite his so called de-conversion from his church. He is merely in 'the valley of weeping', despite what it is called on the 'net.

Indeed, David sang to God, and about God, and danced before the people in worship, but it was a personal thing, just like prayer should be.

Assemblies are for teaching the scriptures, general intervention or thanksgiving prayer, and Bible study. Singing a few songs is fine, if you like the music, but I prefer to pick my music and words, and sing my concerts on the hilltops where only God can hear my voice, or care how 'religious' I look.

God says to sing to Him a new song, so it isn't the music that is the problem...it's the sensual idolatry of group song when the music is sung for physical pleasure, not just for spiritual connection.

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These are man's traditions, not God's desire...and I would probably be as sick at watching and hearing a church performance as I have heard seen and described by this young man our brother Codex brings to us to watch, and understand.

I am sorry that many of my sisters and brothers here are so ready to write off the pain of this young man, without even trying to reach him! It isn't hard to sign into You Tube and Google in order to give the guy a little hope, you know.

Please, be more gentle with these hurting and confused ones...the Adversary is reaching out to them in particular...probably because the young man was being effective in ministry.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2011/5/28 19:04

Saints,

I ask firstly you all be in prayer for Codex to encourage him and write him private messages as needed. As for the videos and the this thread continuing I feel it is not profitable so we are locking this thread.