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A Final Farewell From Appolus , on: 2014/10/18 13:44

Dear Saivts

I was asked to post this final farewell from our dear brother Frank.

Blaine

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I just wanted to say goodbye to the Saints on SI. I have been richly blessed over the past 7 years by many genuine saints. Greg has seen fit to kick me off of Sermon Index. There has always been a tension between myself and Greg, even although we have worked together over the years and I invited him to come to Glenock to have a conference in my hometown. Yet this is his site, he created it, and he maintains it, and he controls it, and he is perfectly within his own rights to kick anyone off of it. I want to thank the many people who have emailed me their appreciation of my posts over the years. Obviously there are a few who violently oppose certain messages and that is their right. When God puts a message, a fire in your bones, who should one listen to, God or man? It is my pleasure to follow the Lord no matter the consequences or bitter opposition (you should see some of my emails). So take care saints and always follow hard after the Lord, never follow men. My email is appolus@aol.com. Please feel free to email me at anytime on any subject.....
.....Brother Frank

Re: A Final Farewell From Appolus - posted by proudpapa, on: 2014/10/18 14:05

Do not blame Greg,

SI would have been a hypocrite to of allowed you to continue,

You where given ample warning more than almost anyone else that I have seen let go from SI and you refused any exhortation from anyone but continued to defy the written rules that are in place even after clearly being warned.

Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2014/10/18 14:17

We are blessed to even have such men as Greg and the moderators who are walking in the Spirit of Christ.

I have been observing and posting occasionally since 2008 and I haven't always posted in the right attitude. I have learned some things that everybody does not see a like on everything but we must learn to respect and love one another. I believe this site is the best Christian site with the best moderators who are spirit filled men who love God and strive to keep unity among the brethren.

They have a very difficult job because of the childish accusations that they have to put up with! I have seen some who will not listen to reason but all they want to do is teach others, but they want listen themselves...and end up either banned or getting upset and leaving on their own. This is sad!

This is a very good site with lots of messages...where lots of hours have been put in by Greg and others to get the word of God out to bless many people all over the world! We should be thankful and appreciate having such a site as this! Th

e forum can be used to be such a great blessing to others to encourage them...even to sharpen one another as iron sharpens iron...but we need to also respect and love one another without accusing and condemning one another.

Blessings to all!

Re: A Final Farewell From Appolus - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2014/10/18 14:48

bear thanks for posting this. frank has always been one of my favorite posters on this site. his heart and love for the Lord has always shown. i will miss his post and feel the forum will be missing a valuable part of the Body of believers.

rdg

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/10/18 14:49

Saints,

We did give multiple opportunities of grace towards allowing brother Frank to interact with us on reasons for possibly being asked to leave the site and in the end also gracefully leaving. It is sad how things have to come to asking a brother to leave interacting on a website that is to be a place of edification and encouragement. SI is not a church but is a place where there is fellowship and therefore we all need to be accountable to each other and also to brethren who moderate.

Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2014/10/18 15:15

A bit melodramatic I would say, posting 'beyond the grave' as it were!

Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2014/10/18 15:51

Seriously though, it is sad to see anyone leave this forum community in such circumstances. BUT, it is only a discussion forum! As such we should try and keep a humble and teachable attitude toward one another. When folk disagree or challenge what we post, that OK. It is what a discussion is all about.

Maybe we can all learn something here. We 'should not think of our selves more highly than we ought', but remain humble, open to learn and consider others opinions in a gracious way. To suggest 'I have the word of God' or am walking in such closeness with the Lord that I cannot be wrong or cannot consider another view can lead to spiritual pride and self deceit.

Re: A Final Farewell From Appolus - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2014/10/18 18:53

Brothers and sisters,

It is only the devil that causes strife between two brothers, especially mature brothers that love the Lord and seek to edify the Body of Christ.

Greg, Could you please tell us why you have asked Frank to leave Sermon Index?

I believe that this thing can be worked out if handled in the right way.

I don't believe this is God's will to end things this way.

Brother Frank has always been a blessing to us, and Greg there must have been a good reason for you asking him to leave, but I would hope that you really took this before the Lord.

We have all made mistakes, and we all need grace. I could have been kicked off this site a long time ago, because I know that there are many on this site that do not hold my views.

We just don't want to give any place to the devil by allowing strife to dictate the separation of two brothers and a ministry that has been a blessing to us.

In His Love,

Mike

GOOD GRIEF!!!, on: 2014/10/18 19:02

What on earth??? This is an internet FORUM, not a church for crying out loud. Just leave and let it be, no muss, no fuss, no need for drama or continued strife and certainly no need for anymore threads about it either...sigh. There is absolutely no need whatsoever why you should have to explain ANYTHING to anybody brother Greg except the person you remove which you have already done I am sure. It is no-one else's business and this thread should never have been started in the first place. PLEASE CLOSE THIS BEFORE IT GETS OUT OF HAND!!!

Re: GOOD GRIEF!!! - posted by staff, on: 2014/10/18 19:17

Hi,
I didn't want to comment as I am in the dark about what is going on. Frank has blessed me with some great posts and poetry. This isn't a secret organisation here except we can be anonymous if we choose.
We constantly talk about keeping the forum to a standard that those who are not members won't be put off, Brother Greg is accountable to the members as well as obviously to God. I have found Greg to be fair and honest but I try to be fair and every now and again I have to check myself and have found I slipped up. I am not saying this is the case but it would be good pray about it.
It is better to be open and honest than sweep things under the carpet or even appear to sweep it under the carpet. I hope that this could end up a blessing rather than a division,
Yours Staff

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/10/18 19:28

Quote:
-----Greg, Could you please tell us why you have asked Frank to leave Sermon Index? I believe that this thing can be worked out if handled in the right way.

We have had fellowship and have known Frank for 7 years I believe. Over that time there have been disagreements as brothers can disagree but in the end after humbling ourselves we continued to have open fellowship. This is not a matter of that but of the SermonIndex forums themselves.

SermonIndex is not a personal pulpit or platform for any good brother to spearhead their mission or to say it worst at times agenda. Simply put brother was asked more than at one occasion not to post his blog writings on SermonIndex, we have asked many others also not to do this, also his blog was advertised at the footer of every of his posts, many brothers we have removed the links long before and tried to only allow links to blogs or sites that will edify.

In the end it is a privilege I believe for anyone of us to post on a website that has all of this godly content and speakers on it. We are adding our thoughts and sharing our views which is humbling considering we are posting along side Tozer's, Ravenhill's etc. Also the forums are read by a world-wide audience thus it is important for us to realize this, that we are representing the Lord Jesus Christ when we write, respond or disagree (in love, gentleness and maturity).

In the end brother Frank continued in the vein of not really respecting the moderators when they tried to bring any balance to a thread and also did not stop posting threads that were even using words that I posted and continued to share in the vein of what Frank posts about on his blog. It is sad to have to send a personal email a few times and lastly in the end because of the brother not wanting to work it out or respond but only respond publicly on the forums we had to remove his account.

I trust I am not slandering in anyway brother Frank but sharing simply that this is a last case thing to remove an account, it is NOT dis-fellowshipping a brother, it is not claiming he is not a brother, it is simply a form of discipline (not even fully church discipline). I do not want to share any other details because it would not be honouring to the brother or honouring to Jesus Christ to say things publicly.

Perhaps there is simply a season for all things, I have enjoyed Frank's posts in the past and now he is very strong on what

t God is telling him to preach and SermonIndex simply is not the place for that.

Re: - posted by mama27, on: 2014/10/18 19:44

I'm sure I am clueless, but I am absolutely blown away by this...

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2014/10/18 19:45

SI has established rules for the benefit and safety of all of us. Let me give an example:

I have a Personal Conviction Similar to that of Bro Keith Daniels When it comes to the Translation issue.

Now SI has rules in place that says I am not allowed to only post on that issue because then it would be considered an agenda or a platform.

Every once in a while that issue will come up and I am rightly allowed to defend my perspective even though it is not widely accepted on SI.

Now Those rules protect me, Because it is real easy to get swept away on that type of an issue, believing all along that I am defending the truth, the message that God wants me to proclaim.

And many many do, Most of the books that I have on the issue are an embarrassment. because they took a rightful conviction and turned it into an obsession.

These rules protect us from being overtaken by obsessions.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/10/18 20:09

This is what Frank wrote on his blog today publically I think it summarizes what he really feels:

Hi sister. Thank you for your comment and I wanted you to know that you and a couple of others have been the only reason that I have continued to interact with Sermon Index which has long since lost the place. I think if you were to check out the devotional section you would see a barren wasteland of no replies. It is akin to a church with no prayer meeting. It is very sad to see it go in such a way but this is what comes when men are determined to be in control and God does not have the place. I will certainly keep in touch sister, we are kindred spirits because we have been baptized into the one Spirit with one heart that beats in love with Jesus our Lord who is preeminent in our lives. I have met so many saints over the years where there is an instant fellowship and love and friendship and loyalty. Now, with the religious man, there is none of that, quite the opposite. As Tozer said "The once born man is always the deadliest enemy of the twice born man." bro Frank

We are going to lock the thread as per the suggestion of brother Mark. I would encourage saints to please pray for the ministry of SermonIndex, the moderators and for all the people that interact on the forums. We have so many precious saints who are on the forums and to see division amongst radical believers is very sad, there is so much wrong in Christianity and to start to divide amongst ourselves of who is really "in" is quite sad. May the Lord allow us to show love to each other and be willing to yield and humble ourselves to others and not think we need to be right.

this thread is locked.