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Fire - posted by johnny_g (), on: 2004/2/6 13:09

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Re: Fire - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/2/6 14:21

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That's quite true for the apostle paul also said:

Romans 2:16 - This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.

Romans 14:10 - You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

1 Corinthians 4:5 - Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

but with this there is the principle that Scriptures lay that we are to judge those 'inside' the church, those who claim to be of the body of Jesus Christ, those who's sins and delusional doctrines can effect the whole body. This is why there is a thing called 'church discipline' that was part of the early church but has been all but lost in our generation in most Christian circles.

I think its profitable to see these 'new 95 theses' that have been a layed out by a faithful body of believers in south africa. Here is the section on Church discipline:

Practicing Church Discipline

65. Many problems in theology and churches are caused by the fact that in many places church discipline is no longer practiced.

66. Church discipline includes the punishment or the excommunication of persons who publicly introduce unbiblical teachings and lifestyles in the church (1 Corinthians 5; 2 John 9-11).

67. To be effective church discipline has to reach all levels of the church structure, including church elders, members of the synod and church leaders, if the seduction is caused or supported by them.

68. For "a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough" (1 Corinthians 5:6) - and it is even more serious when people in influential positions are included within this "batch of dough".

taken from this thread: (https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id1187&forum40#6802) New 95 Theses

here are some Scriptures touching on Church discipline:

1 Corinthians 5:12 - What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside?

1 Corinthians 6:1-3 - If any of you has a dispute with another, dare he take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the saints? Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!

1 Corinthians 6:5 - I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute between believers?

Paul shamed the early church in Corinth with their carnal state of not recognizing their authority and position in Christ. God has in every body of believers men that rule over to administer wise judgement on these type of disputable matters. This seems foreign to us in the 20th century, but it's an apostolic position in the modern day church that must be filled. There will be offense but that's nothing new for the full message of the gospel, it's been offending the majority since the beginning.

Quote:

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welcome to the site btw. :-D

Re: - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2004/2/7 6:08

"The purpose of the fiery trial the saints endure is to free us from the gods that would rule us, to remove all of the forces and things that stand between us and the headship of Christ and put them beneath our feet. At times this is a very painful process. We love and worship our gods and want to serve them. To have them wrenched away from their position in our personality and crucified tears at our soul. But we can receive nothing from God of eternal worth until first it has been crucified with Christ and then resurrected with Him.

While we are in prison all sorts of things come forth from our personality—spirits we did not realize were present in us. If through Christ we confess those that are sinful, denouncing, renouncing, and resisting them with all diligence, drawing near to God at all times, we will overcome them. If we remain faithful to the point of death we will emerge as king over our circumstances. We will govern all things by the power of eternal life.

And the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them. (Daniel 3:27—NIV)

When Nebuchadnezzar called to them the three walked out, no longer being bound. How marvelous to be in the fire with the Lord!

When you are going through a really severe testing you may believe you are not going to survive. All is lost! But when you emerge you will discover nothing really was destroyed except your bondages."

~In The Fire With The Lord

Re: - posted by johnny_g (), on: 2004/2/12 10:46

So would you characterise the two instances of (1) What Paul did as he walked on water - as the fear of his surroundings tried to grip him and Christ reached out to him and saved him and

(2) The three in the fiery furnace. Do you think that they looked around at the surrounding. If they did not and if they had what would have become of them. Was that why Christ himself appeared in the furnace with them. Holding their hands? :-?