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Re: Franklin Graham's sad presentation of the "Gospel", on: 2012/2/21 10:21

One of those things already figured. Everything's being shaken.

Bless you, Brother Frank.

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 14:01

Shaken, yes, everything.....bro Frank

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 14:31

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Re: , on: 2012/2/21 14:40

Brother Blaine, this is just another example of watering down what it means to be a Christian. I am glad that the media was talking about, but I was sad that yet another Christian "leader," ran from the bold statements of what it means to be a Christian. Perhaps a refresher course on the third chapter of the Gospel of John for those who claim to be leaders.....
bro Frank

Re: Franklin Graham's sad presentation of the "Gospel" - posted by Solomon101, on: 2012/2/21 15:05

Really ?! Really?!?! Really ?!?!?

I am so disgusted with the so called "Christians" that make posts just to verbally accost and attack others.

NO WONDER YOUR DENOMINATIONS ARE DEAD AND DYING! ... AND HAVE BEEN FOR DECADES!

He said nothing like what was insinuated in this thread. He was never asked about the Gospel and certainly never made a "presentation of the Gospel" during the little over 2 minute interview. Those conducting it were clearly trying to catch him in some type of word web....like a lot of posters. They kept asking him if different people were Christians and Franklin repeatedly said you would have to ask them. That sounds reasonable. He said a few guys he thought were based upon their personal ethics and statements they had made to him.

Wow....nothing personal Appolus... lot's of posters will chime in and echo the same thoughts for you. However, it seems to me that Franklin Graham's presentation of the Gospel wasn't the sad thing.

The sad thing is the way those who claim to follow Christ are ever willing to crucify a brother over something that means absolutely nothing. Jesus body has lot's of scars in it now that weren't put there by Roman soldiers... they were put there by people today that are doing little for God but are quick to attack someone else who is.

All said in love... heavy hearted... very pained...but in heart broken love.

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 16:06

Hi Solomon, first of all I do not claim to follow Christ. I do follow Christ. Secondly the interview lasted over 10 minutes. I am assuming you did not see the full interview? What is disgusting is the watering down of the Gospel. Are we now to believe that salvation is based on being a Catholic or having good morals? If you believe that, or that we worship the same Jesus as the mormons do, as Franklin claimed, then you and I worship a different Jesus. There is the Jesus of the Gospel and then there are Mormon Jesus's and Jehovah's Witnesses Jesus' and to say there is not is to add to the woeful state of Christianity in the West today. This is the age of compromise. I shall not compromise the name of Jesus for political expediency..... Bro Frank

(edited for spelling, sent it from my phone)

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 16:36

comment removed. God bless you appolus for having discernment and taking a beating for it.

-Jim

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 17:06

I think Solomon's reply to my post is useful. I believe what we see here is the challenge that is going to face every genuine Christian in this coming generation. This is not a thread that attacks a man or his ministry because of some theological disagreement, this, at least to me, is foundational. There is such a hostility when those who water down the Gospel are challenged.

It is now politically incorrect and unacceptable to say that Mormonism is a cult, which it clearly is, it does not worship the Biblical Jesus, they believe that Jesus is Satan's brother and that He is a created being. Brothers and sisters, have we sunk that low that we cannot acknowledge that truth?

Do we now believe that by being Catholic means that you are saved? I would dearly love to hear what others think about that deception? My goodness, the reformers and the martyrs must be turning in their graves. Their courage to stand against the Catholic church cost them everything, now we live in a generation where men are afraid to tell the truth lest they offend. Solomon, maybe you do believe that Catholics are Christians, maybe you also believe that the Jesus Mormons claim to worship is the Jesus of the Bible, if that is so, then we shall clearly have to agree to disagree. Perhaps we do not even agree on what it means to be born again? Is that possible? Perhaps it is?bro Frank

Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2012/2/21 17:15

Hi everyone,

I thought I would go out on a limb here and let anyone swing at it that wants to.

I can see somewhat of where Solomon101 is coming from and with all due respect for everyone on this thread it saddens me also to see what is happening to SI. I see so many threads becoming more about judging others than building up the body of Christ.

It seems like more and more posts are about judging others than praying for others. I know that I have enjoyed many of Frank's posts but I am surprised at this one. Frank, I don't know what bothered you so much in that 10 minute interview (I didn't see it) but what you showed us was Franklin being attacked from many different sides trying to pen him down

n to being judgmental toward others who say they are Christians. I felt though being under the pressure that he was under that he could have answered better and he probably wishes he had of answered better but who knows how any of us on any given day under similar circumstances may not have done any better.

Frank, one thing I don't get, is that you are so sure that he let the Lord down and that you would have done so much better. I also wonder do you feel that your judgment toward Franklin, on a website for the entire world to see, is truly uplifting to the Lord. Are you sure that what you are saying about Franklin is not letting the Lord down in doing what Franklin was trying not to do about others who say they are Christians but yet you clearly cast judgment on another minister of the gospel with the title of your thread.

Blessings to you brother Frank, even though I am looking at this thing from a different angle and you may be more right than me, I felt a need to share a concern.

BTW – Jim I felt your post was cold hearted and sarcastic toward a fellow brother but then you be the judge of that because I could have read your post wrong. Oh, I see you removed it- very good then.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2012/2/21 17:15

Quote:

-----Solomon101...Really ?! Really?!?! Really ?!?!?!?

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Amen! this has become a site to roast folks, you have a little dirt on anyone? come here and spread it. It really must be awesome to have lived such a perfect life, you are able to come here and slam others, why not begin on me? I have said and done things in my past like, I hate God, done drugs, ran around on my wife when I was married, stolen, lied, etc, etc , go ahead I have a thick skin, let me have it! go ahead! cast the first stone. :) Thank God the Lord looks forward. Lot of Mac Davis folks here singing: Oh Lord it's hard to be humble when you're perfect in every way.:)

Re: - posted by Solomon101, on: 2012/2/21 17:21

@ Appolus

YOU STATED; .Secondly the interview lasted over 10 minutes. I am assuming you did not see the full interview?

I RESPOND; I watched the video link you posted. It is 2:13 long.

Franklin Graham said nothing in it that comes anywhere close to what is being accused on this thread. THAT is the sad part. imho.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2012/2/21 17:31

Good thing Jesus got to the woman at the well first, no telling what we might have done to her, or said about her. This should be an example of how we should react, like Jesus did.

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 17:49

"Good thing Jesus got to the woman at the well first, no telling what we might have done to her, or said about her. This should be an example of how we should react, like Jesus did. "

Bill - I am not sure if your misleading analogy is willful or not, but Jesus would treat the leaders of christendom like he did the pharisees, not the woman at the well.

-Jim

Re: Franklin Graham's sad presentation of the "Gospel" - posted by ManofGod0000, on: 2012/2/21 17:55

APPOLUS, I know u arent surprised my brother, maybe just "ticked off".

btw, bro, I sent you an email about a week or two ago.

take care

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 17:59

"I think Solomon's reply to my post is useful. I believe what we see here is the challenge that is going to face every genuine Christian in this coming generation"

This is true brother. Those who tow the line of false unity will receive the applause of men. Those who speak out will be casted out of the synagogue. Those who allow every form of abomination labeled as christianity will rejoice in the deception and hate those that do not play along in their delusion. The only people we should judge on SI are those who call to light deception. All other judging is evil as it ruins the party.

In Christ -jim

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 18:11

Okay guys, lest just set the record straight and perhaps the others can just relax, this is not indicative of this site and this is not a roast or a stoning or any other analogy that those with an axe to grind want to jump in and say. I have made no accusations. I dont do that. I am calling this man to account for saying that Rick Santorum is a Christian based on his morals.

Remember, Franklin Grahman and his father already acknowledge that Catholics are Christians, in fact Billy would send Catholics who came forward to get saved back to the Catholic church in Scotland. Secondly, I am holding Franklin to account for saying that the Mormons acknowledge Jesus, they do not, not the Jesus of the Bible, that is simply fact and if some do not like it then I cannot change the facts.

All he had to say, when asked if Romney is a Christian, was, now this is gonna be hard for some folks.....no. Santorum has made no claim to be born again, Santorum is a Catholic and many Catholics I know (I was born and raised a Catholic) have excellent morals and are upstanding individuals, but what has any of that to do with being born again. This is basics we are talking about here folks. Just because some will jump in with a flame thrower and start screaming about Judgmentalism and so forth will not change the facts.

Please lets stick to the facts. If you disagree with me and you believe that this was a good presentation of the Gospel(what it means to be saved) then by all means share. But attacking me or others who agree with me (and admittedly this view is becoming a minority view) is not very helpful..... bro Frank

Re: - posted by Solomon101, on: 2012/2/21 18:14

Bwaahaahaa (that's laughter by the way) what a joke!

I went back and searched on my own and found a 4 1/2 minute version of the video.

I would be ashamed if I were you guys accusing Franklin Graham. Hang my head and cry remorsefully ashamed if I had accused him in this way ! He said NOTHING LIKE WHAT YOU ACCUSE HIM OF AT ALL! He simply didn't!

The only reason you get by with it is because there is only a little circle of people that feel they are called to tear others down. In this case there is no "error exposed" ... just false accusations from some guys.

You will give an account for every idle word one day. Contemplating what the Lord may feel or say about those who falsely sling mud on His bride ... and in the process help to destroy the faith of many... is a very scary thing I would think. I should stop if I were you. Just my 2 cents.

But... go ahead... carry on ... pass false judgement on things you do not understand. After all, there is nothing new under the sun.

Unbelievable! No wonder the world laughs at the church. Folks who are demonstrating no power of God then accusing and shooting believers who are actually trying to reach others.

God help us and have mercy on the self righteous ones who feel compelled to throw mud on your bride. Unbelievable!

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 18:23

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Solomon,

You will give account for promoting the lakeland revival and calling evil good. I would stop if I were you also. Take the plank out of your own eye friend.

Jim

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 18:26

Solomon said:

"But folks who are demonstrating no power of God then accusing and shooting believers who are actually trying to reach others. "

"God help us and have mercy on the self righteous ones who feel compelled to throw mud on your bride. Unbelievable!"

It sounds like you are judging too Solomon. The word hypocrite comes to mind.

-Jim

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 18:34

"For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; "

Paul - you call yourself an apostle while slinging mud on the bride of Christ? You will give an account for this judging Paul. I have seen your other epistles and detect that you have a critical spirit. At least those Cretians are trying to reach people while you are just rotting in a prison cell.

Why We Must Think Rightly About GOD - posted by PQ (), on: 2012/2/21 18:53

"Perverved notions about GOD soon rot the religion in which they appear. The long career of Israel demonstrates this clearly enough, and the history of the Church confines it. So necessary to the Church is a lofty concept of GOD that when that concept in any measure declines, the Church with her worship and her moral standards declines along with it. The first step down for any church is taken when it surrenders its high opinion of GOD."

"Before the Christian Church goes into eclipse anywhere there must first be a corrupting of her simple basic theology. She simply gets a wrong answer to the question, 'What is GOD like?' and goes on from there. Though she may continue to cling to a sound nominal creed, her practical working creed has become false. The masses of her adherents come to believe that GOD is different from what HE actually is; and that is heresy of the most insidious and deadly kind."

"The heaviest obligation lying upon the Christian Church today is to purify and elevate her concept of GOD until it is once more worthy of HIM- and of her. In all her prayers and labours this should have first place. We do the greatest service to the next generation of Christians by passing on to them undimmed and undiminished that noble concept of GOD which we received from our Hebrew and Christian fathers of generations past. This will prove of greater value to them than a

nothing that art of science can devise."

Excerpt from The Knowledge of the Holy by A.W.Tozer

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Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2012/2/21 18:53

Hi everyone,

To Solomon101 and other posters, I hope you all will calm down and be more friendly toward one another.

I will also leave it to the experts on here about Franklin, but it seems to me that some have missed his main message, in that he stated that president Obama was more concerned with a particular religion than he was the Christians who were being murdered by those who hold that religion.

I have also noticed that some on here have put words into his mouth that he really didn't say and have misjudged him altogether. Frank, I must say this is the poorest thread that I have noticed you starting and I do hope to see better threads from you in the future.

That being said, I plan on this is my last post on this thread which seems to be more about "straining at a gnat but swallowing a camel". I mean I have other things to do that I hope would be more profitable to the Kingdom of God.

Blessings to all!

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/2/21 18:54

Quote:

----- But now acknowledges a Mormon can be a Christian.

Interesting, I never heard him say that in the interview. He said that Mormons are part of the "Christian faith". That is true. Now, let's admit, Christianity is a huge umbrella. All kinds of people have roots in Christianity, as does Mormonism. There is a lot about many traditions that come right out of Christianity. The label "Christian" is far reaching.

I think it is most inappropriate to make a value assessment on Franklin Graham based on this brief interview – which is cryptic and strained - and the two parties are not even talking about the same thing. The questions posed to Graham are unprofessional and low to begin with. Graham is in a tight corner – being asked to judge another's faith according to an ill-defined standard.

I'd say: Shame on these interviewers! I hope this station has some better qualified personnel!

Diane

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2012/2/21 18:55

Sorry, pay no attention to me, I guess I was just venting, I just read so many of these tear down threads, just wished we could pray for these folks and leave it to Jesus.

Sorry!

Mr. Bill

Re: - posted by notlongnow, on: 2012/2/21 19:00

There is something seriously wrong with the people on here who so vehemently defend doctrines of devils and apostate christianity. (Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? 2 Cor 13:5)

I wouldn't even debate these people after one or two rebukes, they are not lovers of the truth and are clearly showing where they stand and what is in their hearts.

As for Franklin. Besides what the people with courage have already stated here, he would do well get off the TV and out of politics. What on earth has that got to do with being a follower of Jesus Christ anyway. Perhaps he is showing what is in HIS heart.

This forum seems to have a core group of people that attacks anyone who dares to expose false christianity and its false teachers. You use shame on the posters to do so. I wonder where the motivation to attack people bringing evil to the light is coming from. Sadly for a website so full of godly sermons, that preach the very thing some faithful souls on this site try to do, I find the forum to be tainted with lukewarmness and compromise, and with some, even apostasy.

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

Re: Franklin Graham's sad presentation of the "Gospel", on: 2012/2/21 19:01

Hi Frank, It was my understanding years ago that Franklin wasn't interested in his fathers work in the ministry. No doubt there was coaxing and perhaps a little twisting of the arm to get this man motivated to accept a position that his Dad had sat for many years. Instead of looking to Jesus to ordain ministers for this organization men of high rank seem to think that at their own flesh and blood have to take over the ministry.

I remember years ago when our Pastor died that the Church had passed on to his son, a few years later, he ran off with the secretary and the church fell apart. The doors closed and the building sold and it's members having to find another place to attend. I am not saying that the son was bad, but men think that the ministry has to run in the family and they forget that the ministry belongs to God and God will name his minister for that Church not the current Pastor. That is why I appreciated David Wilkerson, he didn't look to his own flesh to head up Times Square Church, instead he looked for God's leading and picked a preacher from an obscure town in Canada, Carter Conlon.

Billy Graham's policy is scary. I have no idea where he is at with God and I don't even want to think about it, but he was being interviewed by Robert Schuller once and he blurted out that Muslims who did not know Christ were saved. When Schuller heard that he was so thrilled that he believed that. For anyone to believe that they have to be a Universalist.

Franklin Graham was probably briefed in this policy and must not go to far right or too far left, just remain at a happy medium. That is a scary place to be.

Most all Christian organization start out well. Most of them if not all, had God's stamp of approval. But along the way something happens that causes them to forsake the leading of the Lord and go with the leading of their own pernicious ways. We know this to be true in the Methodist and Wesleyan movements. Though the organization is corrupt, there may be in some varied and obscure location where God is moving with certain Pastors within the organization. That is true with all of these outfits worldwide, but that doesn't mean that the organization is true, that is the deception that we fall prey to.

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 19:17

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Amen, or as we say in Detroit - true dat.

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 19:22

David Wilkerson once wrote:

They are troublers who infuriate backslidden religious leaders and corrupt Christians. They are hated as was Jesus when he testified against them that "their deeds were evil" (John 7:7)...

Paul warns the brethren to "mark them which cause divisions... and avoid them" (Romans 16:17). But who were these who "caused offenses contrary to the doctrine taught?" They were none other than a self-centered, backslidden group among them who "served their own belly" (v.18). This proves that division is caused by the proud, arrogant catering to self-interests. Paul said, "By their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting" (v. 18 NAS). Those preachers who are soft on sin, overlooking the evil deeds in God's house and crying unity, are the real divisionists. They are leading many into a false love trap. The true body of Christ has never been nor ever will be divided. Those in holy union with Christ are already united to each other. Sin is the divider!"

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 19:23

Hi brothers and sisters,

We shall all give an account to the Lord for what we do with what has been revealed to us. For those who replied civilly while still disagreeing with me, I appreciate that. If I worried about losing respect of people, then I would never have become a Christian. The Truth, spoken in love is powerful. Catholics are not saved. Mormons are not saved. The Mormon Jesus is not the Jesus of the Scriptures. There is nothing radical in what I am saying, what is radical and new is that people would say otherwise. Anyone who would share this falsehood would, at the very least, be giving a sad account of the Gospel. I actually thought I was being mild :)

Perhaps one day I will lose a lot more for this stand than the respect of some folks on SI, so be it. The whole world can chase after a watered down Gospel, but God has His people who know His word and who will stand upon it. The watered down Gospel will not prevail against the Truth. The next time you meet a Catholic or a Mormon and you tell them to go in peace and not share the Truth with them, it will not be me you will answer to. To truly love a Catholic (ex Catholic) is to share the true Gospel with them. I got that from Art Katz only he was speaking about Jewish people.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by Solomon101, on: 2012/2/21 19:47

@ Appolos and any who disagreed with me on the thread-

There is one and only one issue for me here. Namely this-

1. You started a thread making a severe accusation against Franklin Graham referencing a YouTube video as evidence.
2. I listened to the video you posted in its entirety. I then searched and found one that was longer and included more of the interview. (It is also fairly obvious that several folks chiming in on the thread did not listen to it at all but just started piling on)
3. Franklin Graham DID NOT IN ANY WAY say the things he is accused of on this thread.

What do you do with that. You see accusations against a person and when you check it out those accusations are false. Appolos, and others,... you are accusing the man of saying things he never stated. I listened to the videos... I know.

I defend any brothers when unjustly attacked. Hey guys, I would defend you in the same way if the false accusations were against you.

That's all there is to it really. If you actually listen to the tape without prejudging it you will find Franklin DID NOT say the things he is accused of.

How you deal with that is in your court. As for me I will always defend the falsely accused brother. I take my leave of the thread having heard the actual evidence and expressed myself based on what it actually said.

Blessings.

Re: Franklin Graham's sad presentation of the "Gospel", on: 2012/2/21 19:53

I watched the video three times, and thought that Graham did a good job in the wolf pen... He stated clearly that most Christians do not accept Mormonism as Christian, and he did not condemn Gingrich because he stated that he was a Christian. He accepted his statement that Newt believed.

He also said that Santorum is displaying moral values that makes him believe he is Christian.....while condemning Obama as favoring the Muslim cause, over Christians that are being martyred in Muslim countries.

This all was in response to the Republican Presidential race and in the face of anti-Christ , aggressive journalists that were pro-Obama and did not like it that Graham, a leading Christian leader criticized the president for obvious non-Christian policies.

Yes, he may have been overly diplomatic, but in the context of the theme of the interview Graham was giving an opinion on candidates.

Watch the video after reading my take, and see if it offends you, as it did not me. Graham tried to be non-judgmental, while still being objective. He did better than I would of. This was an "I GOT CHA!" , SET-UP, ENTRAPMENT type of interview, and Graham held up well, I think.

Re: Franklin Graham's sad presentation of the "Gospel" - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2012/2/21 20:00

I'd like to weigh in on this too. Brother Tom, the link you posted is a collection of clips from an interview with Franklin Graham on an NBC program. The video runs for 2:11.

In this piece the news anchors attempt to hear a judgement from Franklin Graham about whether the candidates would be classified as Christians according to Franklin Graham's knowledge of them. The news anchors attempt to corner him into stating his views to which he replies that you need to ask man individually. He then states that in separate answers about each candidate that they claim to be Christians. However, he makes no claim that any of them are. By suggestion, it appears he believes that Newt Gingrich is one. When asked about President Barrack Obama, he notes that he has his own strong sympathies for Muslims while neglecting the persecuted Church in Muslim countries.

In this video, Franklin Graham said very little himself. He told the viewers to look into things themselves. It appeared that he was telling the truth but not stepping on anyone's toes by making a declarative judgement. He was being as shrewd as a serpent and harmless as a dove. We have to remember that there are times when the Lord would have us say nothing but be required to speak. I'm glad he didn't speak like a slimy politician and sling the mud they wanted him to. The Lord has us to tell the truth as well. I have noticed some make assertions about one thing here when their intention is somewhere else. That is a far cry from the Truth revealed by the Spirit that is hidden from the children of disobedience. If you are not walking in the Truth here, you are not walking in the Spirit.

Go repent.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2012/2/21 20:05

I personally am not defending anyone. I just wished we could put the shoe on the other foot, and bring to light some of the things the folks that like to expose others, and be able to expose their sins.

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/2/21 20:06

Just curious, Is it being interpreted that because I made a comment about the broad umbrella of Christianity I was implying that everyone who is under that umbrella is truly saved? Just to clarify any possible misunderstanding: That is not what I believe. On the final day many will say "Lord, Lord..." and Jesus will say "Depart from me..." That includes a large portion of professing Christians in our own "branch".

I think it's important to be aware that the term "Christian" has different implications to different people. It so happens that we don't have exclusive rights to the word, "Christian". Many people use it, and we have to accept that. Of course that doesn't mean we mean the same thing. Graham is clearly aware of that.

Quote:

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Franklin, notice, did not offer a watered down Gospel. And he admits he does not accept many tenants of Mormonism. He never said they were right, or that anybody in question was right. And he succinctly testified to his own salvation.

Don't you think he was wise to avoid throwing pearls before swine or falling for the obvious trap being set for him in this interview? That's what Jesus did when he was set up by the hypocrites. Perhaps Graham could have had a more offensive strategy up his sleeve – that would get his interrogators to examine their own hearts, and be silenced.

I admit, I'm not encultured to the American way of thinking, so I really don't understand what's behind this strange youtube interview. All I see is that it's hardly a venue for presenting the gospel, or for any rational dialogue on the faith.

Diane

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 20:24

My original post, for those who may not be bothered to go back and read it.....

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First of all, there is a reason why Franklin is on there. He was not cornered, he came. And by coming and by being on MSNBC before, and on TV a thousand times, there could be no surprises. I stated that it was a sad presentation because of two things. One he said, and now I quote verbatim "Of course they believe in Jesus Christ." They, being the Mormons. When asked why he believed that Rick Santorum was a Christian he replied and again verbatim "because his values are so clear on moral issues."

This is and was and will continue to be my focus. I have no intention of running down rabbit trails of attacking other people on this thread. So I will ask again, and please stick to the issues if it is possible.

1. Is a man saved by having good moral values or by being a Catholic?
2. Do Mormons believe in the Jesus Christ of the Gospel?

These are simple questions. This is the only questions that I will respond to, this is the issues that I raised. I think it would be interesting to see what people actually believe..... bro Frank

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I wouldn't even debate these people after one or two rebukes, they are not lovers of the truth and are clearly showing where they stand and what is in their hearts.

This post should be on the "wall of shame" if we had one, this illustrates a perfect example of someone that did not give much thought to their post. I don't feel lead or called to expose, but I do feel called to Love, unless Jesus told you something he forgot to tell me.

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 21:37

The problem is, is that the Grahams have soaked themselves into Global Politics from the beginning. Unless you've truly studied their activities world wide for all the years that Billy started his ministry, you won't understand that they are what would be termed by some as "Globalists".

The world is split in only two groups now, politically - those that are Globalists and those that are not. Christians are not.

Those that are Globalists are "inter-faith" as well.

There are whole denominations going in that direction.

I used to promote Anne Graham Lotz, despite her father's background, Until she hooked up with the UN General Assembly.

When Billy was "Knighted" by the Queen, that was his reward for all that he had done as the Protestant Pope by mingling in from the beginning with Global Politics.

They CAN'T define Christianity and still be a part of Global Politics.

For those with a Bible - Globalism is the foundation for the antiChrist one world government.

If you want your friends sending their hard earned money to these type ministries - I question your love for your friends. To support any inter-faith ministry in these days when the world is so desperately in need - in So many countries - to hear the true Gospel and yet they can't raise the funds to distribute enough Biblical literature nor missionaries - is a crime.

There are only two type of "Christian ministries" out there -- they are either going with this political emerging merger of Global Political Unity that is solely running on inter-faith dialogue or they're the true Biblical Church of Christ. There's nothing else out there anymore.

These candidates that are being called Christians, are inter-faith Globalists and not Christians at all.

Everyone works very hard for the money that they give out to any ministry and to find out that you've been supporting the ministries that are responsible for the forming of a one world antiChrist-type government and religion is the most shameful thing that could be connected with The Church of GOD.

There are no 'Christians' on the Election Ballots and we need to be looking for His Kingdom and not the kingdom of this world any longer - nor it's inter-faith TV Broadcasts.

If being accused by others on this one forum seems like a big deal right now - remember that taking a stand for Biblical Christianity may one day cost our heads. This is just a mild primer.

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 21:44

Hey brothertom,

I am very surprised that you do not know the ecumenical nature of Franklin Graham. If anyone cares to spend just five minutes in study, you will know that the Graham organisation has been deeply involved in Catholicism and Catholics help at the crusades because it has been agreed not to proselitize Catholics or if any Catholics come forward, they are to be directed back to the Catholic church. Franklin went to the Popes funeral in his fathers place because Billy was ill. I urge all to do their own study and then come back and answer the two questions that I posed.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/2/21 21:51

This is and was and will continue to be my focus. I have no intention of running down rabbit trails of attacking other people on this thread. So I will ask again, and please stick to the issues if it is possible.

1. Is a man saved by having good moral values or by being a Catholic?
2. Do Mormons believe in the Jesus Christ of the Gospel?

These are simple questions. This is the only questions that I will respond to, this is the issues that I raised. I think it would be interesting to see what people actually believe..... bro Frank

I did watch the link to the video provided and I will answer both your questions. The answer to the first one is no having good moral values or being a catholic does not make you saved. The answer to the second question again is no, Mormons do not believe in Jesus Christ of the Bible.

God Bless
mj

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 22:43

I think JIG made some good points. Thank you for answering these simple questions Maryjane. The very essence of Christianity is what it means to be a Christian. This is the timeless question. Its not a new thing, its an ancient struggle between the religious and and true Chistianity. Keep the two questions in mind brothers and sisters, what saves a man and who is Jesus. One does not have to be a theologian to stand upon the the right answers to these questions..... bro Frank

Re: Franklin Graham's sad presentation of the "Gospel" - posted by DieingtoLive, on: 2012/2/21 23:30

Right On !!! J.I.G.

Bro. Frank, I get it and I agree.

Everyone else your still loved.

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 23:31

I just wanted to add that I was not intending to slam Graham over this video by supporting the right of Frank to start this thread and point out error. I am thankful though others brought up the catholic allegiance with his ministry, that is the most disturbing. Also the fact that he mentioned church attendance as a gage for who is a true christian. His unhealthy leanings towards the 'christian right' is also obvious.

-Jim

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/2/22 2:45

hi, i have in my lifetime as a christian seen thousands of catholics saved because i have ministered amongst them in love. i have talked to a few mormons and afew jws. and have not seen any results ... the sample is too small to make a statement... we all need a redeemer and God has told us to preach to every creature and make disciples. i am going to obey God and carter conlon and leave bro. graham alone.jimp

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 6:24

I confess I was one of the ones who jumped on the judgemental bandwagon and hurled my stones against Franklin. I ask God to forgive me. I ask for the forum to forgive me. I did not listen to the interview so I have no basis for an accurate assessment of what Franklin said.

I think we can look to John 3 and agree that any person who believes in Jesus Christ should experience the new birth. We see from the conversation Jesus had with Nicodemus that anyone who puts their faith in Jesus is born from above and has undergone a heart transplant that will result in that new life. 2 Cor.5:17 testifies to us being new creations in Christ. Eph.2:10 testifies such a change will issue in works and deeds that come out of a heart of love.

Anyone can believe in moral values. Anyone can believe in the rules of the Bible. Anyone can follow the Bible or any other holy book. Mormons and Catholics have good moral values. But does that mean they follow the Lamb.

I have been saying repeatedly we are not bound to a written word. But we are bound to him who is the living Word. It is Jesus Christ, the living Word who lives in us. If we confess him. It is the living Word of Jesus that changes us.

Saints any Catholic, Mormon, or cult member can quote the Bible. They may profess to live by its principles. But for you

Puritaon students, what was the question? What the Ye of Jesus Christ?

The question to be asked of anyone, politician or entertainer, is do you believe, follow, Jesus Christ.

The WORD did not become a book to be discussed, debated, or pondered. But the WORD became a Person to be followed, loved, and enjoyed.

Bkaine Scogin

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 8:55

Okay, let me backtrack from my previous post.

I wasn't judging anyone I was pointing out some things that I have observed.

I personally appreciate Billy Graham, I have a respect for him. At the same time I feel saddened by certain words that have been said in the past regarding salvation. But that doesn't take away my respect for the man. I used to listen to his broadcast and they ministered to me, so I am not putting him down.

I just don't know anything about his son.

And yes, it's easy to criticize and I hope to God that I wasn't critical in my last post. If I was, please tell me and I'll edit it. If I receive two or more saying that I have, I'll edit it for clarity.

Thanks Saints.

As for Mormons, they do have a faith in Christ that is astounding. I have heard messages that I agreed with but then come to find out it came from a Mormon Pastor. I thought, either I am hearing wrong or this man has some truth. I judged myself as having a hearing problem. What if I judged wrong, maybe he was speaking truth. Oh well.

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 9:22

Brother Frank said:

Quote:
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Well this is a good thing.

Even though the organization are told not to evangelize the Catholic Church, that doesn't stop people from ministering to Catholics. In other words, they are going to talk. It won't come from the head office, but it will come from those that are way down the bottom, regular people. These types of treaties are 'signed' in good faith in the hopes that it's members will not proselyte one another. They know they will lose members on each side. But it satisfies those that are in 'office' that their members won't be targeted for evangelistic purposes.

It's all politics.

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 9:35

Brother I know we must be careful in our judging one another. Particularly other servants of Christ. But we have to draw the line on Mormonism. Mormonism is a Satanic cult built upon the Masonic lodge. Living in Arkansas I have found, Albert Pike, a mason, to be revered here. Yet in his writings he professed allegiance to Satan. Brigham Young and Joseph Smith were masons before being Mormons. The signs and counter signs of the mormons come from the masons. Some masons even regard the Mormon temple as an unofficial masonic lodge.

We cannot fall into the deception that mormons are believers. They believe in a different gospel. In a different Jesus. They may follow and quote the KJV Bible but until they have that new birth experience of John 3 and come out of Mormonism then they are deceived. Mormons, just like moslems, are not believers in Jesus.

I must stand with Brother Frank that the issue is this gospel. Particularly is summarized by Paul in 1 Cor.15 and amplified by Paul in Romans. Also as applied by Jesus on John.

Let there be no mistake. The issue must be Jesus Christ and him alone. We must ask that question the Puritains would always ask. What think ye of Christ. Better yet, where stand ye with Jesus Christ. The issue is not moral values, but ones standing with Jesus Christ.

Blaine Scogin

Re: - posted by TrueWitness, on: 2012/2/22 9:40

I think the fact that Franklin did not mention the fact that Santorum confesses to believe and follow Jesus Christ is because it is already so widely known about him. What he was pointing out was the fact that Santorum walks the walk and not just talks the talk.

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 9:47

"We cannot fall into the deception that mormons are believers. They believe in a different gospel. In a different Jesus. They may follow and quote the KJV Bible but until they have that new birth experience of John 4 and come out of Mormonism then they are deceived. Mormons, just like moslems, are not believers in Jesus."

Amen to that brother, but in the last days a great deception will come over the church and if possible, even the elect will be deceived. The great whore church will not build itself. The above quote can be directly attributed to Catholicism itself. Catholics are not believers, they follow a different Gospel, they follow a different Jesus, their Jesus is the Jesus of the Eucharist, the one that they sacrifice afresh every weekend. Millions of Catholics in generations gone past have been saved and have come out of that great Satanic deception. I fear for the present generation of Catholics who are being told by "Christian" leaders that they are already saved. My goodness, I tremble to think how this would be explained to a Holy God and before the millions of martyrs killed by this very institution.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/2/22 10:02

I wish to acknowledge my Brother Frank's genuine concern for the purity of the gospel. That is apparent in his many posts elsewhere. And, really it is grievously sad to find a high profile Christian, one of "our own", seemingly stray from gospel purity. Yet what seems to happen sometimes in dealing with these matters is that they takes on a new spin – and critics stray off the mark no less than the alleged person.

Here I raise a few of my thoughts that arose through this video clip episode.

1) First of all, there is obviously some background to this clip which viewers have no access to. For me, I can only go by what I see in that brief episode. To draw from alleged rumors or my emotional reactions would be highly irresponsible of me.

2) It seems that we are being asked to make a theological (yes/no) judgment on an interpretation of Graham's comments – rather than what he actually said. That is inviting a straw man argument, and not fair, in itself, to Graham. It is simply not good argumentation.

3) There seems to be a concern about Franklin Graham jumping in bed with the big guns in the world political and religious scene. That is sure to provide fodder for the critics. But, let's admit, the rest of us can do the very same thing in the privacy of their homes – by indulging our minds in the media presentations – letting our emotions be driven by them, and becoming desensitized to the tender voice of God.

4) Let's remember the Esther story. (I wonder if tongues were wagging back then.) Jesus also "defiled himself" by eating with publicans, tax collectors, and the Pharisees too.

It could be that someday Graham, like Esther, will advocate for our interests – by using his position strategically, even if he isn't seemingly "pure". Then we will all be silenced – and even grateful. Let's not forget all those Christians who joined the Nazi SS guards for the very purpose of using their position to secretly spare imprisoned believers. The same is true for those true believers who joined the Communist party's state church.

5) Mormon's believe in Jesus. So does almost anybody in any affiliation under Christendom. This truth can be used strategically – just as effectively as Paul used the “unknown” god on Mars Hill. It is not necessarily unwise to make such points of reference a starting place.

6) We are in times of religious upheavals. The boundaries between the right sides and the wrong sides are falling away. We do need to be careful in condemning an entire religious group or making them, en-masse, essentially partners with the devil. It does not help our testimony.

7) I find it strange that the interviewers' behavior is not the main object of concern here. To me they were shocking!!! Surely, if we aren't concerned about their gross lack of ethics and professional conduct, we will be prone to accepting it amongst ourselves. And we will behave towards each other like them, failing to see anything wrong with it. That's my overall concern here.

8) It seems strange to me that the one who stands accused in our courts is not the worst culprits, but our own brother. Isn't that surely the intent of the devil – if not the media controllers themselves?

9) As far as my involvement in this matter, I believe it is my responsibility to preserve my own purity of mind and spirit – and that would include resisting the influences that pull me down, leave me feeling defiled, and divert me from my God given task. I know that this was not at all Brother Frank's intent! He meant no harm, and a lot of good can come from this. Ultimately it is not his, but my own responsibility, to say “no” sometimes to posted content on SI.

in his service,

Diane

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 10:07

Honestly I do not know if Rick Santorum believes in Christ or not. I do not know if he has had a new birth experience. If he or any other political candidate believe in Jesus Christ then give the testimony. The administrator of this website gave his testimony. I have a testimony. All of us joined to Jesus should have a testimony. Either Jesus has impacted one's life or not. I would ask if one has professed Christ then give the testimony.

So it might be political suicide to stand for Jesus Christ. But before this day ends 300 or more souls will be under the altar because of their testimony for Jesus..

Blaine Scogin

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 11:57

Truewitness writes.....

"I think the fact that Franklin did not mention the fact that Santorum confesses to believe and follow Jesus Christ is because it is already so widely known about him. What he was pointing out was the fact that Santorum walks the walk and not just talks the talk."

The question posed to Franklin was "is Rick Santorum a Christian and why," then the answer was given. No where does Rick Santorum claim to be a born again Christian, he professes to be Catholic. Which would lead to my original two points about what Franklin says. There seems to be little point in me asking people to do their own research if the basic premise for people is that being a Catholic equates to salvation. Only Maryjane and a couple of others have had the courage to answer this simple question, I find that telling in an age of compromise.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by ManofGod0000, on: 2012/2/22 12:13

same reply edited

Re: - posted by ManofGod0000, on: 2012/2/22 12:13

We also have to rememeber that God looks at the heart not at mormonism.

God will judge and recieve those who have chosen to believe in Him.

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 13:07

My ONLY concern here is over the ministries that could reach the unreachablees with the Pure Gospel and make disciples of them and yet these are the ministries that are hurting for financial support more than any of these big name mixed-cloth ministries.

Forgive me if I may have a different view of things - but looking at the world scene, with so much saber rattling going on between US, Russia, Israel, Syria, Iran, etc. etc. - I've been severely burdened to get the true Gospel out to those unreachd nations that Greg has been posting about.

No one forced themselves into Franklin's home with cameras and questioning journalists asking these questions. NO - he and his family have not been "Esters" in all of their history but more eccumenical than anything and far to in with Global politics and seen with Presidents and other leaders around the world that will never be influenced by the true Gospel nor changing their mind by any true-to-the-true Gospel ministers out there.

I don't know how much more time that we have to get The WORD out to the lost world and I know that every penny given to any ministry counts now more than ever before and we need to know that we're getting the most from those pennies. It's not enough to merely 'feed' people or bring 'gifts' - they need The WORD.

Again, those missionary type ministries that are willing to risk their lives and all, are hurting for financial support while others are using multiple millions to supply what is not Pure.

I've never been this burdened in this direction as much as I've been this particular year.

Take it for what it's worth - but I had a visual of two fields of sheep. The one field was filled with fat, clean, constantly eating sheep but in the other field across the fence was filled with dirty, disease ridden, Starving and dropping down dead sheep that looked through the fence at the sheep that were being very well fed and those that could were crying out to be on that other side.

I knew what that visual represented. US that have sermons and bibles and literature galore and are constantly feeding OURSELVES while just across the ocean are those crying out to have just a page of a Bible or that are dying without having heard the true Gospel.

We are so well fed and haven't given a thought to send the supplies over to them ---- just some big named ministries giving out What? Really, What?

We sit and write and read and read and write while others are begging for just one Word of Life. Dear GOD open our eyes, please, dear LORD. Open our eyes to the field of the starving to hear and need the unadulterated Truth of Christ. Open our pocket books to them and them alone - WE have been fed Enough!

We are in the midst of the "Great Falling Away"..all roads lead to God., on: 2012/2/22 13:18

There are only two type of "Christian ministries" out there -- they are either going with this political emerging merger of Global Political Unity that is solely running on inter-faith dialogue or they're the true Biblical Church of Christ. There's nothing else out there anymore.

These candidates that are being called Christians, are inter-faith Globalists and not Christians at all."

.....JesusIsGod.

I am in agreement with you JIG. I know that the Billy Graham Crusades organization, with Billy at the helm, forced converts that were supposedly saved, that were former Catholics back to the RCC as a policy.

He also confessed compromise to holy doctrines that would support your statement about his globalist views, embracing wicked Ecumenicism. This is highly documented, and also right here on SI down under.

I do not want to hijack this thread, which is really about Franklin Graham, and a snippet of political commentary, which I think was innocuous, and skillfully non-committal. I really liked your perspective and stand, though, JIG, and think it need

s to be addressed, exactly liked you warned.

"Everyone works very hard for the money that they give out to any ministry and to find out that you've been supporting the ministries that are responsible for the forming of a one world antiChrist-type government and religion is the most shameful thing that could be connected with The Church of GOD."

I see the Great Falling Away gestated in the halls of these para-church movementsand there are many. Could you begin a Thread that identified them, and WHY they are part of the Globalist union, and anti-Christ?

Great Post!...

Thanks, Tom

Re: We are in the midst of the "Great Falling Away"..all roads lead to God., on: 2012/2/22 13:47

"I do not want to hijack this thread, which is really about Franklin Graham"

This thread is not about Franklin Graham, its about the definition of what it means to be saved and the two questions that I have been asking from the OP. Some have made it about Franklin, its not about Franklin, its about what he says in regards to Catholicism and the Jesus that they and Mormons worship which is not the biblical Jesus. Franklin is just one voice in a massive shift towards a one world church. We already have "Chrislam," and we have dispensationalists saying that Jewish people do not have to be saved. We have guys like Glen Beck who now claims he is a born again Mormon and has started a group called "We are all Catholics now," and was having meetings with the Cardinals in the Vatican just three days ago.

If people believe that Catholics are Christians and that Momons worship the same Jesus as we do, then state it boldly and we can agree to disagree. Calling me names or something is not going to help anyone, not that I mind, you will notice that I refuse to respond to name calling :)May the Truth of the Gospel continue to shine and may I not become someone's enemy for speaking the truth.....bro Frank

The Golden calves must fall., on: 2012/2/22 15:00

"This thread is not about Franklin Graham, its about the definition of what it means to be saved and the two questions that I have been asking from the OP. Some have made it about Franklin, its not about Franklin, its about what he says in regards to Catholicism and the Jesus that they and Mormons worship which is not the biblical Jesus."...Appolus

Yet, in your original title, you base your case upon him. It is about him...and the heinous statement about Catholicism was that he believed that Santorum, the political candidate, was a Christian, because he thought his moral views held up to the religious criteria of what a Christian was.

This may be quite liberal, but maybe he was expressing favor of Santorum's moral values...but certainly not about the "Jesus that they worship." Gingrich confesses that he is a Christian, and a recent convert to Roman Catholicism. So, Grahams answer to the talking heads was, "Yes, I believe that Newt is a Christian, because he says he is."

Is that so evil? He didn't endorse Catholic doctrine...but answered diplomatically...because it really can't be proved, can it?

"Franklin Graham's sad presentation of the "Gospel"

.....I think that might qualify about being about him? ya Think?

And when confronted about Mormonism, rather than alienate the Mormons with a fire and brimstone remark, his quote was...'Most Christians do not accept Mormonism as Christian'.

That's a far cry from what you derived out of the video..

"Its not about Franklin, its about what he says in regards to Catholicism and the Jesus that they and Mormons worship which is not the biblical Jesus"

He said no such thing.

Having said that, I know that in spirit I agree with you. But remember, that on a National stage like that, with limited time to explain, and that the interviewers were trying to trap him...I think he got low, and flew under the radar so to speak.

I'm not really sure about Franklin...as to where his stand is on the Ecumenical movement....you may be right...but this video did in no way prove that he is, or that he endorses it.

I think it would be very interesting to start a thread exploring the facts about these para-church International ministries...I think we would be shocked at how many of them do not serve Christ at all, and have bent the knee to the One-World Religion.

I know that it would be controversial, and emotional, as the golden calves fell...but beneficial to all. The Pure doctrine of the Pauline local church, derived from the New Testament...in its purity...is the only thing that will conform us to His image in the end...and keep us on the strait and narrow.

There ARE NO National leaders that have it all.

Re: - posted by Solomon101, on: 2012/2/22 15:15

@ Appolus

YOU STATED:

1. Is a man saved by having good moral values or by being a Catholic?
2. Do Mormons believe in the Jesus Christ of the Gospel?

These are simple questions. This is the only questions that I will respond to,

I RESPOND: If you mean that then that's fair enough.

YOUR FIRST QUESTION- Is a man saved by having good moral values or by being a Catholic?

MY ANSWER - Of course not. But I must hasten to add that neither is a person saved by having good morals and being a protestant, a baptist, an anabaptist, a pentecostal, or mentally agreeing with orthodoxy in all areas, etc., etc., etc.

I think you would agree that having good morals may be somewhat of a basis for "judging the fruit" in a persons life. However, "being good" isn't what obtains forgiveness of sins and "rightness" with God. It is strictly grace through faith. That is manifest through a total repentance from sin and turning ones life completely to Christ trusting his sacrifice on Calvary alone as the payment for salvation. Those steps would Biblically be 1. Repentance from sin, and 2. Belief (trusting in, clinging to, relying upon) the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His substitutionary death on the cross.

The issue you have not grasped is this. I know MANY Catholics who attend services weekly at the catholic church that have done this. They fully believe in Jesus (by your understanding and mine of that). They DO NOT believe in the taking of Eucharist, confessionals, etc. to be of any use in their being in proper relationship with God or in the obtaining forgiveness of sins. They fully understand "By grace through faith". They are still in the Catholic church for multiple reasons... some to be a witness to others and shine their light at all chances... others have their entire families there and stay so they can not only be a light but also go to family reunions and moms house for dinner on Sunday. You may not understand their reasoning... but I know first hand many so called "catholics" that meet every criteria you would have for one being born again.

Perhaps that is part of the issue.... perhaps you blanket all "Catholics" under one umbrella.... and that is not the case. Perhaps you need to EXACTLY define what you mean by a "Catholic". If you went to a Catholic church for the next 8 weeks would you then include yourself as part of the "one world ecumenical system" Of course not! Neither are many of those

attending Catholic Churches now. Don't misunderstand... I take your point and believe in much of what you state concerning the direction of a "one world" religion that is pure apostasy... but you are painting with too broad a brush and throwing paint on some folks that are not part of it.

So... can a "Catholic" be saved. I guess that depends on how you are defining a Catholic. As Franklin said in the interview.... I think you would have to actually speak with that individual person. There really is no other way to see whether that individual had ever repented and exercised faith in the Gospel. Did that individual trust in the cross or in eucharists and confessionals... and the only way to know is to ask that individual. That's all he said. That would be true whether talking Catholics, Baptists, Assemblies of God, Presbyterians, Charismatics, Mennonites, Word of Faith, Wesleyans... any other group.

YOUR SECOND QUESTION: Do Mormons believe in the Jesus Christ of the Gospel?

MY ANSWER: As a general rule I think most true Christians (you and I included) will find the actual true core teachings of Mormonism to be a cult. If you have studied cults and Mormonism it will be apparent. The Jesus they claim to serve and the Jesus of the Bible are far, far different individuals.

That being said, I believe Franklin made that same point. He said that most Christians will find large theological differences between Christianity and Mormonism. Well....we certainly do! His actual direct quote is..

"Most Christians do not accept Mormonism as Christian".

I am not sure why you took exception to that statement.

Do many Mormons have good morals... they certainly appear to. Are any of them Christians... again, we are at the same point as the Catholics... Is it possible that God truly has reached down and created a beach head of true believers that are being a real light in the darkness of historical Mormonism... I don't know.. maybe. Again, I would need to talk to that individual and see EXACTLY what they believed and trusted in.

You can never judge entire people groups based on the actions or beliefs of some of them. That is the core of racism and elitism. I know of a Baptist man who committed adultery. Should I now condemn all Baptists as adulterers.. OF COURSE NOT! See my point... you can not condemn those you know nothing of. Not Baptists, Charismatics, Presbyterians... or Catholics. Each person stands or falls before God on their own merits... not on the actions of others that may have the same "tag".

There, I think I have been fair about answering what you stated were your two questions. I also notice you stated-

YOU STATED; This thread is not about Franklin Graham

I RESPOND: His name is the tag line for your thread. You named the thread after him. Hard to see it any other way than about Franklin Graham.

I believe if you will look at your accusations at him as juxtaposed to what he actually said you will clearly see that he did not say what he has been accused of by you in the opening post.

I see Brothertom has just documented some of that so I will not restate his points. Thanks for the homework on that Brothertom.

Hopefully you find this response fair, accurate, and helpful in understanding another position. One that is not so narrowly confined to placing judgements on entire people groups without knowledge of those individual members. An idea that lets individuals stand or fall upon their own merits and belief rather than ones assigned to them that may not be accurate.

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 15:53

Wow.. watched the video and it was very disappointing.

Someone on this thread stated that the interviews were just trying to "get" Franklin Graham. So what? He should just tell it like it is. He was waffling all over the place. Franklin wouldn't say that Obama is a Christian. He was trying to dodge that question big time. It sounded like he didn't think Obama was a Christian but he was afraid to say so. But then he believes Santorum is a Christian because he has certain moral values?

Then the interviewer asked him what "he" thought about Romney. Franklin said "most Christians" would not recognize

Mormonism as part of the Christian faith. However, the interviews weren't asking him what "most Christians" thought, they were asking him what "he" thought. He was certainly dodging the question and seemed to be leaving himself an out by saying "most Christians".

Honestly, he sounded like a politician trying to dodge the questions and give answers without really giving answers. It'd be nice to simply see Christians just get up and give bold true statements about the truth and not care what other people think about them, or care about how they are perceived.

The world is gonna mock you whether you are a flip flopper or if you are bold for the truth. Might as well be bold for the truth and honor Jesus.

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 16:09

It would have been interesting to see someone like Ian Paisley answer those questions!

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 16:27

Hi Solomon,

Well, that was refreshingly different. I appreciate your measured response :) And because your response was measured and on the subject at hand, we discover we agree on much. You said.....

"MY ANSWER - Of course not. But I must hasten to add that neither is a person saved by having good morals and being a protestant, a baptist, an anabaptist, a pentecostal, or mentally agreeing with orthodoxy in all areas, etc., etc., etc."

On this we agree 100%. Now on your points about some people who are genuinely born again but do not believe in the core doctrines of the Catholic church but go there anyway for reasons of, say, evangelism or whatever, I have two responses to that. 1. If you do not believe in the core doctrines, the dogma of the Catholic church, you're not a Catholic by name or by practice. To reject the Eucharist as the actual Body and the wine as the actual blood of Jesus is an anathema within the Catholic church and a mortal sin. It was typically the question that got most of the martyrs killed for centuries. They would have nice debates and then the question that would always result in their condemnation and death was in regard to the Eucharist.

If a Mormon is not a Mormon and goes to the Mormon church he is still not a Mormon. And secondly, if they were there trying to share the Gospel with actual Catholics who do follow the doctrines of the Catholic church, then they would be doing something that the Graham organisations and others have agreed not to do.

Scot, you made me laugh. I can hear Ian Paisley now. He would probably blow the roof off as would almost 100% of the preachers represented here on SI.

Brother Tom, my only advice is to do a little research on the subject at hand if you do not know where these men stand on the subject of Ecumenicalism. I am surprised that you do not know about the policies of the men in question in regard to the Catholic church. It will shock you.....bro Frank

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 16:28

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Re: , on: 2012/2/22 17:09

Sean said "It would have been interesting to see someone like Ian Paisley answer those questions!".

The same people on this thread who cry "judge not" and defend being united to the catholic whore of babylon would be up in arms over Paisley's comments!

-Jim

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 17:12

It is so sad that there are active members of SI that defend the RCC and Mormonism. Pretty soon the comments will be - well I know a lot of muslims that really love Jesus, they just stay in islam because it is their family tradition.

-Jim

Ecumenicalism vs: MHO...my humble..[ever so humble..] opinion...lol, on: 2012/2/22 17:14

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Frank: Again....This thread was never about the policies of anyone, or the subject of Ecumenicalism. It was about what Franklin Graham stated about Romney, Santorum, and Gingrich.....now...you morph it into politics..

The only research I needed to do was watch the video you posted....and it did not indict Graham as a neo-ecumenicalist. I may have said something similar, if I had the poise under that pressure.

Graham was not preaching the gospel, he was just commenting on candidates and did pretty well. Gingrich says he is a Christian...OK...Romney: "most Christians do not accept Mormonism as Christian"...OK....Santorum is Christian because of his moral stand?

....Well? I like Santorum's moral stand, and it is derived from Biblical morality....but is he saved? probably not, but do I know for sure?...So, I see Graham's response as giving him the benefit of the doubt....and quite diplomatic...but heretical? No.

So, why did you post that video, and title, if you wanted to attack antiChrist One-World-One-God Ecumenical heresies, and protestant leaders who have succumbed to its evil seductions?

As I said, start another thread. I for one, am interested, and produce facts about these para-church megalithic moves that bare anti-Christ Unitarian doctrine.

Re: Ecumenicalism vs: MHO...my humble..[ever so humble..] opinion...lol, on: 2012/2/22 17:53

" I may have said something similar, if I had the poise under that pressure."

And on that we can agree to disagree. I just pray that some fearless men of God, will be given the chance to speak to secular liberals and millions of people. If one cannot clearly articulate the Truth then perhaps they are not called to share the Gospel on such a medium.

Just for clarification, I posted what I posted because that is what I saw. I would have asked the same questions of any man who waffled, the problem is I am not sure it was waffling. If Franklin believes, and it just so happened to be Franklin(it is unlikely that I am going to see you on the national news shows brotherTom) that the Mormons believe in the same Jesus we do or, when asked directly why he thought Santorum was a Christian and he answers " because of his morals," then I am going to question that. It should not matter that he is a " big name" in Christian circles, all that should matter is what is spoken. I did not start this thread to attack Franklin or seek out heresy. I stated that I was sad at the presentation and I asked two questions about what it means to be saved and who is Jesus. Are we so compromised in these days that these questions can no longer be asked or a man representing Christianity can go on a show and say anything and not be questioned?

Anyway brotherTom, if I heard you or Greg Gordon or my best friend say these things, I would absolutely question it. bro Frank

Re: Proverbs 11:21, on: 2012/2/22 17:53

Brethren, Brethren, let us all ecumenically love one another holding hands and breaking bread.

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/2/22 18:08

Quote:

----- there are active members of SI that defend the RCC and Mornominism.

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Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2012/2/22 18:16

Excellent posts Brothertom

Frank, it is obvious that you have an agenda with this thread you have started but you will not admit that the way you started this thread is flawed.

I and others on here, because we saw the video clip you posted as seeing it different than the way you portrayed it to be, then now we are in question concerning what we believe or don't believe.

I planned on the other post being my last but with much respect for Brothertom, Dianne and others I felt to come on here again.

Brothertom, everybody on here who has been on for a while know that you are one of the strongest advocates for true biblical doctrine but I have to say you have proven again the respect you have earned from the many excellent posts. I kind of believe that I believe it as strong as you do on true biblical doctrine but maybe I thought you were a little too strong about some things. But I must say I appreciate your stand altogether and also concerning this thread.

Frank, you have not lost my respect at all because you are a great advocate for true biblical doctrine also and I truly do enjoy your writings also and strong stand for the faith. That has never been in question on my stand point. I just didn't agree with your analysis of the interview and still feel your judgment on Franklin concerning that particular interview was flawed. I do hope we can always be cordial to one another even when we see something a little different.

I also want to apologize for being maybe to straight forward on the judgmental issue. May God's grace and riches blessings be yours in Christ Jesus.

Blessings to you Frank!

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 18:32

Quote:

----- there are active members of SI that defend the RCC and Mornominism.

Roadsign, I think they meaneth me.

In all actuality I do not.

However, even though their salvation messages are screwed up, they do a lot of good in the community and have world

wide programs and God will bless that. The principle of giving is not subjected to us Christians, it's for everyone, and God will bless His word for with God there is no respect of persons.

In these religions there is always this "other" message that they have to put forth. They ride on the coattail of Christ for the sole purpose of luring in people so they can teach their 'other' doctrines. If it's not Mary, it's the book of Mormon. On T.V they talk grace but when they get you hooked they vomit their crap on you. It's a whole den of iniquity. I hate religion !

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 18:39

"Frank, it is obvious that you have an agenda with this thread you have started but you will not admit that the way you started this thread is flawed."

Rbanks, why would I admit to something that is not true? People can go back and read the three sentences that I wrote. They can also read where I quote Franklin verbatim. And what he said is wrong. If that is my "agenda" then I am guilty as charged. I am not sure why you are pitting one brother against another?

"But I must say I appreciate your stand altogether and also concerning this thread."

What is Brothertoms stand Rbanks? That he saw nothing wrong with the video? I quoted what Franklin said and then asked if people agreed with whether the Mormons worship the same Jesus as we do, as stated by Franklin? Do you agree with the Franklin quote from the video I posted? I then stated that Franklin said, when asked, that he believed Santorum, a professing Roman Catholic, not a man who has ever claimed to be born again, was a Christian because of his good morals. I asked if anyone agreed with that statement. A few people answered. And Solomon answered. What do you say brother. Is a man saved by his good morals? If not, then you agree with my assesment that Franklin was wrong. Everything else is just wood for a fire brother. These two questions started my thread and that is what I am sticking to and I do not apologise for asking these questions.....bro Frank

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 18:59

I just received a letter from a good brother who shall remain nameless who reminded me that I usually do not stay on threads that have become "fruitless." It was a good admonition and I will take that as from the Lord. I know that everything has been said that can be said at least for me in the asking of the questions. But I will post no more on this thread. May the Lord bless every poster and may the Truth of the Gospel and the light of the Lord Jesus lead our way.....bro Frank

(edit) I will address any unresolved issues by anyone if they care to e-mail me..... appolus@aol.com

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 19:21

New issue for you Appolus, and an opportunity for you to 'ante up' publicly as it were.

Do you believe that someone who denies the Eternal Sonship of Christ worships the Jesus Christ presented in the Bible ? Would you consider that person a 'brother' or 'sister'? Or do you waffle on that?

OJ

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 19:24

SScott wrote: "" It'd be nice to simply see Christians just get up and give bold true statements about the truth and not care what other people think about them, or care about how they are perceived.

The world is gonna mock you whether you are a flip flopper or if you are bold for the truth. Might as well be bold for the truth and honor Jesus. ""

Seems that should be our Scriptural agenda with the public.

And all the more so if we've made our name a public name and accept an invitation to answer questions before that public, as a representative of Jesus the only Christ.

I can't see anyone being accused of having a bad agenda if they agree whole-heartedly with this quote above and seeing the snare in the fear of men.

Re: , on: 2012/2/22 21:35

"Put not your trust in Princes."

This isn't about Franklin. We're praying for the whole Graham family and have been for many years ... but I would just ask that we do a Search titled, "Santorum - Knights of Malta".

A scribd copy of a magazine may be a first choice.

Jesus did say, watch that you not be deceived, for many shall come saying I Am.

Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2012/2/22 23:01

I would like to point out a few things before I respectfully bow out of the conversation.

1. I can't pretend to know why Franklin Graham said what he said. He was certainly put on the spot by a left-leaning media station (whose slogan is "think progress" -- catering to a largely "progressive" or "liberal" audience). Many people regret certain things that are said when they are placed on the spot like this.

If anyone has ever had a job interview, they are asked questions that they aren't exactly prepared for. They give impromptu responses that are often less reflective of what it is that they believe. Similarly, it would be foolish to make a judgment call on a man's entire life and ministry based upon such an interview -- especially when it contradicts what that person might say when not put "on the spot" like that. Moreover, it might not be wise to conjure up insinuations and accusations about "twistings and turnings" based upon something from these sort of interviews.

2. Such arguments are inevitably raised during election cycles. Interestingly, it seems like I remember fewer such discussions in regard to the candidate(s) on the left (or their supporters) during the last presidential election cycle. I guess that it might be due to the obvious moral and spiritual deficiencies that are a part of a political platform that not only embraces things like abortion or homosexual activism, but actually encourages campaign promises of legislation on behalf of such issues.

3. I feel that many such conversations might be brought up because certain believers feel that other believers might be

It is not the wrong if they support (or publicly support) a particular candidate for an office. In the past, individuals have raised the issue about believers "bowing their knees" to the "systems of this world" when they vote.

Personally, I feel the liberty to voice my vote on election day. This has only been after constant prayer -- even in the face of voices that often loudly proclaim otherwise. Now, I wouldn't pretend that the candidate that I might vote for (or have voted for in the past) are "perfect."

However, I am not voting for an evangelist...or pastor...or some other spiritual office. Rather, it is merely a vote on which candidate that I think would be better for said position at this particular time.

In other elections (that center on policy propositions), I simply vote "yes" or "no" after prayerful consideration about how said policy proposition will effect my family or neighbors. If abortion were put up to a public vote, you can rest assured that I would share my conclusion on the matter through a vote in this country of my temporary citizenship.

Most of us have never had the opportunity to meet up with these elected representatives. Thus, if we are trying to make a determination about who we think would be the best candidate for a job, we are left with promises, campaign websites and the history of what is said and pushed by the candidate. Many people (including followers of Christ) feel that there are certain issues -- morally legislated issues -- that are more important than others.

For instance, the issue of abortion matters quite a bit to my wife and I. We find it extremely difficult to ignore -- even with our votes. Many believers (like brother Denny here at SermonIndex) have been highly vocal in regard to the issue. Others have worked in positions where they have had some sway on the issue via an individual basis.

Interestingly, many polls have indicated a major shift in public opinion in the United States over abortion. Whereas a majority of Americans during the 1990s supported abortion in just about every circumstance (except partial birth abortion), a tide has turned to the point that a slight majority oppose the practice of abortion under most circumstances.

Now, we all know that America doesn't just have political problems. Christians understand that America -- like every other nation -- has SPIRITUAL problems. You can't "legislate" revival. You can't "legislate" the presence of God into a nation.

Despite this, we still live in the land of our temporary citizenship...and have certain responsibilities to our neighbors.

America has no king. America has no monarch that rules over the policies of a nation. Instead, the nation has a government of the PEOPLE that is implemented by the consent of the PEOPLE for the direction that the nation collectively (via majority or plurality) feels is best. The people choose from among themselves candidates to be elected as "representatives" who make the laws of this land. Choosing between candidates is not akin to the "lesser of two evils" insinuation. Rather, it is simply choosing which imperfect individual that you think represents what you think is the best direction (legislatively) for your family, neighbors and others in this land of your temporary citizenship.

Like I said, there are certain issues that are much more pressing for some people. My wife and I are much more concerned with abortion than our tax rate. We would feel more inclined to vote against a candidate that promises to push the goals of homosexual activists upon our children, schools, neighbors or community.

Now, I can't pretend to understand what motivated Franklin Graham's comments. However, after hearing them in this choppy-edited clip, he seemed to be slow to make a finite judgment call about President Obama's claim that he is a Christian.

At the same time, he was pressed about Governor Santorum and concluded that he was a "Christian." Now, we don't know if he was using the ambiguous definition of "Christian" that the world uses (usually as descriptive of anyone who follows the basics "secular" precepts of faith in Christ). And, of course, there are individuals who are labeled as "Catholics" who completely object to much of the non-Biblical aspects of Roman Catholic teaching. I have known believers -- even on this forum -- who say that they found Christ while still attending a Catholic congregation and continued until they were "led" to leave.

Still, I think that clarity could only be reached by actually sitting with or contacting Franklin Graham for clarity.

I have known individuals who refuse to listen to men like Ravenhill or Wilkerson because of their embrace of certain history.

oric Pentecostal views. I have even known believers who have questioned their eternal "status" or legitimacy as a "man of God" as a result. I think that we should certainly be "slow to speak" in such a regard.

I will say this: I have noticed that there seems to be a much more anxious attempt by some to point out a deficiency of certain men on the "right" (like Rick Santorum, Newt Gingrich and Mitt Romney) because of their religious affiliations (and belonging to "churches" that are outside of what we know to be true representations of the Church). However, there were far less individuals (especially in the media) who openly or subtly questioned the religious association or affiliation of Senator Obama during the 2008 election in regard to his association with a certain minister and membership with a certain congregation that he attended for more than 20 years. Yes, pundits on the right made an issue of it, but it took quite some time before such questions were raised by the mainstream media.

Like I said, some of us feel the liberty to vote in elections. Most of us are obviously aware that we are not trying to "legislate" holiness into a nation. Most of us are aware that an election will not bring about a "revival." Again, we aren't voting for a "Pastor-in-Chief." During presidential elections, Americans simply decide between two or more imperfect candidates and the direction by which they publicly desire to take the nation -- from a national to local level.

Perhaps Franklin Graham played into a "trap" question and meandered to quickly in defense of a candidate based upon the "righteous-vs-unrighteous" issues that a self-proclaimed Catholic claims to support. Still, I think that it would be unwise to judge Graham by this statement. If it is offensive enough, I suggest that you can try and contact the man or his ministry about what he truly believes.

I hope that I don't offend anyone with my own thoughts on all of this. Many people have very strong opinions on the matter. I can't count how many times that well-meaning but what I feel to be misguided individuals "warned" me of "bowing down" to the "systems of this world" simply because I voted...or endorsed one candidate above another. It was even suggested that taking advantage of this opportunity to share my voice through a vote would eventually lead me to bow down to the Antichrist (as if that wasn't so totally ridiculous). Still, it shows just how deeply divisive the topic of "politics" can be on a website that is filled with believers from many different backgrounds that demonstrate differences in age, nationality, education and levels of maturity.

May the Lord guide each one of us as we remain desperate for Him.

Re: - posted by rjennings (), on: 2012/2/23 0:57

I have thoroughly enjoyed reviewing the different perspectives on this thread. After many years I am still amazed at how many who profess a conservative Christian faith and may even attend the same church, listen to the same sermons, and study the same scripture maintain different interpretations of foundational principles and their relevance in this world.

The reason we won't see other ministers of the Gospel give their position on candidates for election is they aren't putting themselves in the limelight to be asked. Does anyone truly believe Graham was blind-sided by those questions? I want to believe him to be much brighter than that. Whenever you volunteer to be the spokesman for evangelical Christianity this line of questioning comes with the territory. All that ask is as that spokesperson that you hold a line consistent with the faith that you represent otherwise step aside and allow another to boldly step forward.

I truly believe that most who frequent this site and are even represented on this thread appreciate the fact that we are beyond the point of mere politics rescuing our fine nation from ruin. This assembly of potential presidential candidates and milk toast Christian commentators such as Franklin is simply more evidence for what we already know.

Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2012/2/23 2:34

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Quote:

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I agree that most believers are in agreement that politics and politicians don't/won't save the nation. In fact, I don't think that I have ever known a professing believer who thought that this nation would somehow be "rescued" by politics or an election. However, I am certain that there are politicians who truly desire for professing Christians to stay home and NOT share their voice or opinion via a vote.

During college, I listened to a guest lecturer who served in the Clinton Administration. He stated that there was a real effort prior to both of Clinton's terms to lessen the impact that "evangelicals" could have in the elections. In fact, this individual mentioned that those efforts were not to try and convince evangelicals to SUPPORT Bill Clinton; rather, it was to try and PREVENT the enthusiasm of evangelical voters to the point that it would lower their turnout and decrease the support of candidates who were more aligned with the moral views of evangelicals on major issues. I suspect that the same effort might have taken place during the last couple of elections as well.

Again, no one is saying that the nation would be "saved" by elections, politics, or politicians. Still, there is no doubt in my mind that unrighteousness has increased over the past few decades -- and that it is both evident in and resultant from the changes in the laws of the land (and how politicians decide those laws).

During the 1960s, there was a sweeping misinterpretation and misapplication of "the separation of church and state" that saw the nation meander from Bibles and prayer in the public school to the removal of Bibles -- even as literature -- from public school libraries. During the 1970s, abortion became the law of the land. During the 1980s, certain politicians felt the need to pass laws that required sexuality to be taught in public schools -- to the point of distributing condoms and other materials to children (who, according to the law, are unable to make decisions on the matter to begin with). During the 1990s, pornography and smut was passed off as a form of "art" and "protected free speech" (and often paid for by taxes collected from taxpayers). During the last decade, there has been a collective push of various degrees of homosexual activism pushed upon society -- to the point where businesses and business owners might be forced to recognize homosexual "marriage."

On a personal level, I feel that believers can still petition an "unjust judge" (magistrate) just like the persistent widow did during the time of Jesus. No one is saying that the judge will somehow "save" society. However, on a smaller level, individuals in a society like this can determine who that "judge" will be via the "justice" that they propose to uphold or promote.

At the same time, I fear that we might be a bit too premature or clouded in our estimation of Franklin Graham. I am not a fan of the man...and I have never listened to him preach (although I have heard some of his soundbites). Thus, it might be helpful to leave out the critical rhetoric until we actually have the opportunity to get to know him or question him in regard to any concerns that someone might have.

I listened to the edited clips and the only "concern" that I had was with his belief that Santorum, a Roman Catholic, is a Christian. Of course, we don't know if he was using the term in its Biblically "authentic" sense (even though "Christian" was used first at Antioch, and likely as a slur at first).

It would probably have been better for Franklin Graham to have simply said that he doesn't know the ultimate eternal status of ANY of those people running for President. After all, I don't know where ANY of them stand...just like I don't know where anyone here ultimately stands (including the men whose sermons are stored here). We are all to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. While I admire and largely appreciate the passion for Christ from many believers here (including many of the men whose sermons are stored here), my opinion or insight will not be consulted when the Lord separates the sheep from the goats.

One thing is certain: I will remember Franklin Graham in my prayers. In this case, he is getting it from some of those who are upset that he didn't embrace Obama's and Romney's claim of being a Christian...and from some believers when he said that he thought that Santorum is one. People can analyze (or over-analyze) his words -- that might have been nothing more than an example of "misspeak" (which none of us can do more than guess otherwise...until we permit him the opportunity to clarify what he meant). Yet, at the same time, I don't really care either way. His words just don't hold much weight that it would sway me in any direction.

Leonard Ravenhill once said (during a message) that Pat Robertson was "backslidden" because he ran for President of the United States in 1988. Ravenhill said that being a minister was a much "higher calling" and that any man who would leave the ministry to run for office must be backslidden. Years later, a man from the church that I attended took issue with

h Ravenhill's statement (when we listened to that message). He argued that Pat Robertson might never have been "fron tslidden" enough or a "real minister" to have "backslidden" as Ravenhill suggested. Ultimately, I don't think that it is my prerogative to make any such declarations -- especially in public.

As for Franklin Graham being "blindsided:" I don't know what he was thinking at the time. The interview itself seemed to have been an attempt to get something controversial out of him. Obviously, it worked -- because we are discussing it on a website that is dedicated to promoting Christ-centered REVIVAL.

This may have been something that Franklin Graham could have elaborated on in greater depth if he had been given the opportunity (rather than in a quick interview between commercial breaks). He may regret how he came across (although I think that he came across well for the most part...with the exception of the Santorum response). On a personal level, I know that I have been unprepared for plenty of questions and I have stuck my foot in my mouth on numerous occasions. What's more, I don't feel that I am necessarily a dimwitted person either.

Just this past week, I had a series of interviews for a job and I felt unprepared for some of the various questions asked of me. I did the best with my responses at the time, but regretted my choice of words to some of those questions afterward (but I will find out within a week about the job...so please remember me in your prayers).

Maybe a letter to Franklin Graham would suffice in all of this? He might be able to provide retrospective clarity enough to describe what he really thinks in the matter. Or, of course, he may have learned his lesson and decided to take a couple of steps back from making any sort of public "endorsements" about who is or is not a Christian. I think that I understood the gist of what he was trying to say; but, it just doesn't make much of a difference either way.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2012/2/23 8:59

Well, I would say don't worry what folks say about Franklin Graham, heck folks talked about Jesus also and still do, so I would say Franklin is Blessed, he is in good company.

Re: Franklin Graham's sad presentation of the "Gospel", on: 2012/2/23 9:41

Thank you Brother Frank for posting this, it gave me spiritual indigestion beyond belief.

There will be such Judgement visited upon this land, for ALL the sin issues, including such a scion of caesar, waffling, equivocating, giving covering to the roman institution, the church of joe smith....cant even be bold and brave, squirming in his chair, just made me sick.

all these politicians USE the Provisions of God as a TOOL for their craven vile ambitions, their idolatry, lust for acclaim, and power.

Someday.....(and this is something i weep and cry over in MY life, that i dont hear)....Someday, they will hear the Words, "I never knew you".

God is Watching, He is Brooding.

Brother Frank , on: 2012/2/23 10:17

you wrote:

Quote:
-----Scot, you made me laugh. I can hear Ian Paisley now. He would probably blow the roof off as would almost 100% of the preachers represented here on SI.

you and i have talked about Ian before, when i first apprehended Messiah Jesus, as a Jew, i never knew the theological differences between the roman institution and protestantism, i just thought they were different variants of Gentiles, same with mormons. i also knew that at the behest and leadership of rome, that is its "church", including the two "orthodox" variants, "eastern" and "russian", more Jews were killed "in the Name of Jesus", by these three institutions than hitler EVER

DREAMED of, THAT i knew....and some folk wonder why its so hard to evangelize to Jews, or that shudder just at hearing that beautiful Name.

The first sermon i heard of Ian's was "Five Steps to Revival"....it lit me up, then progressively as God revealed His Son TO me and IN me, i became aware of the Church, the Body of Christ, and the error of rome, the error of joe smith.

and Ian, via early (1965-1969) sermons spoke to me about rome. but i heard one saint, a public pastor, maybe Irish, say that Ian at one time was so anointed, preached with such unction, that could have been the next "John Wesley", EXCEPT that he went into politics...i agree.

but in the vein, of Ian laying it down, i post up his lightening bolt of a message "Why True Protestants Reject the Pope"(3/1/1965)....i pray any saint wishing to ascertain the impact of what Frank Graham said, listen to this

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/playpopup.asp?SID=6846>

Why was he there?, on: 2012/2/23 11:44

I want to ask a question to begin with. Could we see Jesus doing an interview on CNN, say on the abilities of Herod as governor? Or...Paul the Apostle bantering about the Roman top ten and their despotic traits?..or debating who's next in line to take their place?

Why did Franklin Graham accept this assignment to begin with? He had to know exactly what the questions would be. He was prepared for everything they threw at him. He's not a moron. What could he expect as a leading Evangelical when asked to comment on the Republican candidates? Their affiliation to outdoor sports? "Now, that Romney...he can ski!"..Of course not.

In saying that Graham "did a good job", I am not endorsing him. All he did, was show his true colors, as one proposing to serve the Lord, while serving the world. Obviously he is compromised away from a holy gospel message, and his discernment and loyalties are affected in clear ambiguous terms.

He neither condemned, nor parsed the ham, but ambiguously graced all comers in a positive light, with semi-Christian kudos. He dodged every direct dart with polite and general bourgeois euphemism's, and aimed his responses to be sweet and elevating to all.

Now the guy signed on...and was probably paid...to comment on the candidates. He is a International Evangelical Icon of what a Christian is supposed to be, and act like..and he plays that part...to the T. He IS the Protestant status...the bond of "peacemaker" to the world, as he took his father's place...Billy Graham.

All I am saying, is that in that role, he did not defame the name of Christ, and he handled the sparring well. I do not endorse him...but he did not make a fool of himself.

Perhaps he should of said of Romney, right there on National TV.."Why that satanic swine, and his dirty Mormon ideas...TO HELL! yes to HELL he goes, and all who vote for him!"....and to Gingrich and Santorum..." They're Nasty Babylonian WHORES! Snake people! Hellion Caaathhhooollliccs!".....

Think he would be invited back for followup? That's my point. He was ambassadorial...milk toast? yea, I guess. He was non-committal and positive to all; not exactly like John the Baptist...and not exactly like Rasputin...but Christian enough to pass.

I may have gone off the deep end and cursed them all!.....frothing at the mouth, but I am not used to that kind of thing..but neither am I the worlds most famous evangelical...so..I say in that, he did a good job.

Re: Franklin Graham's sad presentation of the "Gospel" - posted by Lysa (), on: 2012/2/23 11:45

Quote:
-----by appolus on 2012/2/21 7:06:31

Sadly I watched secular Liberals expose the preposterous twistings and turnings of a man, who seemed not to know what is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. He believes that Rick Santorum is a Christian because of his good morals??? He states that Mormons believe in Jesus Christ??? I watched the whole interview and it made me squirm in my seat. <http://youtu.be/ntF-uls7ork> ... bro Frank

Here is a 15.51 minute interview...

Franklin Graham: Mind Bending Morning Joe Bigotry & Ignorance
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZP6hU4A3AZY>

My personal belief about this interview is this is exactly why Christians have no "street cred" among unbelievers; Franklin clearly had a different standard for judging Obama than he had for the others and wouldn't admit to it when questioned about it.

Franklin Graham should have NEVER put himself in a position of "judging" another man's walk with Christ OR lack thereof. He was pummeled by a liberal media and he should have known that going in (I mean, this was not his first rodeo). It never bodes well for a Christian to be prideful about that, so of course it's going to fall apart, imho.

So pray for Franklin to have wisdom the next time to guide any questions like that in the interview toward the gospel and how his ministry and others are helping the world.

Just my two cents, over and out!!
God bless,
Lisa

The art of compromise. Do you do a good job?, on: 2012/2/23 12:04

It was once said; "Politics is the art of compromise."

I might add, so is the business of respectfully commenting on them.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2012/2/23 14:30

Quote:
----- Lysa...Franklin Graham should have NEVER put himself in a position of "judging" another man's walk with Christ OR lack thereof.

I hear you Lysa, for a lot of folks here, it's an everyday event. :)

Laughin at my own jokes, I guess., on: 2012/2/23 14:58

"Perhaps he should of said of Romney, right there on National TV.."Why that satanic swine, and his dirty Mormon ideas...TO HELL! yes to HELL he goes, and all who vote for him!"....and to Gingrich and Santorum..." They're Nasty Babylonian WHORES! Snake people! Hellion Caaathhhooollliccs!".....

Think he would be invited back for followup? That's my point. He was ambassadorial...milk toast? yea, I guess. He was non-committal and positive to all; not exactly like John the Baptist...and not exactly like Rasputin...but Christian enough to pass."