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Look who is attending this thing!, on: 2016/6/14 8:58

“Together 2016” Organizer Meets With “Pope Francis” to Unite Christians, Catholics on National Mall

An ecumenical event featuring Hillsong United, Lecrae, Michael W. Smith, Josh McDowell, Ravi Zacharias, Francis Chan and other renowned evangelical and Catholic speakers and musicians that is set to take place in Washington, D.C. is raising concerns as it seeks to draw a million attendees to “link arms” in unity, including with the Vatican.

“Together 2016” is an event to be held on July 16 at the National Mall in Washington, and seeks to unite those of various backgrounds to “stand together for Jesus.” Both Christians and Catholics alike will be featured at the prayer and worship event.

“Together 2016 is about laying aside what divides us to lift up Jesus who unites us,” organizer Nick Hall of PULSE told Christian News Network. “We are coming together in historic unity to pray for a reset for our nation.”

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A little further down in the article:

However, not everyone believes that Christians should link arms with Roman Catholics and set aside major differences that go to the heart of the gospel.

“Nick Hall either does not know the exclusivity of the gospel of God or he does not know the Roman Catholic plan of salvation because they are diametrically opposed,” Mike Gendron of Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries told Christian News Network. Gendron is a former Roman Catholic who now teaches evangelicals how to share the gospel with Catholics.

“We’re divided on how one is born again: Rome says water baptism, the Bible says the work of the Spirit. We’re divided on how one is justified: Rome says faith plus works, the Bible says faith. We’re divided on how one is purified of sin: Rome says purgatory, the Bible says the blood of Jesus. We’re divided on the essentials of the gospel: Rome has other mediators, the Bible says it’s Christ alone,” he explained.

Gendron said that Jesus himself came to divide with truth, and prayed that His Church would be sanctified with that truth.

“It was the Lord Jesus Christ who came to divide: He divides with His word and His gospel. He divides mother against daughter, father against son—and we must remain sanctified and not united with any who are not born again,” he explained. “More than ever, we must maintain the exclusivity of the gospel of Christ. What hope does an unbelieving world have unless we maintain the purity of the gospel?”

Gendron also stated that he is concerned about the message that it will send when Christians see evangelical leaders involved with an event that validates Roman Catholicism, and therefore does not view those in the religion as a mission field.

<http://christiannews.net/2016/06/10/together-2016-organizer-meets-with-pope-francis-to-unite-christians-catholics-on-national-mall/>

Re: Look who is attending this thing!, on: 2016/6/14 17:28

Julius,

This is very disturbing as the list contains so many who have ministered to the Body of Christ for so many years and whom God has used:

The Billy Graham evangelical association
CRU-formerly Campus Crusade for Christ
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
National Day of Prayer
YWAM
American Bible Society
Musicians we know and love: Jeremy Camp, Michael W. Smith
Casting Crowns, Kirk Franklin and others

Particularly disturbing is Ravi Zachariahs and Josh McDowell who brought The gospel of Christ to millions across the planet.

This just shows us that even the very elect can be deceived!!!
Lord keep your servants from this ecumenical unity event on July 16.

Re: Look who is attending this thing!, on: 2016/6/14 18:01

Julias, this breaks my heart that such darkness has descended upon the hearts of men. They are truly blinded as to where this is leading. Of course the beginning of the end was back in the 90s when they signed a pact with the like of Pat Robertson and Chuck Colson not to proselytize Catholics. As an ex Catholic, this was a slippery slope at the time and their discernment has continued to slide down that slope. The bottom of that slope is the pit of hell.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/6/14 19:59

There actually is a lot of organisations behind this event but I did not read of an overt desire to meld with Catholics, but of course large meetings like this cater to false unity as real truth is usually not spoken but a very palatable easy message that all can agree on is expoused.

ministries joining with this event:

Abide Prayer
ASLPN
Awakening / Campus Harvest
Blue Water House of Prayer
Center for Student Missions
Clayton King Ministries
Christ Connection
Defining Destinies
Evangelism International
EFCA Reach Students
Fellowship of John 17:21
Full Life Gospel Ministries
Go Ministries International
Heart Fire Ministries
Incirlik Air Force Base
International Ministerial Fellowship
Jacobs Well Ministries
King of Glory Ministries
Leaders Cast
Love Collide
Luminous Few
Millennium Revival Center
Missionary and Servant of Yahweh

National Network of Youth Ministries
No One Underground
One JAM Nation
Project Patch
Planet Fitness
Race to Victory Ministries
Ride Nature
Sacred by Design
Speak to the World Ministries
Stand and Pray Georgia
The Boiler Room
The Salvation Army
Transformation
U.S. Prayer Center
Uprise
White Ribbon Day
Women's Prayer International
Word Revolution
Alexander Christian Academy
Association Gospel Rescue Mission
Awakening Movement
Bryan College
Change Society
Compassion Connect
Christ Kingdom Church
Destiny of Faith Ministries
Encounter With Love Home Group
Experience Mission
First Priority Global
Gen Live 'Untamed'
Hope & Healing Ministries Int'l
Independent Missionary Evangelist
International Prayer Council
Johnny Wilson Evangelistic Association
Kingdom Bound Festival
Liberty University
Luis Palau Association Next Generation Alliance
Macklenburg
Ministry Gifts in Action, Inc.
Luis Palau Association Next Generation Alliance
National Day of Prayer Task Force
ND Department of Evangelism-UHCA
Omega Center International
Operation Worship Tour
Prayer Network
Psalm 25 Ministries
realTalk
RISE Student Ministries
Second Chance
Spread Your Ministry
Steve Wingfield Evangelistic Association
The House Slidell
The Salvation Army 'Jonesboro'
Transformation MI
United Body of Christ Ministry
US Navy-USS Gerald Ford
Wisdom & Life Ministries
Wounded No More

Word of Faith Global Ministries
All Angels
Atlas Rhoads
BASIC ministry inc
Catalyst
Courageous Christian Father
Circuit Riders
ChiAlpha Campus Ministry
Dream Center-Houston, TX
Ephesians 6
Faith Church Ministries
Fredericksburg Prayer Furnace
Global United Missions
God Belongs In My City
Ignite
International House of Prayer Missions Base of Kansas City
InterVarsity â€" Indianapolis
K-Life Columbia
Kingdom Bound Ministries
Light the Fire Ministries
Luke18 Project
Men for Nations
Mission Connexion
National Network of Youth Ministries
New Life Praise Center
On the Go â€" Keith Cook Team
One Heart DC
Primrose Hill Teen Challenge
Pulse
Refuge Ministry
Rush Conference
Seek Ye First Ministries

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2016/6/14 20:43

"Adding his name to the lineup of pomenant guest speakers and musicians is Pope Francis, who will deliver a video message addressing the crowd."

"We are humbled and honored by his involvement and are eager to share his message with the crowd that gathers at Together 2016," Hall said in a statement to The Christian Post, reacting to the announcement that the pope has added his name to the list of speakers. "That His Holiness would choose to speak into this historic day is a testament to the urgency and the need for followers of Jesus to unite in prayer for our nation and our world."

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/pope-francis-joins-lecrae-hillsong-historic-1-million-strong-together-2016-dc-event-164925/>

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/6/14 20:54

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That obviously is a problem! And really shows how far this type of unity is from the Biblical unity of John 17 of God's true people.

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2016/6/14 20:56

I love Francis Chan but I am too old for heroes.

In the past, when he has been to speak at conferences where his presence was criticized, he spoke correction and truth.

We will see. But I won't hold my breath.

Re: , on: 2016/6/14 23:43

Bro Greg writes.....

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Its the counterfeit unity, the pieces of the puzzle coming together in the formation of the great whore church that will sweep and engulf the whole world.....bro Frank

Re: Look who is attending this thing! - posted by savannah, on: 2016/6/15 7:15

Did anyone see any ministries from the reformed camp joining themselves with this harlot festivity?

Re: Bickle questions the Pope - posted by docs (), on: 2016/6/15 8:04

I'm not throwing in with the Catholic church but just sharing what I have read.

<http://www.charismanews.com/world/57751-mike-bickle-meets-with-pope-to-discuss-jesus>

Re: Look who is attending this thing!, on: 2016/6/15 8:49

In John Rogers farewell address to his children before being burned to death under Queen Mary he warned:

Abhor that arrant whore of Rome,
And all her blasphemies,
And drink not of her cursed cup;
Obey not her decrees.

I read this for the first time in the New England Primer.

The NAR embrace of Catholicism manifested at the AzuzaNow meeting. In 2014 Ken Copeland embraced the Popes call to unity at his pastors conference. I believe the abortion issue has brought a false unity among catholics and evangelicals.

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2016/6/15 8:52

RE: ///Did anyone see any ministries from the reformed camp joining themselves with this harlot festivity? ///

"..Lacrae follows the Reformed tradition of theology and is considered influential figure in the New Calvinist movement. He cites Tommy Nelson, John MacArthur, and John Piper, among others, as early influences to his Christian faith." - wikipedia

Re: Brethren will not be there, on: 2016/6/15 9:09

I think I can safely say that our persecuted brother and sisters will not be at this event. They are too busy living out authentic Christianity by laying down their lives for the Lord Jesus Christ and shedding their blood for Him.

Simply my thoughts.

--- Post re-edited for Less controversy---

Re: , on: 2016/6/15 10:43

Hi David,

The problem with Catholicism, and that article does not change the problem in any way, is what does it mean to be born again. Catholic theologians are not opposed to that phrase, in fact I have it on my first holy communion card. (This is the card you receive when you take communion for the first time)

The wafer or the bread is actually Jesus Himself according to Catholicism. When you digest this bread, when you swallow it, you are taking "Jesus." into yourself, this is receiving Jesus and can only happen after you have been baptized into the faith. Between the two, infant baptism and first holy communion, this is what they see as entrance into the Body of Christ. Of course one has to first receive the sacrament of confession.

Now even then you're not saved, because your works at the end of your life have to be weighed in the balance. If you are found wanting, then you must enter into purgatory and atone for your sins. If at any time you claim to have assurance of salvation, then an anathema is pronounced over you, you are cursed by the Catholic church. For, according to them, one must be sanctified before one can be justified.

Now that is only me scratching at the surface of this satanic counterfeit masterpiece of religion. Smoke and mirrors that lead all the way to hell. The idea of Mike Bickle questioning the Pope and being given the answers he was given would be comical if it were not so serious. Little men trying to elevate their positions by talking to a man they actually call "your holiness." How dare a saint call such a man "your holiness." Madness and blindness.....bro Frank

Re: I grew up in Catholicism - posted by docs (), on: 2016/6/15 11:22

I was born into and raised in Catholicism and pretty much understand the issues. I once was questioned by a Catholic lady as to why I had left Catholicism and I said I had never made a conscious decision to leave anything. I just was going with what had happened.

I never once was encouraged to read the Bible as a Catholic and the recently born again man who witnessed to me on the streets had the word of God out and going through it within 30 minutes of meeting him. Anyway, when the lady asked me I studied the whole issue again, especially infused versus imputed righteousness, and the conclusion I came to was that the Roman system is based on a theology of "meritology." You supposedly can increase your degree of justification by cooperating with God and doing good works. If you fall and stumble and sin you can help make up the difference by doing things - performing. In my opinion it's a mixture (man can actually contribute to his own justification) that God will not accept. He won't receive or allow any mixture from man as far as justification goes. Then also Purgatory is a whole 'nother error altogether that really makes Calvary a somewhat irrelevant happening in salvation.

So a few years ago I went to a prayer meeting at the Catholic Church I was raised in and many there had Bibles and were sharing from them during the prayer meeting. Some things have changed as far as Catholics and the word goes. Millions and millions of Catholics have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in the past decades and in my opinion you can't receive that experience unless you are saved. That's my opinion yet that doesn't mean that they have all doctrine correct

ly analyzed and interpreted. The teaching magisterium of the Catholic Church, supposedly infallible, has shown it can be a lot of things but not infallible.

I would urge anyone interested to do a study of infused versus imputed righteousness. It helped me fine tune the details of my faith like hardly any other study ever has. I don't say this in a haughty way but many Christians today may not be that familiar with the issue and a true understanding of it is still lacking in the church today in my opinion. It is vitally and monumentally important to understand. I found the Reformed faith is best at explaining it by far although the Reformers seemed to keep most of the Roman doctrines that gave figurative instead of literal interpretations to a large bulk of the OT prophecies regarding eschatology etc.

I can't figure out what Bickle supposedly did wrong by asking the questions he did but that is another matter.

Blessings.

Re: , on: 2016/6/15 15:11

Hi docs,

Are you saying the millions of Catholics being saved, baptised in the Holy Ghost and reading their Bibles are remain in the Roman Catholic religious structure?

Interestingly, after I got saved (former Catholic), it was the reading of the Word and the work of the Spirit in my life that delivered me from the bondage of Catholicism, and then there was no reason to stay in their organization. I was no longer held captive to the communion, confessional and catechism. There was absolutely no reason for it and if I stayed, could no longer participate in them or the mass which is just a huge insult to the once for all sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Any Catholic who is reading their Bible will be set free from Catholic doctrine and once you are set free from their doctrine you won't see any need to stay in their organization or attend the hellish mass.

I was saved, baptized in the Holy Ghost outside of the Romish church. Are you also saying that millions are getting saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost INSIDE the RCC?

Re: Catholics and salvation - posted by docs (), on: 2016/6/15 16:07

/Are you saying the millions of Catholics being saved, baptised in the Holy Ghost and reading their Bibles are remain in the Roman Catholic religious structure?/

It appears that way. Some leave, some stay. I know many who left. I know of two former priests who left the RCC. One was a teacher of mine in Bible classes and the other was a priest from my childhood who at one time was the priest over this very church I spoke of as being in my hometown where I attended the prayer meeting. Both got married and had children.

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I was saved outside of the Roaman church also. It appears that many have been saved inside the RCC in recent decades. What they do after salvation and what they are taught is another matter. One cannot afford to downplay doctrine at all but yet it's not correct doctrine that saves but an encounter with the risen Christ as He personally saves. It's my opinion that you can't receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the gift of tongues without being saved because this gift is exclusively given to believers. I've seen Catholics speaking in tongues, practicing discerning of spirits and giving accurate words of knowledge and praying for healing. I've got two close friends who belong to the RCC and I know beyond any doubt they are saved yet I grieve at times over what they likely have been taught along the way. But I know they are saved. I may not be able to explain it all except maybe God's love in Christ reaches even into this error laden denomination. I have no desire to return to it at all but like I mentioned, what they do after their salvation may differ. Some leave, some stay.

Re: , on: 2016/6/15 16:36

David writes.....

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I think many is a far cry from millions David. An encounter with the risen Christ leads to freedom, it does not mean that one stays with the realms of bondage and death. If a Mormon gets saved he leaves Mormonism, if a Jehovah gets saved they leave the Jehovah's witnesses. If an Amish gets saved they leave the Amish. If a Catholic gets saved they leave the Catholic church. And why? Who could bow down to false gods after being set free and delivered. Why was there a reformation and countless millions leave the Catholic church. Is all of that turned on its heads because of the claims of "Catholic Charismatics?" No brother, when the dead arise they leave the graveyard behind and seek to dwell among the living.....bro Frank

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/6/15 17:29

My wife was raised in a Catholic church; she says she loved Jesus at a very young age- went to Catholic school through 8th grade etc. When she really got saved after she met me she left the RC church.

We don't discuss it too much because she is pretty defensive about her experience in RCC. She understands its errors and she would admit she grew more as a believer in one year outside RC than all her experience IN the RCC. I think it is more nostalgia because she had a good experience and has fond memories of taking Easter baskets to the church on Holy Saturday to be blessed by the priest and things like that. I used to try to explain the problems with RC doctrine but it usually led to an argument so now I avoid the topic.

But the idolatry alone would seem to make it exceedingly difficult for a true born again believer to remain in the RC church. A true born again believer would have to speak out against the veneration of Mary and would constantly be at odds with other parishioners. There are many other doctrines that they could not simply ignore.

I have been in several RC services because my wife's parents were of course RC. I found it very bizarre and unsettling. The only things I liked about it was the smell of the incense and when they jingle those bells.

Re: , on: 2016/6/15 18:04

Good post Todd. Rings very true.....bro Frank

Re: I agree - posted by docs (), on: 2016/6/15 19:26

I agree with these sentiments. My only observation was that it is a historical fact that in recent decades many have chosen to stay in the Catholic Church after salvation and the baptism in the Spirit. Probably 120 to 150 million Catholics worldwide have been touched by the "charismatic renewal" and all of them have not left the Roman church. I don't endorse doing that I was just making mention of what has occurred.

I still don't understand fully how Catholicism developed in the first place and how it gained such a hold. When it was first beginning to develop and organize surely even then there were believers who didn't go along. And when it was at its peak and everyone was subordinate to it surely there were believers in many places long before Huss and Tyndale and Luther were born. Yet history books seem to say everyone was Catholic at one time. I'm betting that's not altogether true.

Re: , on: 2016/6/15 19:54

Hi David,

Let me be blunt. I consider the "charismatic renewal," to be, for the most part, an abomination. Now let me clarify. For lack of a better phrase, I am a Pentecostal or someone who believes in what I would call the full Gospel with all the corresponding sign gifts of the Spirit.

It is my opinion that the Charismatic movement in general is and was a Trojan horse to bring about a nullification of the tremendous outpouring of pentecostal power that flowed from the Welsh revival and Azusa street. Within this Trojan horse was the abominations of the Word of Faith movement, the prosperity gospel and the health and wealth folks. Then

of course we had the so called outpourings at Toronto.

So for me to hear that there are many Charismatics within the Catholic church who never left the apostate church behind is no surprise nor does it validate anything, quite the opposite.....bro Frank

Re: Validation - posted by docs (), on: 2016/6/15 20:06

I wasn't trying to validate anything. I was just mentioning a complete subjective fact that many have chosen to stay. That's all.

Re: , on: 2016/6/15 20:15

I am glad you said it was subjective, David.

Quote:

-----It APPEARS that many have been saved inside the RCC in recent decades.

Really, anyone that genuinely gets saved and filled with the Holy Spirit WILL end up leaving the idolatrous RCC. Idolatry is rampant everywhere you turn and a lover of Jesus could not stay. The Holy Spirit who leads us daily to Christ and to put to death the deeds of the flesh, will lead any saint AWAY from idolatry. It did not take me but a few weeks after reading the Word to just know in my Spirit, I would never be going back to the RCC.

By the way, I was in Oakland, CA in 1978 and invited to a Catholic Charismatic Church. They had what they called a "folk mass" and afterwards, everyone went downstairs to the basement to eat and drink. And they weren't drinking ice tea. I was aghast at how much the Priest was guzzling. They had the joy of fine wine and spirits.

Good posts Frank and TMK.

Re: Subjective - posted by docs (), on: 2016/6/15 20:57

/I am glad you said it was subjective, David./

I had already said,

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Peace.

Re: , on: 2016/6/15 21:54

David writes.....

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Brother, I am not trying to be argumentative but that is not fact at all. And you may agree that it is a little different from your previous statement.....

"Are you saying the millions of Catholics being saved, baptised in the Holy Ghost and reading their Bibles are remain in the Roman Catholic religious structure?"

I think it would be more accurate to say that some/a few misguided folks have decided to stay within the Catholic church where, at every turn, is dripping with idolatry. As we both know, you cannot even enter into a Catholic church without first bowing to a statue. Brother, if the Holy Spirit of the living God is burning within an individual he could never, in good conscience, take part in the Roman mass. The millions of children around the world who were violated by this foul religion would cry out if genuine saints continued to give this false religion some kind of legitimacy. I know my words are strong brother, but there is a great delusion coming and we must not be fooled by the religionists of the world.....bro Frank

PS many tens of thousands of saints in the early church were killed because they refused to dip their fingers in oil and give homage to the Roman gods once a year in the public square. If these saints so burned with the truth that they would rather their whole families be killed ruthlessly than by participating in idol worship, how do they compare to so called Christians who every week bow down to statues and partake in a ceremony that directly violates the very essence of what it means to be a saint.

Re: , on: 2016/6/15 22:09

David, I wasn't trying to be argumentative, either. Sorry if it came across that way. I appreciate your contributions.

Re: Previous statements - posted by docs (), on: 2016/6/15 22:16

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Regarding this statement,

"Are you saying the millions of Catholics being saved, baptised in the Holy Ghost and reading their Bibles are remain in the Roman Catholic religious structure?"

I'm kind of lost because that is not my statement. If you will check the posts and replies it was made by someone other than me.

Saying as I did, "I agree with those sentiments" regarding what you and TMK wrote plus my saying I wouldn't endorse stating I thought would make my view clear. I was raised in Catholicism and I know what the issues are. Again, I just made mention on my part of a completely neutral and objective fact. Yet it just now dawned on me I used the wrong word in another post - I should have said objective fact when I used the wrong word subjective. My mistake yet your statement above attributed to me is not my statement.

I sort of think we are making much out of nothing so I will politely leave it here. I would not endorse staying in the RCC if someone becomes saved. I was just making a statement regarding the fact that many have chosen to stay.

Thank you for your comments.

Re: No problem Julius - posted by docs (), on: 2016/6/15 22:20

I also used the wrong word. I said I was just reporting a subjective fact when I meant to say objective fact. Great day! I meant to convey that I was just stating in a neutral and objective way what has occurred.

Re: , on: 2016/6/16 7:10

To docs, I understand. Textual conversation by the way is not always easy. :-)

That is why we should give each other more grace. I need to improve in this area. Have a good day, David.

Re: Look who is attending this thing! - posted by Lysa (), on: 2016/6/16 8:14

I have through through most so maybe I missed any posts that actually offered any ways to help the Catholics out instead of ganging up on them.

If we know it's a false religion, what can we do for any friends or family members that are in it?

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2016/6/16 8:23

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Brother Frank,

I strongly disagree with you on this statement that you made. My wife and I were gloriously saved and filled with the Spirit during this wonderful move of God that took place.

Many Catholics like myself left the Catholic Church, as we immersed ourselves in the truth of God's Word.

The Catholic Church is an abomination, but I would be very careful about calling the Charismatic Renewal an abomination. I realize that the enemy did creep in with error, but it is always that way in every true move of God. The enemy will always come in with the counterfeit.

Re: , on: 2016/6/16 9:17

I appreciate your concerns Mike and I understand where your coming from and also that many people were saved through the Charismatic movement. It is the bigger picture I see. Look at the massive damage of the prosperity gospel, look at how it has invaded Africa and other places with its poisonous message. Look and see how many pentecostal churches were invaded by so called holy laughing and being "drunk," in the Holy Spirit. Look at how the Charismatic movement has embraced the Pope and Catholicism. There is a strategy behind all of that Mike and just because people were saved through this does not change anything. People have been saved by the preaching of cheap grace in the last few generations but it does not legitimize cheap grace. And so while I celebrate the salvation of anyone, especially coming out of Catholicism, the credit for any salvation always belongs to Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

And so in summary, when you think of "holy laughter," or being "drunk," in the Spirit or the teaching of prosperity or the teaching of health and wealth and the word of faith and so on, you can then see the massive damage that this movement has caused to the Body of Christ. In the west, Christendom has never been in such a low state, never been so anemic, never been so Biblically illiterate and so on, this is the result of dead religion on the orthodox side and massive error that has swamped the church on the other side. These are my opinions Mike and I would be glad to agree to disagree with you. God bless you brother.....bro Frank

Re: , on: 2016/6/16 9:18

My sense is that Frank was talking about the large part of the Catholic charismatic renewal which was counterfeit and just another tool in the RCC's counter reformation battle which they wage by blurring the lines. Sure, some people here and there were genuinely touched by God.

Re: , on: 2016/6/16 9:26

Hi Lisa,

Any ex-Catholic knows well the battle that occurs when they leave this organisation. It is them that are ganged up on and ostracized and cruelly treated by their Catholic families. And yet, their lives and their testimonies are a tremendous witness to their friends and family members.

My advice to people who don't know much about Catholicism and want to witness to Catholics, ask an ex-Catholic. When I witness to Catholics my favorite thing to do is talk about my personal relationship with Jesus. Then I take them to the Gospel of John and zero in on "Unless a man is born again he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." I tell them that their eternal soul depends upon a right understanding of what Jesus means here. No regular Catholic is going to easily dismiss the words of Jesus, now most of them know nothing about the Bible but even the ones that do will be forced to think about this unambiguous warning from Jesus. I tell them that if they really believe that Jesus is talking about infant baptism here or making your first holy communion then that is fine, but just know your eternal soul depends upon you being right.bro Frank

Re: , on: 2016/6/16 9:35

Julias writes.....

"My sense is that Frank was talking about the large part of the Catholic charismatic renewal which was counterfeit and just another tool in the RCC's counter reformation battle which they wage by blurring the lines."

Yes Julias, I would agree with that. What most Americans have no idea about is that the Charismatic movement in Britain was almost exclusively Catholic and that very few ever left the Catholic church. Those of us who have had any dealings with Catholic Charismatics in Britain (and I would imagine that would be almost none on this particular forum) well I know just how vehemently the Catholic Charismatics defend the Catholic church. In Britain it has been the genuine saints who have been fooled by the Catholic Charismatics to the point where it is now perfectly acceptable to be a Catholic, it is just another branch of Christianity.

Also in America the Evangelical community has also been fooled into this same error, consider the pact made by the Evangelicals with the Catholics back in the 90s where the Evangelicals agreed not to proselytize Catholics. Imagine that, agreeing not to share the Gospel with people who are hopelessly lost. The mind boggles at the progress the Catholic church has made in breaking down their "protesting erring children," and bringing them back "into the fold."bro Frank

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/6/16 11:07

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That is an excellent post dear sister and a valid concern. May God stir our hearts in evangelism, in love, towards people lost in the Catholic system or religion.

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2016/6/16 11:27

How can we best help Catholics?

By not bashing the Catholic religion, but by sharing Jesus with them. They already believe in Jesus, but the teaching of the Catholic Church is that salvation is by way of observing the sacraments. It is salvation through baptism.

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Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/6/16 12:00

when my wife left the RCC her family derided her calling her "one of those born agains."

They had no idea that it was Jesus who said "you must be born again." They thought Billy Graham said it.

Re: , on: 2016/6/16 12:06

Quote:

-----by AbideinHim on 2016/6/16 11:27:53

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First, the Catholic hierarchy narrative is to say that anyone who is taking a theologically critical look at their doctrine should be characterized as "bashing Catholics" or "bashing their religion". This is a very old narrative they continue to keep alive.

Bashing seems to be a word only used when taking a critical look at Catholicism and showing the subterfuge used by the Vatican.

Let's not fall into agreement with them.

Testimonies are always good, but on this site, critical analysis is common for false religions or doctrines purporting to be Christian.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/6/16 12:08

Lisa wrote:

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The RCC is one of the most powerful and corrupt organizations on the planet, if not THE most. If anyone is doing the ganging up, its the RCC. I can't feel sorry for them- at least as an organization.

It is true that people in the system generally have no idea of its evils and it is also true that they have practically zero biblical knowledge. In general the great number of RC's never pick up a Bible.

I had to be blunt with my wife (before we were married)and just lay out there everything that I thought was wrong with the RCC. She resisted because it was all she knew and her whole family was RC from way back in the old country.

But once she started to listen to certain ministers like John MacArthur and David Jeremiah and Charles Swindoll she started to realize how much the RCC failed her.

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Re: , on: 2016/6/16 12:49

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I totally agree. When people use the word bash or the phrase ganging up, it is very rarely if ever an ex-Catholic saying that so there is certainly a lack of discernment as to the true nature of Catholicism. When someone like myself speaks to a Catholic, people should assume that I would never speak in terms of abomination and so on to them. But when I am speaking to other Christians as I am on this forum, I should be able to speak the truth about the greatest false religion in the world without having to deal with the words "bash," and phrase "ganging up."

Yet the discernment when it comes to Catholicism has been sliding for years and people have been hushed into silence about it, so I am used to that. There will come a time soon when any truth spoken boldly will be considered bashing and hate speech.

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ansmitting their narrative to unsuspecting Protestants, successfully." I would fully agree with that, it is part of a wider strategy of the devil to shut the mouths of the saints when it comes to truth.

And Todd, I so appreciate your words of wisdom as someone who has had to deal directly with this issue. I am so glad that you loved your wife enough to be blunt with the truth and compel her to come to the truth. We will all find out soon enough the true power of Rome and her ability to go after and destroy the saints either by destroying them or by fooling them and swallowing them up.....bro Frank

Re: , on: 2016/6/16 12:59

Frank,

I am in total agreement with you and I might add, when I speak with Catholics, I never appeal to their "theological understanding" as many do not even understand the why's and wherefore's of their own religion and their eyes would just glaze over. I am kind and loving and lift up Jesus and the Word and have by the grace of God had success in leading Catholics to the Lord. Many of the ones I have talked to are already disillusioned with their church for various reasons which are not difficult to understand. When you talk about the grace of God and freedom from guilt and performance for Him on the basis of works, they understand these things.

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This has been my experience exactly. When speaking to the average Catholic one has to break it right down to the words of Jesus and my own favorite is John 3. The trouble arises when "Christian leaders," and other Christians totally lacking in discernment when it comes to Catholicism, actually hamper the sharing of the Gospel by giving your average Catholic a false sense of security..... bro Frank

Re: , on: 2016/6/16 17:53

Quote: "it is much more difficult to speak with Catholic apologists. They have an answer for everything but it is not a good answer, it is just a good answer in their own mind"

When this thread came up I started to do a bit of reading about the topic. Recently Pope Francis made the following comments:

"and his (Jesus')life, humanly speaking, ended in failure, in the failure of the cross."

The Catholics confirm that on their own website and then try and give us an answer what he really meant.

Paul preached Christ and Him crucified. We should always keep this in mind when witnessing to any unsaved person

My concern about this event is not so much the Catholics, I'm more concerned about the over 100 organisations that attend this "ecumenical event". This does not sound like a "narrow path" it could however lead many onto the "broad way"

We all know that we have difficult times ahead of us. Many seem to believe that the more we (Christians) are in number the stronger we are. I don't think that is very scriptural. We might come to "Kadesh Barnea " again when those who want

to follow the Lord might be "stoned " again by their own congregations, (like Joshua was stoned)

We can also study Gideon. His army was outnumbered against the enemy. The Lord did not provide more fighters, he reduced them down to 300 ! What matters is what THE LORD will do in those last days , in us and through us, all Glory to Him !