

Scriptures and Doctrine :: Zac Poonen

Zac Poonen - posted by sugsalt, on: 2018/10/6 22:04

I felt a lot in my life was influenced by Zac Poonen's ministry, until recently, when my whole outlook on the CFC changed. I felt it was a lot of misogyny, holding women to a higher standard (things like, it is "more" sinful for a woman to watch pornography than a man: I heard this preached by ZP at CFC Bangalore a while ago, so sorry, I don't have the link to a video to support this statement). The thing that struck me most is that their churches are pretty unwelcoming to new-comers. ZP and the CFC/RLFC do not support any missionary organizations, so what is their role in the Great Commission? I relied a lot on the Sermon Index during the initial days of my Christian life, and I send this question out in the sincerity that someone would help me understand what I am missing here since ZP has been at the top of the SI speakers for as long as I remember.

My apologies to the forum moderators if this violates the guiding principles in any way.

Re: Zac Poonen - posted by HeartSong, on: 2018/10/6 23:02

Might I suggest that you find a link before you make such an accusation.

Re: Zac Poonen - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2018/10/7 2:20

Sister,

I know those in CFC churches that support missionaries, evangelize and pray for missions.

Please do not accuse and provide a link to materials if you want to verify such statements.

Sisters are asked to wear head coverings and that is a biblical practice done by not just CFC but many churches.

That is your experience of feeling unwelcome, for most that is not the case myself and others have felt very welcome in CFC churches in North America or India.

I suggest you share your concerns with the elders at CFC I am sure they can clarify things for you. If you feel that you do not agree with how they meet or teach it is better to go to a different church and not accuse others because of a standard in one area.

Re: Zac Poonen - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2018/10/7 10:39

Quote:

-----My apologies to the forum moderators if this violates the guiding principles in any way.

Dear sister,

Why lay down accusations against brethren in Christ and then apologize if it violates principles? Why not first seek the principles of Scripture on speaking evil of a brother and causing division? Why not consider the principle of being reconciled to a brother before bringing your gift before the Lord?

In Christ,

Re: - posted by sugsalt, on: 2018/10/7 23:16

Please note that I am not speaking evil of a brother or laying down accusations. Read my OP carefully, I am seeking clarification on the doctrinal standpoint. In the Lord, I have been commanded to "test all things and hold fast to what is good" and I am doing just that.

Re: - posted by sugsalt, on: 2018/10/7 23:34

I was not asking about individuals supporting missionaries, but I was asking if the church itself supports missions. Most churches "send out" missionaries and support them consistently. If not for this practice, you and I would not be believers today.

Interesting to note, that you pointed out head coverings, when my OP did not point it out at all. I was merely referring to women being held to a higher standard to men (I also stated precisely in what context.)

I think I am not the only person who felt unwelcome in CFC. I know many others who attended the church for a year or more, and then left because of this reason. However, as there is no way to compare experiences from this standpoint, I will refrain from posting about this.

I wonder why I have to share with the elders at CFC. I have already stated my reasons clearly for why I am posting here.

Re: - posted by sugsalt, on: 2018/10/7 23:39

"Please do not accuse and provide a link to materials if you want to verify such statements. "

I did have links with me, but none of the files I was referring to is no longer available on the CFC website!! They have taken it down. I need to check my cellphone to see if I downloaded any of the files when I listened to them. But, that does not negate the fact that I listened to it in any case.

Re: Zac Poonen - posted by wijnand (), on: 2018/10/8 3:41

I myself have been greatly helped through his teachings, but am not agreeing with everything. I would suggest not to build upon a man, but upon Christ. You can learn from many preachers but all of them have mistakes and certain doctrinal issues or personal issues. What I see in the body of Christ that we sometimes (and I myself have done it many times) build on one man... "I follow Paul, I follow Apollos, I follow Paul Washer, I follow Zac Poonen, I follow Leonard Ravenhill".

At this moment I listen to many different preachers and I am being influenced by all of them. But if they fall or go wrong on certain issues, my faith is not shaken. That would be my suggestion.

About the points that you say:

- About women in porn being more sinful, I would love to read the entire article. I understand that you don't have it at the moment, but then I would ask brother Zac himself what he believes in that area. I never heard him say this.
- About being unwelcome. What do you mean by that? What was unwelcome?
- About supporting missionaries. I could imagine that they support missionaries as believers, but not as "CFC". Our own fellowship (not a CFC fellowship) is not supporting a missionary as an entire body, but many brothers/sisters are giving people that support the mission work in many ways including financially. So if you assume that they don't give because they don't have official missionaries, I would ask CFC what they think and how they support missions. Maybe you would be surprised ;-)

I hope this makes sense for you.

Re: Zac Poonen - posted by Theophila (), on: 2018/10/8 11:04

Dear Sister,

1] If Bro. Zac said something I didn't agree with, I would ask Bro. Zac about it. I hear he answers his mail, abundant as it probably is. Misogyny is a strong word with which to label a brother or a group of brethren. I haven't heard anything from him that even remotely sounds misogynous.

2 How do you mean 'unwelcoming'? No one smiled and/or greeted you at the door? Or after the service? Don't mean to grill you but I'm not sure what you mean by "unwelcoming".

3 Supporting missionary organizations isn't the only way to fulfill the great commission, you know. I don't see how that should be a problem. Again, I would ask them directly.

Warm greetings!

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2018/10/8 11:42

Great suggestions we will leave this thread with that EXCELLENT recommendation, for the sister to reach out to brother Zac himself or an email on the CFC website.

This thread is locked.