

## SermonIndex Announcements :: Community Rules

**Community Rules - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/3/5 14:48**

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**Re: Community Rules - posted by Wesleyan, on: 2003/6/14 13:51**

ok how do you post here - bc i think i am messing it up all over the place

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2003/6/14 19:15**

hehe its ok! Just login first, then find a message that you want to reply to and click on the 'reply' button on that message. and type your message and post.

there are lots of other features you can use when you post, experiment and try things out.

Nice to see you have joined in the community I hope are you are going to be blessed as much as I am. :-D

**Re: Community Rules - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/3/4 13:40**

From time to time it may be good to revisit this posting and read through the guidelines Greg has set up here.

Mike

**Re: Thankful - posted by Ruthiepoothie (), on: 2004/3/13 21:57**

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In His Faithful Grip,  
"ruthiepoothie"

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/3/14 0:54**

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Hi Ruthiepoothie, I am so thankful to God you found this site and also found deliverance in your heart. The Holy Spirit I believe is so active in peoples hearts that come to this site to hear the Words of the Lord. Thank you for sharing your testimony its a great encouragement to me sister. Your prayers are so coveted here is a sheet you can print out with prayer direction for this ministry: ([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id1069&forum16&3](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id1069&forum16&3)) Praying for SermonIndex.net in 2004

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/4/3 0:08**

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I am bringing this to the fore-front again. There is a very strict policy on this, there is no SPAM messages allowed on SermonIndex, and all of these posts will be deleted, and at the discretion of the administrator the account can be banned.

**Re: - posted by clairyongii (), on: 2004/8/24 14:26**

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**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/8/24 14:36**

Quote:

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Great to have you feel free to introduce yourself and tell us more about what you do etc here:  
(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewforum.php?forum13&806>) Welcome & Intro

**Re: Community Rules - posted by pureabrasive (), on: 2004/9/25 10:04**

What exactly is an AVATAR? I'm not too acquainted with computer lingo these days. Thank you.  
jason

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/9/25 10:46**

It's computer lingo for the little picture that you see next to our names.

**Re: - posted by jeremyhulsey (), on: 2004/9/25 10:48**

Quote:

-----What exactly is an AVATAR? I'm not too acquainted with computer lingo these days. Thank you.  
jason  
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First of all, welcome to SI jason. :-) I hope you find this site to be a blessing.

An avatar is computer language for the little tiny pictures that appear by the user names in the forums. You can upload y  
our own or you can choose one that Greg has provided while editing your profile.

In Christ,  
Jeremy Hulsey

**Re: Community Rules Revisited - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/11/24 8:29**

Copied this from another thread and wanted to draw attention to this aspect once again.

Quote:

-----Perhaps we could discuss this elsewhere? I have posted in the scripture and doctrine section.  
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Thanks for picking up on that Ron. At times there is a drift in topic headings as questions beget questions and branches  
of thought develop, which is fine to a point but often find us far removed from original intentions.

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A review from time to time is helpful in just some basic organizational aspects, especially for newer users.

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And of course there is always the (<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewforum.php?forum35&7286>) Lounge for "*the things that don't really fit in the other sections of the forum.* ;-)

**Re: Community Rules - posted by Didier (), on: 2004/11/25 2:14**

Thank you for posting these rules, it really helps, making things clear and precise. Besides I think it really honors the Lord to have respect for one another in this way.

**Re: Avatars - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2004/11/25 5:59**

Quote:

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Sorry Greg, but this is the first time I've actually read the rules here. I've just operated on the "can you say it to your Grandma", and "treat others as you want to be treated" principle.

One question though (and yes it is a serious one), is my avatar annoying?

(\*\*edit\*\* I just noticed that it doesn't blink anymore. Is it annoying, or was it too big?)

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/11/25 8:21**

Quote:

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hee hee well .. now what you mention it... :-P ok to answer your questions, I have it setup so that people cannot upload an avatar beyond the allowed restriction and size. I personally don't like your avatar due to the animation and kinda what it represents or gives the appearance of. I have refrained from taking it down but if you want to replace it there is a great selection of avatars in the user account page.

**Re: - posted by jeremyhulsey (), on: 2005/3/27 21:28**

Just bumping this to the top again. I figure it's good that I do this about once a month and it's been a month since the last time :-).

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**Re: Banning, on: 2005/3/27 23:01**

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Karl

**Re: - posted by jeremyhulsey (), on: 2005/3/27 23:09**

Quote:

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I don't even know myself, but it's very low.

I know it's something that we hate to do and it's only a last resort.

**Re: Community Rules, on: 2005/5/10 7:57**

ok just found the rules .... hehehehe i think ive been using to many smilie faces ... i will try to remember them :-)

**Re: Fear not - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/5/10 9:13**

Not to worry sister, think we would all prefer the smiles... 8-)

**Re: - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2005/5/10 10:16**

Quote:

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Healingwaters wrote:

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I only know of a couple of instances, personally. In the cases that I have been a participant in (through unofficially offering friendly warnings, regarding unwise behaviour), the people had been repeatedly warned, and had disregarded the warnings.

You might think that you have caused some controversy over some of your viewpoints, however I have always found you to be respectful and courteous. The cases that come to my mind have been arrogant, and malicious in nature. One such party still has a bee in his bonnet, believing that SI should be shut down, for "leading people away from the truth". Another made personal accusations directed toward Greg, in the forums (and they are still there, as a testimony to Greg's integrity).

Don't worry Karl, you're not the kind of guy who gets kicked, around here:-).

**Re: - posted by BigCleve (), on: 2005/5/19 14:55**

Listen, I am new to this site and I find it rather refreshing. I have some reservations about you the moderator banning slang. I am an inner city born and raised young man. I am also educated but your take on Christians using slang bothers me. I use it because it is a part of my culture and background. Just like plain English maybe yours. I am assuming since I don't know you but if I was a heady person I might be insulted by that rule. I don't think you should say, in my opinion (not that it is from God the Father) that Christians shouldn't use slang, some inner city Christians only know slang. Please if you feel I am incorrect about this let me know.

Matthew 5:10 :-o

BigCleveland

**Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2005/5/19 15:24**

Hey BigCleveland.

I'm glad to see you apart of SI (SermonIndex). Here is a tread to the question you are asking.  
[https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id=3864&forum=12#25833](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=3864&forum=12#25833)

**Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2005/6/15 17:06**

Hi Big Cleve...

I have a funny story about using slang.

My parents attend a really old-fashioned church in a rural southern community. However, I was raised in the city, and the change was rather drastic. One day, my pastor and his wife drove myself and another teen to youth camp. The trip lasted over 4 hours through the mountains, and I was sometimes impressed by the scenery. I would say words like, "Wow," "Awesome," and "Cool!" I had never heard anyone ever being *offended* by those words. But the pastors wife was listening, and didn't take very kindly to my language.

She told me that when she was a child, her parents and minister scolded her against ever using exclamatory words, telling her that they had the same meaning as curse words. "So," she said, "I have never used any words like that my entire life!"

And what did I say when she told me that?

"Wow!"

:-D

Of course, I think the point of the rule is that the moderators of this wonderful website are trying to protect it from any type of worldly influence by keeping the standards high. The same is true of any work, business, school or professional environment. To some people, slang English dialects (like ebonics, spanglish or even "southern hospitality") are viewed like just another modern form of English. But remember, many visitors to this site will have a difficult time understanding such "dialects."

And while some people may feel comfortable speaking slang, a lot of people will not understand it. Besides, most people who speak slang can also speak in at least semi-proper English.

The moderators and administrators are not trying to restrict personal freedom, but to allow an even greater freedom of understanding to those who visit the site.

Anyway, I hope this helps clear things up just a bit.

**Re: - posted by ravin, on: 2005/6/15 17:26**

yes we all travel on the same road. It's nice to have a center line for those moving in the other direction. Some countries drive on the left some on the right. I believe its good to know the rules.  
ccchhhrrriiisss that was a good one. 8-) "WOW!"

**Re: - posted by jeremyhulsey (), on: 2005/10/7 23:37**

I've let this slip over the last few months. I have been trying to bump this to the top for all to read about once a month. It's a good idea to keep these in mind while interacting in the forum community.

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**So that this topic does not become any more cluttered than it already has I'm going to lock it.**



**Re: Community Rules ~ A Revisit - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/12/3 13:48**

Every once in awhile it is a good thing to bring this back up again.

Please, do check out the search function here. Many topics have posts started that would be easier to follow if a thread was continued, rather than a new one posted. For instance, Christmas, instead of 4 or 5 different topics relating to it, try and reply within the same topic, even if it takes a different aspect, these threads are know to do that without any effort anyway and there is nothing wrong it (To a point). There are of course times where the need is warranted and there is a great freedom here, just a helpful reminder to help benefit everyone.

One more helpful bit. When replying, try and take note of the subject line, even if it is to just cut and paste the one prior to it, something that relates to the thread itself. Otherwise what you will get as the threads continue is a series of "Re:"s and as you search the archives it is much easier to see something related topically, think this was expressed here in this thread somewhere along the line.

Thanks for your consideration.