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Todd Friel's Response To Bullhorn - posted by RevKerrigan (), on: 2006/10/19 12:26

I figured that this would be on this message board, by now, but I couldn't find it anywhere. Forgive me if it is already on the mb somewhere. As may of you know, Rob Bell from the emergent "church" movement made a video called "Bullhorn." You can watch the full version (<http://www.pinpointevangelism.com/Bullhorn.htm>) here. Well, Todd Friel from Way of the Master Radio has responded with a video of his own. I believe it was very well done. Take a look at it for yourself: http://interface.audiovideoweb.com/lnk/il80win10116/WOTMR/friel_bullhorn_response.wmv/play.aspx God Bless...

Re: Todd Friel's Response To Bullhorn - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2006/10/19 12:46

i liked that :)

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2006/10/19 12:50

This was very good. Now if we could only get it into all the churches that have used "bullhorn guy" to make fun.

Re: Todd Friel's Response To Bullhorn - posted by MSeaman (), on: 2006/10/19 13:16

Thanks I've wanted to see it.

Re: Todd Friel's Response To Bullhorn, on: 2006/10/19 14:13

Thanks for sharing. It was interesting to see both videos one after the other (of course I watched Todd's first. :-)). It is interesting how humanism (focus on self and what feels good) is threaded all throughout the "Bullhorn" video!

Re: - posted by PTywama3 (), on: 2006/10/19 14:26

It's also threaded in Friel's reply. "We don't want them to go to hell."

Paris Reidhead (Ten Shekels...)

Until we find it something like this;

"Accept Jesus so you can go to Heaven, you don't want to go to that old, filthy, nasty, burning hell when there's a beautiful Heaven up there. Now come to Jesus so that you can go to Heaven."

And the appeal could be as much to selfishness as a couple of men sitting in a coffee shop deciding they are going to rob a bank to get something for nothing.

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And so it had gotten down to the place where salvation was nothing more than an assent to a scheme or a formula. And the end of this salvation was the happiness of man because humanism has penetrated. And so if you were to analyze the fundamentalism in contrast to liberalism of a hundred years ago, as it developed, it'd be like this:

The liberal says the end of religion is to make man happy while he's alive.

And the fundamentalist says the end of religion is to make man happy when he dies.

Let us be careful in examining something we agree with.

As a side note, I don't think either one is entirely keen (well-versed) on the other's perspective. There's a lot more to it than that, but I don't really wanna open that can of worms on this thread.

Re:, on: 2006/10/20 10:46

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Jesus said we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. How can we love them and care about them without being concerned for their eternal salvation. I love God, I also love my neighbor and don't want them to go to hell. Does that make me a humanist in the negative fashion that you have portrayed?

In Christ - Jim

PS - Rob Bell doesn't really believe that God is just enough to send people to hell, if that helps clear up his perspective.

Re: - posted by GraceAlone (), on: 2006/10/20 11:54

This is what needs to be balanced. It's good to pity and have compassion on sinners on their way to hell. It's also good to desire to see God get the glory he deserves. God deserves for these people to worship him. When we go out evangelizing, (#1) we need to remember that Jesus was moved with compassion for the lost and (#2) that God deserves their worship and they don't deserve to worship God.

Simple. Without a heart for the lost you can be sure that you're lost. It should motivate us to go and preach. If you saw your mother being burned you'd want to help her. Out of compassion the ones we care about hear the gospel (usually) first from us. We want to see them spared and changed as we've been.

Somebody can be scared to death about hell and not be saved. It's in us to thank God for sparing us from our destruction we deserve. Similarly, we would thank Him for saving our families and children. Not only because of hell... but because we want to see them putting God first and giving Him glory. God will be glorified either by them going to heaven or hell but we want to see lots there with us in heaven. Still never let us come to think that they should look for God only to escape his wrath, but to glorify Him.

If sinners could choose to either (A.) go to heaven with God or (B.) be obliterated... they'd choose (B.) They'd desire to be apart from God and that's what we want to see change. They should choose God over ALL things! That's what we desire to see God uplifted in all hearts as in ours. We have compassion for them and what they will face... but we also want to see God exalted in their hearts.

The worst attitude we can have is to not preach the gospel because they don't deserve to be saved. God is merciful and compassionate! Be that way also.

Re: - posted by BeYeDoers (), on: 2006/10/20 11:55

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Umm...we don't, right? What he says should be true for all Christians. That should be a motivation for us, but not the ULTIMATE motivation. Jesus looked upon the crowds and "had compassion for them". Jesus was not a humanist, but He clearly cared. It was A motivation for him to feed and heal, but not THE motivation, which was clearly the glory of the Father.

Now, I will admit that when I hear much of Todd and Ray Comfort, I initially thought what you did...if concern for them is primary motivation, as Reidhead says, it is humanism. But as I listen to Todd and Ray more (and I listen to them quite a bit), I can see that their ultimate motivation is the glory of God. If you can still find it, watch the TBN "Praise the Lord" with Todd Friel and Paul Washer. I think Friel explains *obeying* as the primary reason to witness. Ray was also friends with Leonard Ravenhill and I think knew Reidhead (two extremely non-humanists), and no doubt was influenced by them.

Either way, Rob Bell is way off in this video and most everything else he says. We need to pray for him and all of our brethren who are influenced by him and McLaren.

Many thanks to God for men like Todd Friel who stand up to this nonsense!

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Re: - posted by PTywama3 (), on: 2006/10/20 12:29

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I don't think we can even see in Bell's stance a desire for not seeing people come to know God.

He was up against the "unreasonable" bullhorn guy.

Tim Friel goes with the method of saving a man when his backside is about to be singed... scare him and tell him how h e should seek to fix it (3:45 in the video - Dr. Reason and his trembling patient.) Its an appeal to a base nature "For the Glory of God." Wrong? I don't know. Is it wrong to eat with plebians, or to talk to an individual without threatening their salvation?

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I am reminded again that my salvation should be in question by other men. I think I'm just gonna give up for a while.

Re:, on: 2006/10/20 13:35

PTywama3,

I appreciate your thoughts. But may I ask how you do believe we should witness and share the Gospel? Ray Comfort and Todd Friel have not been the only ones to use the Law and give the bad news to the sinner. There have been many other great preachers that have given a message that wasn't too pleasant to the hearts of the hearers, but it brought conviction of sin! Just as long as the bad news is also followed by the good news. :-) I think a balance is very important here. There have been some good posts on this that I really appreciated.

It is not humanism to weep over the lost because they are going to hell. John Hyde of India (known as Praying Hyde) was known as the man with tears in his eyes. He had such compassion for the lost that that is how the natives knew him.

The front article in the latest Old Path's issue is on weeping, here is an excerpt,

Quote:

-----"...Why should we not weep to behold the mouths of the grave and of hell preparing to open and to engulf so many.....But, alas! Exclusion from heaven implies incarceration in hell, 'the fire that never shall be quenched, -the worm that never dieth, -the weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth in outer darkness; -and the horrors of everlasting punishment, eternal damnation, the fire prepared for the devil and his angels." Did Christ over sinners weep, and shall our cheeks be dry? Let floods of penitential grief burst forth from every eye. The Son of God in tears. The wondering angels see; be thou astonished, Oh, my soul, , He shed those tears for thee! He wept that we might weep; each sin demands a tear in heaven; in heaven alone no sin is found, and there' no weeping there..." James Caughey

I recommend reading this in it's context.

I think God allows us to have brief glimpses of the horrors of hell that we might be stirred to share with our fellow man the glorious truth of the Gospel! No, that isn't the sole purpose of witnessing, but it should affect our attitude. If we can't weep for the lost and see them as dying people, than our hearts are hard, and we are probably more focused on ourselves

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It is for the glory of God that we weep over the lost.

There is a balance that we must strive to maintain.

In Luke 16:19-31, Jesus gave a story of a rich man and Lazarus. One thing that I see everytime I read this, is the rich man's passion to let his brothers know the truth. Here is a man, burning in hell, in agony, and he's thinking about those he left behind. True, his main motive may have been that his brothers might not suffer the torments of hell. But should not this give us a picture of how horrible this place is!!! Does God desire to see man, who He has created, to go to this place of misery? No! God didn't create man for hell, He created man to bring glory to Him! And what is more glorious than my eyes being opened and seeing that I am a wretched sinner, fully deserving of hell, but God provided atonement for me through His Son Jesus Christ! And to see that and accept it and fully surrender my life to Christ, that is bringing glory to His Name!

This has become rather lengthy! Sorry. :-) But I pray that God blesses you, my brother, with more and more of a vision of Christ and His compassion for the lost. I pray God will use your life to bring many to the cross of Christ, so that the Lamb that was slain may receive the full reward of His suffering!

Alleluia! Isn't God good?!!!

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Like Jesus? :-) Ray clearly states in "Hell's Best Kept Secret" that preaching hell to scare people into heaven is just as wrong as preaching heaven or life enhancement to lure them in. That is why we must use the law. The law leaves us guilty before a holy God, so our prime reason for repentance isn't to escape hell or to gain heaven. It's to be declared right in God's eyes that He receives the glory. Hell helps us see the sinfulness of sin so that we escape the crime primarily and the punishment secondarily.

Re: - posted by dantejones (), on: 2006/10/20 17:42

I don't think either one of these guys completely sees what the others are saying, but man, if Rob Bell has a reverence for Scripture, he's sure on a slippery slope.

Jesus did quite a lot of things, and perhaps the best scripture anyone can quote for this argument is John 21, where the writer (Clement quoting John, maybe, I don't want to get into semantics!) affirms that Jesus did many other things not written in his version of the gospel, but if all written down could not be contained in the space of the world. Love, sin, peace and hope beyond understanding, repentance, obedience, are all there! Why should we not do our best to include everything in our evangelism and our lives (and thus also in movies we make for the public)?

I understand that Rob Bell made this film because he doesn't like the Bullhorn guy, so I'm probably not hearing his whole theology, but I can almost hear him say that there isn't a hell, that evangelism should cater to the emotional needs of people before God's Glory, that people are inherently good.

If he still does hold to the Biblical doctrines (let me paraphrase - the faithfully handed-down witness of Christ's ministry, glorification, and work from Galilee to the end of time), then he must believe that the few (by his own admission) who actually do get up on a soapbox can do more harm to the Body than the millions and millions of Christians who look just like the Billions of the rest of the unsaved, unenlightened world. I just can't believe that, I just can't - however I have seen examples of soapbox preachers who are like the guy he's talking about, even worse, so it's not like he doesn't have a point!

The best thing we can do is to pray that the Lord enlighten us as to His will for us, including Bell and McClaren's Emergent Church, so that we may please Him. I've heard some good things about this group, but some of the things he said in that video lead me to think he's on the edge of heresy, so I think we should all pray. :-)

Re: Todd Friel's Response To Bullhorn - posted by davidt, on: 2006/10/21 5:24

"the world hates me because I testify against it that its works are evil." John 7:7

"I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled!" Luke 12:49

That guy is a good example of generational Christianity. I have one friend who was brought up in a Christian home, and school, and everything his whole life and that is all he knows and it is engrained tradition just like the Catholics. It is false philosophy and the only way to counteract such a grand scale of heresy is revival.

Re: Todd Friel's Response To Bullhorn - posted by Smokey (), on: 2006/10/21 11:48

Howdy all:

In all the postings that I have seen on this topic over the last couple of years, all that seems to be coming through is the posters view on "how it should be done", based on their preconceived worldly ideals.

Where is the authority of Holy Spirit to "individually" guide the speaker, surely there must be more than one way to present the gospel. Holy Spirit will use whatever means are needed to reach the heart of the lost.

It is also true that a great number of speakers, street preachers, and pulpit preachers, are "NOT" preaching through the power of Holy Spirit, for Gods glory, but rather for some other reason.

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Blessings Greg

Re: Todd Friel's Response To Bullhorn - posted by letsgetbusy (), on: 2006/10/23 10:44

That video hit the spot!

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I think it is a matter more of which "Christ" is being preached.

This is the statement of beliefs of Mars Hill Bible Church that Rob Bell pastors...

Mars Hill is devoted to joining the God of the oppressed in the restoration of all creation.

We believe the Bible to be the voices of many who have come before us, inspired by God to continue to speak to us today. God calls us to immerse ourselves in this authoritative narrative and to continue to faithfully live out that story today as we are led by the Spirit.

God, the author of all things good, created humans in his image to live in fellowship with him, others, our inner self, and creation. God is in a communal relationship with himself and his creation and he created us to be relational as well. Sin entered the world and our relationships with God, others, ourselves, and creation were broken and distorted.

We believe that God did not abandon his creation to destruction and decay, rather he promised to restore this broken world. God chose a people to represent Him in the world. This people started with Abraham and his descendants. God promised to make them into a mighty nation. In time they became enslaved in Egypt. They cried out to God because of their oppression and God heard their cry. He brought them out with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. He brought them to Sinai where he gave them an identity as his treasured possession, a Kingdom of priests, a holy people. The story continues, revealing God's refusal to give up on his people through their frequent acts of unfaithfulness to him.

God brought his people into the Promised Land. They were blessed to be a blessing and called to put God on display to the nations. They made movement toward this missional calling, yet they disobeyed and allowed foreign gods into the land. In Israel's disobedience they became indifferent and in turn irrelevant to the purposes God had called them to. They were sent into exile, yet a remnant looks ahead with longing and hope to a new reign like David's where peace and justice would prevail.

We believe these longings found their fulfillment in Messiah Jesus, born of a virgin, mysteriously God in the flesh. Jesus came to preach good news to the poor, to bind up the broken hearted and set captives free. He lived a perfect life proclaiming the arrival of the Kingdom. He was rejected by many, crucified, buried, and rose again. His death and resurrection bring hope to all creation. Through Jesus we have been forgiven and God is reconciling us to himself, each other, ourselves, and creation. Jesus is the only mediator between God and humans. For all who accept his sacrifice he gives the Holy Spirit who leads us into all truth through a communal life of worship and a missional expression of our faith. The church is called to put the resurrected Christ who lives in and through us on display to a broken and hurting world.

We believe the day is coming when Jesus will return and reclaim this world, the earth's groaning will cease and God will dwell with us on a new and restored creation.

Perhaps, I am mistaken, but it just doesn't sound right to me. but maybe it is just the words used...

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