

**Revivals And Church History :: Kenneth Hagin and the Laughing Revival.****Kenneth Hagin and the Laughing Revival. - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/5/8 17:56**

One of the most disturbing videos I have ever seen in researching and looking into Charismatic excesses on the web was this of Kenneth Hagin. I really don't ever care to watch it again, it would break my heart. It's literally the demonic laughing at the state of lukewarm Christians who are under the influence and control of the devil and can't even hear the voice of the Holy Spirit to lead them out of the darkness of the fellowship they are in.

Kenneth Hagin was a teacher in the popular Word Faith movement and has had a great influence in many modern movements of Christianity.

(<http://www.bible.ca/tongues-hagan-drunks-fall-down.ram>) KENNETH HAGIN SHOWS HOW TO FALL DOWN (RealVideo 7:00 stream - Bible.ca)

Please realize this is serious, it's not a laughing matter we should be weeping at the state of the Church, I don't know what a true prophet like A.W. Tozer would do? I really don't! Why aren't people standing up jealously for the truth Lord?

Re: Kenneth Hagin and the Laughing Revival. - posted by earnestlycontend (), on: 2004/5/8 21:47

I saw a video that was put out by PawCreek Ministries (Bro. Joseph Chambers). It was about Kenneth Hagin's ministry also. It was very disturbing.

Re: Laughing Revival - posted by Rahman, on: 2004/5/10 17:38

Ok, now this really put tears in my eyes! ... I couldn't watch all of it, it just increases my sense of impending doom ...

"He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not. (Isa.66: 3,4) ...

Lord God your long silence on the blatant wickedness of the unsaved, and the foolish folly of your modern Church both offering up to you strange fire, and carrying your glory upon our cart of convenience fills me with dread of your wrath ... Revive us oh God, once more to your glory, by any means necessary ... Amen

Re: - posted by JKail (), on: 2004/5/10 19:31

This video is just sickening....I don't know what else to say. That stuff is going on in the name of Christ....what an abomination! The church is called to defend the faith and its high time we start taking that seriously. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we need to wake up!!!

-Jake Kail

Re:, on: 2004/7/4 15:00

I would like to pose a challenge to you who have posted in this forum, or anywhere for that matter, who have bashed Kenneth Hagin. The man was a true follower of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There are many people today, who want to laugh at him, and Christians like me, because we speak in Tongues, and because we study our Bibles and KNOW that we can speak on behalf of Jesus Christ, and that we are Sons of God, and heirs according to the promise. The comments you have all made about the Late Rev. Hagin, remind me of a story in the Bible when Jesus was laughed and scorned, and was told that He casts out demons, in the name of Satan. You might wish to look that one up, also you might wish to study your Bible a bit more, pray to the Lord to help you realize what the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is. I am not attacking any of you, I have love, and compassion for you. Since you took the time to post on here what you did not like about Hagin's teachings, then it's obvious that there is a huge part of you, which wants to serve God to the fullest. That's very admirable, so I'd just suggest instead of bashing what Hagin teaches, seeing as how it is what Jesus himself taught, go to the Lord in prayer, and ask for a Revelation of his Mighty Word. Remember, there is Mercy, and there is nothing but Love

e for everyone. And also remember, it is written that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him. I have read alot of Hagin's books, and my Pastor was a graduate of Rhema Bible College. The Word of Faith movement, as it has been called, might as well just be called, The Word of God movement, because thats all these men have done. They have taken God's Holy Word, and decided to live by every single letter of it, not by what they wish to live by. All Christians everywhere need to be Baptised in the Holy Spirit, speak in other Tongues, then will they know the full truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So again I say, I'm glad to see so many of you here posting in this forum, and the passion with which you posted. But a passion that makes fun of anyone, is a passion given to you by Satan himself. You need to rebuke him in your life, and allow him no control over your tongues any longer.

God be with you all,
Mitch Miller

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/4 15:29

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-----I would like to pose a challenge to you who have posted in this forum, or anywhere for that matter, who have bashed Kenneth Hagin.

I or anyone else haven't bashed or 'made fun' of this man. I am seriously concerned about the fruit and this man's life and would say its not according to godliness. God is the judge of all men's hearts but the scriptures are very plain in stating that we who are truly of the body of Christ may judge, discern amongst ourselves and expose false teachings that don't align with the 'true gospel of Jesus Christ'. The distinction that you bring about that 'you are baptized in the Holy Spirit' and 'speak in tongues' so therefore everything that brother Hagin teaches is correct because they have that extra revelation and walk in God that most of us don't? that is wrong and truly gives a bad name to the deeper Christian life and of walking and having our movement as Christians in the spirit. Everything must be aligned to the Word of God! the holy Scriptures given to us.

If the 'baptism of the Holy Spirit' equals what I see in the video truly I don't want it. My spirit in me doesn't bear witness with the excesses that are happening and I weep over the way that Christ's spirit is maligned. I am being straight forward with you brother, I as a Christian and a true follower of Christ do **not** agree with the manifestations and teachings that accompanied Kenneth Hagin's ministry, and therefore do not have them up on this website. I am not saying that Kenneth Hagin could not be Christian or even yourself for that matter, but I do have the liberty to say what the spirit of truth leads to into and what it bears witness with and not.

God has led me in this ministry to clearly show truth rather than naming and exposing darkness by showing darkness. In most cases I have simply been led to offer materials on this website that show the light of God and by listening and reading these resources people have realized what darkness is and have had a hunger for the pure truth of God, 'the truth that is in Jesus'. Don't ever be deceived there will be **many** gospels, **many** spirits, **many** teachings, but there **is only ONE** gospel, ONE spirit, and ONE teaching that is true and comes from above. That's what God reveals and shows through the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures.

Re:, on: 2004/7/4 16:42

Yes Sir you are correct, there is ONE Gospel. And there is nothing that Brother Hagin has ever said, that does not line up with the Word of God. Every writer of the New Testament was Baptized in the Holy Spirit. They had received it, when people were saved in the Book of Acts, Paul showed up and prayed for them that they 'might receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost' This surely shows us that it is something we can receive after Baptism. However, I have figured a little something out, I have found this website is based I believe, on Baptist 'Doctrine'. That can easily explain, why Brother Hagin isn't liked so much by people who like to post here. I was originally a Baptist, however after hearing over and over again that Tongues was not for us, and then reading in the Bible how EVERY Christian is to speak in Tongues, and then also having the Baptists say that Healing isn't for everyone, yet The Bible says that By his stripes ye WERE healed. Not might be, not could be, but its already done. And for that fact, after I myself have felt God move in mighty ways in my life, I have realized that EVERY single Word of the Bible is fact. If you chose to doubt teachings of Brother Hagin, or any other so called 'Faith' man. Then that is your own choice, but as God himself has said, 'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge' Jesus Christ, has delegated his name to us, we can cast out demons, we can heal the sick, we can speak in a Heavenly language which talks directly to God the Father. I would like to know what exactly it is, you think Hagin has taught, that

does not lign up with God's Holy Word. I can assure you, if you'd take the time to stop, ask the Holy Spirit to lead you through the Scriptures, you would find a new Reveleation of Jesus Christ.

I will keep you in my prayers,
Mitch Miller

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/4 17:42

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-----Yes Sir you are correct, there is ONE Gospel. And there is nothing that Brother Hagin has ever said, that does not line up with the Word of God.

I would fully disagree with that statement. Kenneth Hagin taught false doctrines. Here is a few quotations from a book called "Charismatic Choas" on Hagin, I don't fully agree with all the presuppositions of the book but I do think he clearly states alot of these doctrines:

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- As the name "Word-Faith" implies, this movement teaches that faith is a matter of what we say more that whom we trust or what truths we embrace and affirm in our hearts. A favorite term in the Word-Faith movement is "positive confession." It refers to the Word-Faith teaching that words have creative power. What you say, Word-Faith teachers claim, determines everything that happens to you. Your "confessions," that is, the things you say -- especially the favors you demand of God -- must all be stated positively and without wavering. Then God is required to answer (Charismatic Chaos, p. 281). Word-Faith believers view their positive confessions as an incantation by which they can conjure up anything they desire: "Believe it in your heart; say it with your mouth. That is the principle of faith. You can have what you say" (Charismatic Chaos, p. 285).

- Word-Faith is the fastest-growing movement within the professing church. It has involved two distinct but closely related factions: the Peale/Schuller-Positive/Possibility thinkers, with their roots in New Thought, and the Hagin/Copeland Positive Confession and Word-Faith groups, which have their roots in E.W. Kenyon, William Branham, and the Manifest Sons of God/Latter Rain Movement. In Hagin's book, Having Faith in Your Faith, he teaches that anyone can develop universal "laws of faith" to get what he wants. Hagin teaches that for a pastor or anyone to drive a Chevrolet instead of a luxury car isn't "being humble, that's being ignorant" of God's "law of prosperity" that works for "whoever you are," saint or sinner. "Having faith in your faith" is a far cry from what Jesus taught: "Have faith in God." Hagin claims Jesus told him, "If anybody, anywhere, will ... put these principles into operation, he will always have whatever he wants from Me or God the Father" (Charismatic Chaos, p. 281).

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Quote:
-----Every writer of the New Testament was Baptized in the Holy Spirit.

There is a very vast confusion over this doctrine in the current Christianity of our age. When most Christians hear about the 'baptism of the Holy Spirit' they cringe because they associate it with all kinds of excesses and Spiritual chaos. There is a life of absolute surrender where God takes control of your life filling you in every place with the indwelling Holy Spirit. It is a life that will beget spiritual fruit of gentleness, love, hope, etc and also the Spirit will lead you into all truth.

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Sadly brother you have missed the mark greatly here. This website ministry is "Christian" and cannot be labeled with a restricted label of 'baptist' or 'presbyterian'. This site consists of preachers from all denominations and sects but the commonality is that they were men that had the spirit of God and **have** a love for the truth.

Re: Quite A Stir - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2004/7/4 18:15

I think in this particular subject, it would be good for us not to throw the baby out with the bath water.

I have't seen the video but I wonder what the church in Corinth must have been like. The reason I say that is that the NewTest is very silent on what actually transpired in the Church during there meetings. How people responded to the moving of the Holy Spirit on/in and around them. There could have been absolute mayhem, who knows.

On the other hand the focus of any meeting anywhere in the Church is to glorify Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is in the Church to reveal him. My concern is when what he does becomes the reason for being there, and not to meet the Lord. It is like the children have given the wine of the Spirit and concentrated more on the gift than the one who gave it.

Middle road?

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/4 18:27

Quote:

-----Middle road?

Hi and welcome to the site. 'middle road?' thats a dangerous road forsure I tend with many saints of the past to stay with in the realm of scripture, revealed truth given us from heaven. I really don't see how the church of corinth could be compared to the scene shown in this video. Just think about it **LAUGHING** I just don't see it. And animal noises? come on Christians this is NOT God! To put Christians in the place of having to either agree fully with the things happening in Christian circles calling it a 'moving of the spirit' is not fair. I fully believe in the fulness of Gods spirit in the Christian life, the gifts of the Spirit and the amazing miricales that can result. And also the depths of Christ-like character that we can attain to and also depth of spiritual knoweldge the spirit can lead us to. But me disagreeing with certain circles of Christian experience does not nullify the truth of God and my possible attaining to this deeper Christian Life. I am rather pointing people into the best ways.. and leading them away from anything that is questionable and dilluted.

Re: - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2004/7/4 19:01

Thanks for the welcome, nothing like jumping straight into a fire.

Like I said I have not seen the video, so granted saying anything about it would be putting my neck on the block. What I mean by middle road is not the one of compromise but the one of application of scriptural truths. eg LawvsGrace

sermonindex wrote:

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What are the boundary lines then? What are your 'realms of scripture' when it comes to the manifestation on the spirit? I know I am digressing from the content of the video, but lets use it to find the truth about what is of the Lord or not. I may be missinformed but didn't John Wesley have strange things happen in his meetings.

Quote:

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Is that something that you've seen in the word or your own personal 'seeing'.

And Amen to everything else you said, I enjoy your stuff. :-)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/4 19:24

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hehe yea I really dont enjoy talking and going into these things primarily I love just talking about scripture and about the deep things of God. :-)

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Thats a great point yes in Church history many bizare things have happened but they are all in within boundaries setup in the scriptures. Here is a great excerpt from the text transcript of the message:

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid282>) Ten Shekels and a Shirt by Paris Reidhead (*I really encourage you to listen to this message).

"This is the difference between twentieth century preaching and the preaching of John Wesley. Wesley was a preacher of righteousness that exalted the holiness of God. When he would stand there with the two to three hour sermons that he was accustomed to deliver in the open air and he would exalt the holiness of God, and the law of God, and the righteousness of God, and the justice of God, and the wisdom of His requirements! AND THE JUSTICE OF HIS WRATH AND HIS ANGER! Then he would turn to sinners and tell them of the enormity of their crimes and their open rebellion and their treason, and their anarchy, and THE POWER OF GOD WOULD SO DESCEND UPON THE COMPANY, that on one occasion it is reliably reported that when the people dispersed there were 1800 people LYING ON THE GROUND, UTTERLY UNCONSCIOUS! Because they had a revelation of the holiness of God and in the light of that they'd seen the enormity of their sins and God had so penetrated their minds and hearts that they had FALLEN TO THE GROUND!

It wasn't only in Wesley's day. It was also in America, New Haven, Connecticut, Yale. A man by the name of John Wesley Redfield had continuous ministry for three years in and around New Haven. Culminating in the great meetings in the Yale Ball, the first of the Yale Balls' back in the 18th century. The policemen were accustomed during those days, if they saw someone lying on the ground, to go up and smell his breath. Because if he had alcohol on his breath they'd lock him up, but if he didn't, he had Redfield's disease. And all you needed to do if anyone had Redfield's disease was just take him into a quiet place and leave him until he came too. Because if they were drunkards, they'd stop drinking, and if they were cruel, they'd stop being cruel, and if they were immoral, they gave up their immorality. If they were thieves, they returned what they had. For as they had seen the holiness of God, and seen the enormity of their sin, the Spirit of God had DRIVEN THEM DOWN INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS because of the weight of their guilt! And somehow in the overspreading of the power of God, sinners repented of their sin and came savingly to Christ."

from the text transcript of Ten shekels and a shirt by Paris Reidhead.

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id585&forum34&1) Full Transcript

I was also reading in some of the letters on Revival that Charles G. Finney wrote to many ministers and one touches on the subject of the occurrence of people falling down in His meetings. And he draws a very clear line between a falling down over anguish of sin and revelation of God, over the more dubious kind of fanatical excitement that would render the body in a spasmodic enthusiasm.

"I have by no means done with the subject of excitement as connected with revivals of religion. In every age of the church, cases have occurred in which persons have had such clear manifestations of divine truth as to prostrate their physical strength entirely. This appears to have been the case with Daniel. He fainted and was unable to stand. Saul of Tarsus seems to have been overwhelmed and prostrated under the blaze of divine glory that surrounded him. I have met with many cases where the physical powers were entirely prostrated by a clear apprehension of the infinitely great and weighty truths of religion." - from finney's letter.

He also draws a very clear distinction between the use of the mind during these occurrences and persists that the intelligent thought patterns should be unhindered during these manifestations but as he would say even:

"But the excitement produced when the Holy Ghost reveals God to the soul is totally different from this. It is not only consistent with the clearest and most enlarged perceptions of the intelligence, but directly promotes and produces such perceptions. Indeed it promotes the free and unembarrassed action of both the intelligence and the will." - from Finney's letter

Please take the time to read this letter:

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/articles/index.php?viewarticle&aid3772>) LETTERS ON REVIVALS--No. 8

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There are many other examples from Church History that if looking at in the right light you would realize there is a drastic difference better much of the phenomena going on in Christian circles in our day. Well I am sure the same things were happened in the past but they were quickly identified for what they were, they weren't labeled, doctrinized and approved and promoted as many dubious characters are doing in our day.

Re: - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2004/7/4 19:39

Maybe to some it up, I think that Art Katz' Spirit of truth sums a lot of what I feel, where he questions the phenomenon, but it does give room for the fact that people, in his grace may have been touched etc.

People are so desperate to have some 'touch' from God that sometimes drinking from muddy springs is the only thing open to thirsty people.

The hope that we have is that He is building his Church and everything that can be shaken will most definitely be shaken. Mr Hagin will stand before God and if he was right or wrong he will have to give an account.

About Wesley and co, God how we need it so people can get properly saved.

Zeke :-)

Re:, on: 2004/7/4 20:44

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First off I'd like to ask, instead of telling me what some author wrote into a book, why not show me actual Scripture where God has said that what Brother Hagin has taught is false. We know that the Bible was written by Men, through the unct ion of the Holy Spirit, we know that all the writers spoke in Tongues. We know Paul himself said he was grateful he spoke in Tongues more than those in Corinth, who we also know were doing it out of the Perfect Will of God. So there is no way to contest, that Speaking in Tongues is for Christians yesterday, and today.

As for what some of this book you quoted from said, If we do not believe that 'We will have what we say' Then we are calling God a liar..and we know that It is impossible for God to lie.

I'll not spend a lot of time pushing this subject on you Sir, I understand what it's like to want to twist certain scriptures for your own good. I will however keep you in my prayers, and ask my Father in Heaven to reveal his Mighty Word to you.

Thank you for the Godly debate, I really enjoy it. I would like however, to talk Scripture, let's not worry about what Hagin says, or what any other teacher says. Let's worry about what our God Above has said in his Holy Written Word.

So let me end asking you this question, and I mean no offense, just want to know where you stand. Do you believe that God's Word, the Bible we have today, such as KJV, or some of the Newer Translations, are completely accurate, do you think that every single Word of it, is correct, and divinely written?

Sorry if any of what I've said seems harsh to you Brother, I don't mean it to be, I have never been one to debate much, but I have a Passion for Christ that will always get me to stand up for his Word.

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Thank you for your time,
Mitch Miller

Re: Kenneth Hagin and the Laughing Revival. - posted by Cherjcd, on: 2004/7/4 21:24

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Hi,

My first time here. I would like to add that it is important what Kenneth Hagin said or other teachers. We are required by scripture to test all things and we are also warned that there will be false teachers who will draw disciples after themself es.

I am not adverse to the practice of spiritual gifts. In fact I go to a Pentecostal church and I have experienced the baptis m of the Spirit so I understand the other side of the story. However when one goes into the spiritual gifts, one must neve r forget that there are going to be counterfeits of the gifts as well as false teachers. To ignore that is to ignore scripture a nd ignore the many warnings.

Our ministry has produced an excellent video documenting all the signs to watch for in false teachers. These areas to w atch fit the false teachings of the cults (Mormon, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, etc) as well as teachings from those who are in the Faith Movement or the Latter Reign Movement. The video is called Christian Counterfeiters. I hav e just put the first part of the video on line at (http://mmoutreach.org/aberrant/cc_video.htm) http://mmoutreach.org/aberrant/cc_video.htm

The video is well documented and delves into major teachings such as who do they teach Jesus is, what do they think of the Bible, etc.

I would recommend any one that is seriously wanting to understand where false teachers deviate from God's word to ha ve a look at the video and pull out the Bible and check these teachers out.

This spring we just finished production of our latest video called Dilemma over Demons. It is an expose of the current te aching sweeping through the church that Christians can be demon possessed. We document point by point the false te achings of this movement from such teachers as Bob Larson including clips from his videos. We then compare each tea ching to the Bible. I have a short clip of the Dilemma Over Demons video at (<http://mmoutreach.org/video/dod.htm>) <http://mmoutreach.org/video/dod.htm> Scroll down to the bottom to pick either Re al Player or Windows Media Player or view the clip. Or you may order either video or DVD on our PayPal ordering page s at (<http://mmoutreach.org/order/video.htm>) <http://mmoutreach.org/order/video.htm>

I hope this helps!

Cheryl

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I am not bending the Word of God to my own good. I desire so strongly for the truth of God to be manifest in my life and I am not willing to settle for compromises of that full revelation of God. The Lord is our teacher and the Holy Spirit will per sonally guide us into all truth.

1 John 2:27 - But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

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My personal preference for english translations in the King James Version 1611. There are small varations in most greek and hebrew manuscripts but I would say that the best manuscripts were used in the KJV bible translation. Many argue that the newer manuscripts found that they use for the new translations are more accurate. As for the words yes I believe the original languages were divinely inspired and written and that the bibles we have, have that inspiration but I would refrain from every single letter.. there are mistakes or not clear translations of original words but we can have faith in the KJV and other bibles as the Word of God.

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Personally I have not felt led to look into his writings and especially to look into them just to prove the fallacies in his doctrine. I will try and take a look at some writings and get you more detailed ways that Kenneth Hagin taught false doctrines . Yes I do hope this can be a godly discussion with the intent for both of us and others to get closer to God and understand more about his servants and His word.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/4 21:59

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Thank you sister Cheryl to share your heart and testimony about this topic. Also you have shared your resource in a tasteful manner I suggest everyone watches this free video clip from that site: (http://mmoutreach.org/video/cc_1.ram) Watch part 1: Look to the Leader - This video looks at the leaders of movements that have varied from the scriptures: Jehovah Witnesses, Mormons, Christian Science, Seventh Day Adventist Church, The Worldwide Church of God, and then goes into movements such as: Word Faith. *(I would note the way the video approaches and teaches on the problem of this subject is not done perfectly or to my taste, but I think its worth watching).

EDIT: After watching the entire 30 minute video I would say its not very conclusive and it even misquotes some of the Word Faith preachers, who do teach falsities but I am sure they could have been abit more careful in how they choose the quotes.

Re: - posted by Cherjcd, on: 2004/7/4 22:44

I understand the pull that these type of teachers have because they seem to have such power and closeness to God. I myself followed Hagin for several years about 25 years ago. It was not until I got involved in apologetics to reach out to the cults, that I started studying popular Faith Teachers and their teachings. I was amazed at how easy it is for a charismatic preacher to take verses out of context and to convince Christians that they (the Faith teachers) alone had the full truth. I am grateful that God pulled me away from those false teachings and gave me a heart to reach out not only to the lost in the cults, but also to Christians who have been deceived by false teachers in the church.

My husband and I plan on going into full time ministry to reach the cults and aberrant Christian movements in a couple of years. Right now I have two web sites on line dealing with Jehovah's Witnesses and other movements and we are producing documentary videos and teaching tapes informing Christians how to witness to the cults as well as how to be alert to the false teachings that have crept into the church.

Cheryl

Re:, on: 2004/7/4 22:50

Hi again,

I was not saying that it isn't totally unimportant what Hagin has said, I realize that we have numerous false teachers in our World today. I myself, grew up around quite a few. And still see more and more with each passing day. We have taken the Bible and watered it down to fit our lifestyles, that we stray from the true Word and allow anything to go on in many Churches. Homosexuality is accepted in quite a number, Abortion is accepted, the list grows on and on. Many people today try to just ignore some scriptures or twist them to meet their own needs. If you do not like Brother Hagin, that's one thing, but to act as if he is a False teacher, ESPECIALLY when you tell me you have never taken the time to even read one book he's written, then you are stepping over a line. I have heard him, and I know he was anointed to Preach, and Teach, and called at times to be a Prophet. I am concerned today that the Body of Christ is falling completely away from our Great Commission. And if you will recall, Jesus Christ said 'Thus it is written, and thus it behoved, Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of Sins should be preached in my name in all the world. But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until you be endued with power from on High.' We know that he was speaking of the Holy Ghost, the promise of the Father. We know that on the day of Pentecost, a great outpouring began. And that same Holy Spirit is here for believers today. So I guess the question I have for you all is this, where does what I am saying, differ from what you get out of the Scripture? Where do you not see, the necessity to receive the Promise of our Father? The Baptism of the Holy Spirit? Jesus told them to wait, they couldn't not be a witness until they had it.

Mitch Miller

Re: - posted by Cherjcd, on: 2004/7/4 23:03

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-----If you do not like Brother Hagin, that's one thing, but to act as if he is a False teacher, ESPECIALLY when you tell me you have never taken the time to even read one book he's written, then you are stepping over a line.

Hello Mitch,

What you have said may be true of others on this forum who have not read or followed Mr. Hagin, but that is not true for me. I was very much enthralled with Mr. Hagin's teachings at one point in my life. I read many of Kenneth Hagin's books and had a large bag full of his audio tapes that I listened to every day. I even considered taking his Rhema training course many years ago. I did not have the money at the time so I prayed very earnestly about the matter and I was clearly directed by the Lord to not be involved in his ministry training course.

Since that time I have come to see many things that I was blind to when I followed Hagin. One thing that was very important to me when I followed Hagin was Hagin's revelation that he said that Jesus gave to him. He said that he would be alive when Jesus came back. I remember well when he gave this revelation and I have been to Kenneth Hagin's meetings and met him personally. What I can tell you now is that Kenneth Hagin is a false prophet and Jesus certainly did not tell him that he would be alive when Jesus returned. As you well know, Mr. Hagin has recently passed away and his death proves that his words were not from Jesus.

We are required from scripture to test all things. Test Kenneth Hagin. Deuteronomy 18:19-21 so that if a prophet speaks a word in God's name and that word does not come to pass that prophet will die. We are told in verse 22 that we will know a false prophet when they speak a false prophecy or speak in the name of other gods. We are not to be afraid of them and we are certainly not to follow them.

Cheryl

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/4 23:19

Quote:
-----Personally I have not felt led to look into his writings and especially to look into them just to prove the fallacies in his doctrine. I will try and take a look at some writings and get you more detailed ways that Kenneth Hagin taught false doctrines. Yes I do hope this can be a godly discussion with the intent for both of us and others to get closer to God and understand more about his servants and His word.

I have been looking on the internet and I have done so before on Kenneth Hagin, Rhema bible Institute and also the Word Faith Movement and here are some thing I found intially. (I think the major problem is that these teachers are unchecked and claim most of their teachings to be revealed from the Holy spirit, but sadly many of them are not consistent with the Scriptures):

"Every man who has been born again is an incarnation and Christianity is a miracle. The believer is as much an incarnation as was Jesus of Nazareth"

"The Incarnation," The Word of Faith 13, December, 1980

" was created on terms of equality with God, and he could stand in God's presence without any consciousness of inferiority...God made us as much like Himself as possible...He made us the same class of being that He is Himself...Man lived in the realm of God. He lived on terms equal with God... believer is called Christ...That's who we are; we're Christ"

"Zoe: The God-Kind of Life," 1989. pp. 35-36, 41

"You are as much the incarnation of God as Jesus Christ was...the believer is as much an incarnation as was Jesus of Nazareth."

"Word Of Faith" Dec. 1980, p. 14

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Here is some documentation on the **Word Faith Movement** Also known as "Name-in-Claim-it," "Health and Wealth Gospel," "Positive Confession," "Word of Faith," etc.

(<http://www.banner.org.uk/wof/tract3.html>) Ten Reasons to Reject WORD-of-FAITH Teachings

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 6:54

It was stated here that Hagin was a false prophet. That was said because Brother Hagin had said he would be alive when the Lord came. Brother Hagin, had at least two visions of the Lord that I am aware of. For one, we do not know if that is what the Lord meant, that Hagin would be alive, on an occasion where he saw him. Also, do you recall the stories of Jonah, we know sure and well that he was a Prophet, yet at one time in his life, he did not get the message clearly, and would not stand on what God had told him to. Are you saying because he messed up a Prophecy then, that he was False as well? We are so quick to call someone a False Prophet, because WE don't see every letter of what they said come to pass. And then we are quick to quote what other websites said, we are quick to say that 'Such and such wrote an article on the Word of Faith.. here is what they say' Why not go to God? Why not show me, why you think when Jesus said 'Verily verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe those things he said shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he said?' Why not show me, why it is you want to consider Christ a liar, or at least, consider the Bible a liar. The New Testament is written by Spirit Filled, Tongue Talking, Godly men. We are not mad, or angry at those of you who deny the Spirit to freely move in your lives, we pray for you. I am a Priest of the Living God, because I am a Son of God. I am a joint heir with Jesus Christ. I get to go where Angel's desire to go. I am more than a conquerer. I have nothing but Scripture to back up what I believe in. If its in the Bible, then I believe it, and that settles it. I asked before that you show me Scripture, where Brother Hagin has been totally wrong. The life of a Prophet is not an easy road, and sometimes, we miss it, we hear the wrong thing. But as long as we are quick to repent, which I KNOW Brother Hagin was, then God will forgive us, and use again when the Holy Spirit desires. You can dispute my words all you like, but my Words come to you on behalf of the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. We have the Word of God in our possession, we have the Holy Bible to use as a Road Map for our lives. I can assure you Brothers and Sisters, that if you Submit yourself to God, resist the devil, he will flee from you. Ask God for the Spirit of Wisdom and Knowledge, so that you can rightly divide the Word of Truth. Go to your Father in Heaven and thirst for his anointing. Jesus said if you are Thirsty come and drink and out of your belly shall flow Rivers of living waters. You HAVE to go to Him to get it. Thirst for his Spirit, receive the Comforter that was promised to us. Take on the whole Armor of God, receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, then go at the Word with a new vigor, a new p

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assion, and a new purpose. That purpose being to take every letter of Gods Holy Word, and apply it to our lives, and to proclaim it from every mountaintop. From every home, every street, every country. I KNOW what the scriptures say, you can not dispute that Jesus made sure his followers had the Baptism of the Holy Ghost on them before they began to be his witness. And thats what we are all made to be, his witness.

I will keep you all in my prayers, and if you have any Scriptures you wish to debate me with, please, post them. I will be more than happy to help you shed some light onto the things of God which you seem to have passed over.

Mitch Miller

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 6:59

Quote:
-----Here is some documentation on the Word Faith Movement Also known as "Name-in-Claim-it," "Health and Wealth Gospel," "Positive Confession," "Word of Faith," etc.

Also Sir, there is quite alot of heresy on that website from what I can see, that I the Word of Faith men I have heard, including Brother Hagin, ever believed. Lets not worry about what those people say, this forum was started in order to call one of God's children a 'false teacher and prophet' So lets go based on what Hagin himself, and God, has said.

Thank you,
Mitch Miller

Re: - posted by Cherjcd, on: 2004/7/5 7:41

Quote:
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You say that Kenneth Hagin should not be considered a false prophet because he got some things wrong. You also say that maybe Jesus meant something else (he wasn't clear?) and that Jonah got some things wrong too.

There is no doubt on what Kenneth Hagin said about his revelation from Jesus. Either Jesus gave him the vision and Jesus was wrong or else Hagin did not have a vision from Jesus and Hagin is a false prophet. There is no doubt that what he said did not come to pass. Did you know that I have heard the argument about Jonah from many Jehovah's Witnesses to explain why their own organization got many prophecies wrong and why they can still be called true prophets? Did you know that Jonah only gave God's words and he didn't get anything wrong at all? Jonah's prophecy was completely true. The prophecy that God gave against that city was conditional on their repentance. God knew that - Jeremiah 18:7, 8 says that God will relent if the people repent. The people knew it too Jonah 3:8, 9 says that they were repenting to turn God's hand away from them. And last of all Jonah himself knew the conditional nature of the prophecy Jonah 4:2 Jonah said that he knew that God was a gracious and merciful God who relents when people turn back.

Surely you wouldn't claim that Jonah was a false prophet and got things wrong just to justify what Kenneth Hagin did, would you? Kenneth Hagin got this prophecy dead wrong. I know because I read what he said and I watched him for years believing his words that Christ would come in his lifetime. He gave a false prophecy and gave Jesus the credit for the false prophecy. I would rather believe God's word and test out the prophets because that way I know by God's word who is true and who is not. I looks like you want to hold on tightly to Kenneth Hagin and his teachings which take scripture out of context, however know for sure that God has proved Hagin a false prophet. I say this to you in love. God has shown you in his word how to test a prophet. If you reject God's word to bend it to make a false prophet true, you too are di

starting the clear words of God. If you are truly open to test Hagin's teachings against the word of God, and you ask God for truth, he will reveal it to you. However if you hold on to Kenneth Hagin on a pedestal and refuse to believe what God's word says about him, you will fall prey to more false teachers and more false prophets who take God's word out of context and justify their false prophecies.

Cheryl

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 7:55

Quote:

..... looks like you want to hold on tightly to Kenneth Hagin and his teachings which take scripture out of context,.....

Actually as I have said over and over and over again, I am not standing here standing up for Brother Hagin, as much as I am here standing up for the Word of my God. His Bible is very VERY clear on the matters of the Holy Spirit. If you have Scripture, then please by all means, show me exactly where the Bible ever says that If you repent then you are still a sinner. Meaning, you are saying that if someone get a prophecy wrong, they are then a false prophet. That's the same thing as saying, well you sinned once, you are hell bound forever. Have you forgotten God's Grace? Have we forgotten as a Church that he forgives? I will sit and discuss the Scripture with you. But I will not sit and discuss theology, or Theory. The Lord has made his word clear. It's like an article I just read on this website, someone was talking about the "Pentecostal" movement. And they claim that Speaking in Tongues, is not a sign of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. That can only show me, that whomever wrote that article, never once read the book of Acts. Nor did they heed much to what Jesus taught while he was on earth. So again I say, if Hagin did not get a prophecy right, I am sure he was quick to repent. I never once said Jesus got it wrong, Jesus is not a man that he should lie. However what I was talking about, is that being mortal, we can not help but let our flesh get in the way at times. There is no person who has ever stepped onto this earth today, who has gotten every single Word from God correct in their lives. Whether it be something such as buy this home... go to this church.. or whatever. All have fallen short of the Glory of God. To then go and ruin the reputation of one of God's children, is absurd, and a work of Satan himself. Hagin, and many other 'Word of Faith' teachers, get their Knowledge from the Bible. I would have to assume, you dispute that Smith Wigglesworth raised the dead? It is documented, historians can attest to that. Yet there are so many of us, who have grieved the Holy Spirit so much, that we quickly say.. "OH no.. that's not of God" because of course, Satan would heal people.. or raise the dead? I do not think so, he comes to steal, kill and destroy. We want to be quick to say, "Oh those people are false teachers" And we love to say that, because we don't want to face the fact, that when we are sick, and are not receiving our healing, it's because of our faults, we don't want to admit that our faith is weak, instead we want to make our God as weak as possible. But let me tell you this, and this comes to you in the name of the Lord of Lords Jesus Christ of Nazareth, God is all powerful. He has identified himself as The God who Healeth thee. And I can promise you, there is no where in the Bible, that you can prove what I KNOW is false. Read your Bible, show me exact word for word Scripture where God has said anything other than what I have said to you. Let's stop with the petty 'so and so said this' and 'Well this is what I see' Let's talk scripture Brother and Sisters, let's actually be Bold and pull out the Word of God, and stand up for what it says, regardless of how it might make us look to others, or how much it might make us change ourselves. Let's stop doing this make believe Christianity, where we take only the few parts we want, and add in the rest of what we want. Let's take God at his Word, else we have little reason to even be here.

God bless, and may the Holy Spirit guide you,
Mitch Miller

Re: - posted by Cherjcd, on: 2004/7/5 8:10

Quote:

.....If you have Scripture, then please by all means, show me exactly where the Bible ever says that If you repent then you are still a sinner. Meaning, you are saying that if someone get a prophecy wrong, they are then a false prophet.

First of all I have already shown you Deuteronomy 18 to show how scripture instructs us to test the prophets. Secondly,

please show me where Kenneth Hagin ever repented of his false prophecy. I have never seen it. Do you have a book or material that showed that he repented of the words that he claimed were from Jesus and told us that he was wrong and he repented of this sin? Also scripture gives no hint that we should look on false prophecy any different after the prophecy has failed. Any false prophet (after his prophecy has failed) will backtrack and rewrite his prophecy. The Jehovah's Witnesses did this many, many times. Also are you still claiming that Jonah got his prophecy wrong or do you admit that according to the Bible, Jonah was a true prophet who gave a true prophecy. His prophecy directly from God was conditional (see the scriptures in my last post) and God proved his prophecy faithful when the people repented.

Now if you want the people in his discussion board to listen to Kenneth Hagin's teachings, I would ask you first of all to prove that Kenneth Hagin repented of the false prophecy and asked God to forgive him for claiming that Jesus had given him this vision and these words. Are you willing to do this? If not give one reason why anyone here should listen to the teachings of a proven false prophet.

Again, I say these words in love. I know where you are coming from. I was there myself. I was extremely on fire for Kenneth Hagin and all of his teachings. I preached them to others just like you are doing. But when I saw the truth from God's word and saw how he had taken God's word out of context, I repented of my sin of following a man. It didn't take Kenneth Hagin's death to prove to me that he was a false prophet. It only took the word of God.

Lastly, I have experienced the gifts of the spirit including healing many times. I know the word of God to be true. But believing in the gifts of the spirit including speaking in tongues does not make me accept a false prophet just because he said that Jesus revealed himself to him in visions. The bible is very clear that in the end times there will be great deception. We must be on guard and listen to the Bible and those who share their concern that someone has taken verses out of context. Be willing to check things out for yourself. You don't want to be deceived.

Cheryl

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 8:20

Jonah was a true prophet, I never said he wasn't. However I did say that he didn't do as God instructed initially. So I just wonder why it is, you still adore him, yet you care nothing for Brother Hagin, who lived almost all of his life doing what the Lord instructed. Also, I have not heard the Prophecy of Brother Hagin's which is in Question. I can however say that he was not a false Prophet, because I know how the man acted, and how he lived his life. So please by all means, show me where I can find a copy of Hagin's actual words. NOT a website that was put up by some average Joe who only wants to demean the man, but a website where I can find trustworthy information. A video of the man giving the Prophecy would be best, or audio of it. Also, show me EXACTLY what Brother Hagin took out of context. You seem to want to say that this is how he spent his life, however you have showed me no where in the Scripture where what Brother Hagin taught is false. If you heard him give a prophecy, that you feel did not come true. Have you tried to find out if the man ever repented of it? Have you ever tried to find out if perhaps you heard the prophecy wrong? Or just perhaps, Brother Hagin told the prophecy to a small group of people at one of his services, and since then he went to each who was there, and apologized and had repented of it? I don't believe you are required to confess your faults to every single person in this world, so I seriously doubt Brother Hagin is required to do that either. Again, please please please, give me scriptures here, not on how to judge Prophecy, I know how to judge that. But give me the Scripture that you claim Brother Hagin has taken it out of context. It is time for so many Christians to stop playing games, stop twisting God's words around, and finally stop talking about what they do not understand. God has said his people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. We need to ask for his gift of the infilling of the Holy Spirit. And we need to mortify the deeds of the flesh. It seems so many around here really need to ask God to give them patience, and love for others. Its really time to grow up and mature in the Word, stop running around pointing a finger, and instead looking towards God. So again, please by all means, show me what Brother Hagin took out of context. Show me an accurate account of his prophecy that you so greatly claim was false. Then, only then, will it even be worth the debate. So we aren't going on heresay, but instead are going on accurate information.

Mitch Miller

Re: - posted by Cherjcd, on: 2004/7/5 8:45

Quote:
-----Also, do you recall the stories of Jonah, we know sure and well that he was a Prophet, yet at one time in his life, he did not get the message clearly, and would not stand on what God had told him to. Are you saying because he messed up a Prophecy then, that he was False as well ? We are so quick to call someone a False Prophet, because WE don't see every letter of what they said come to pass.

You said that Jonah did not get his message clearly, but that is not true. He got his message very clear and so did the people that he finally preached to. Certainly Jonah did not really want to give God's message (you could say that he was an extremely reluctant prophet) but to say that he didn't get it clearly is not found in scripture.

As far as Hagin's quote that he would be alive when Jesus came back, it is in one of his books. It was mass produced so should be easy to find. I can check to see if I still have his books. I know that I threw out all of his tapes and may have thrown out his books too after I saw how he took scripture out of context.

I would love to continue to talk to you about the scriptures that Hagin and others take out of context. We can do that somewhat on this forum although I would be happy to correspond with you privately if you would email me. My email address is publicly listed on the email button.

One scripture I would ask you to check out is the one that says that we can cast a mountain into the ocean if we have faith. I ask you to tell me, what is the context? How does Jesus words in other places in the scripture give conditions to this promise? I would ask you to do some work and bring me the answer. If you need help, I would love to help you. However, it is important for you to check out the conditions for this promise first of all for yourself. Kenneth Hagin and others quote this promise from Jesus but never told me what conditions God has attached to the promise. That was one of the many, many things that they took out of context.

Lots of things to discuss, lots of scripture to look at. I'm willing if you are.

I'm off to work now.

Cheryl

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 8:59

Well, seeing as how the Lord said Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe those things he saith shall come to pass. He shall have whatsoever he saith.' I would have to say, that my Jesus, is not a liar. So he ment exactly what he said. He doesn't put 'restrictions' on it. Because we know that if we are saved, we will not ask something outside of God's perfect will for us. We wont go asking for sinful things, we wont go asking out of greed. We'll go asking out of God's perfect will in our life. The context is just what it says in the Scripture, they could not believe Jesus cursed the tree, and it withered, and Jesus told them right then, what Faith in God can do. It can move mountains for us, it can heal us, it can make us prosper, it can raise the dead. And Jesus will get glory for all of it. What exactly, do you think is a 'restriction' on the Word of God?

But yes, as for this book of Hagin's, I'd love to know the title of it, and what you seem to think is out of context. I would love to help you understand the Word of God more fully, and move into a stronger relationship with our Father.

As for Jonah, yes, he got the message correct. But he certainly had no plans of doing what the Lord instructed him until he was in the belly of a great fish. So all I'm saying, is that many of us will chose to think highly of Jonah, who would not open his mouth and say what God gave him, until something HUGE happened in his life. But we will certainly be very quick to condemn a person who is very quick to speak when God moves them to speak. Its a very common practice of the Devil, attack the ones who speak out, and love the ones who keep quiet. We need to learn a little bit of how our enemy works I'm afraid. He has us sit and attack people based on 'ideas' not on Scripture. There has still not been one ounce of total truth to any arguement that has been given to me. Nobody has showed me one single piece of Scripture that Hagin took out of context. And even if you found one, have you never done the same? Since the moment you gave your life to Christ, were you 100% correct on every single part of the Bible? I dont think so. But I do know, that Brother Hagin, died a true Prophet of God. And I do know, that when I pass away years and years from now, unless the Lord comes first, I will be seeing him in Heaven. There is no Godly way to dispute that fact. So again, please, lets go to the Word, yes I know

w what Deuteronomy 18 says. And if something Brother Hagin said, never came to pass, then yes, it wasn't spoken from God was it? But show me one person, other than Jesus, who has EVER heard the Lord correctly in every single thing they did.

Mitch

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 9:09

You say that Brother Hagin has taken out of context what Jesus said about Having Faith in God. Why dont you show me where you see he has taken it out of context. I'd really love to help you out some, and see you grow more in Christ.

Mitch

Re: - posted by taco, on: 2004/7/5 9:18

BornAgain wrote:

Quote:

-----Show me an accurate account of his prophecy that you so greatly claim was false.

How about some examples of his prophecies that came to pass?

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 9:32

Ok I can easily do that.

This is a very small part of what was said by Brother Hagin at Kenneth Hagin Ministries Winter Bible Seminar 2003. You can find it in the Word of Faith Magazine, the April 2003 issues I do believe. If you really want it, I can proably email the .pdf to you.

Anyways, here you go...

(These are words that were spoken by the Lord through Kenneth Hagin)

And this year, the year of 2003, is a year of preperation, its a year of seperation.

There will be those who will seperate themselves from you, and walk in their own way, carry out their own plan, and have no power, and no glory, and no Spirit, but a deadness shall overtake them.

But there shall be those who will respond in fullness and will say "Yes Lord, Yes Lord, I've missed it in times past, I've even been disobedient, forgive me" And remember that he forgives, remember that there is mercy. Remember that it is stated "Let us come bodily to the Throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need.

(Now that defintily has come to pass, if anyone accurately judges the year of 2003 looking back on it, we can easily see that even the Church itself is being divided. We have the one side who want God to be weak, who want Homosexuality, abortion, and a host of other sins, and then we have the Belief system that is in me from the Holy Spirit, which reads the Word of God, and takes every single Word of it to be truth, and applies it to our lives, and lives by it. There has indeed been a great seperation. And as for him saying some will come saying they have mised it, and been disobedient, that was me the Summer of 2003, I was living in so much sin, I didn't even like myself much. But I rededicated my life to Christ, BEFORE I ever saw this prophecy, and was Baptized in the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues. So I know, those parts are 100% correct)

In that same prophecy Brother Hagin goes on to say that the end of 2003 will bring tears to some who sit right there while he is giving the Prophecy, he begins to weep, yet he never admitted it, it is believed he saw that his own death would occur later that year, or at least, knew a death would be at the end of that year.

So without sitting and typing out the entire prophecy, I will urge you to look at it yourself. Its a wonderful message that th

e Lord has delivered to us.

Thank you,
Mitch

AW Tozer, on: 2004/7/5 9:38

Sermonindex,

You told me I should hear some of AW Tozer, and a few other guys, I chose the Tozer fellow first off. And the first thing I downloaded, was (Hebrews - Part 32): Faith Demonstrated

One of the very first things this man says, is that after reading the first few verses of Hebrews Chapter 11, he says that there is no definition of Faith there, or anywhere in the Bible. I would have to ask, why don't you look to him as a false teacher, instead of all these others. Because surely, we all know that Faith is defined as 'Now Faith is the substance of Things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen' See that.. "Now Faith is" is easily showing us.. that it is about to be defined. To say there is no definition of it.. I can't help but find that Tozer fellow, has a bit of ignorance in himself, to deny the Word. I guess the reason I posted this, is because I have slowly become aware that Brother Hagin has never been the problem. What I believe, and what I preach, isn't an issue, it's not what turns you off to the things of God. It's still the false preaching you have grown up with. I will keep you in my prayers, and perhaps, will just have to not post so much here, because there really is little debating we can do, when you choose to believe in a man who completely rips out sections of the Bible and says they do not exist. I will keep you in my Prayers, I will continue to make mention of you, asking God to give you the Spirit of Wisdom, and Knowledge.

God be with you strong Sir,
Mitch Miller

Lets try this, on: 2004/7/5 9:43

Hey all, I really am sorry if it seems like I am badgering you guys. I do not wish to sound mean, but I can tell you all have such good intentions, I'd hate to see you live your entire lives, lacking knowledge of certain things. I have listened to a few of the guys posted here on this site, Tozer being the most listened to, and I just thought I'd post this link to where you can view some of the teachings from my Pastor.

http://www.nlconline.org/newlifeteam_broadcastarchive.html

You just need real player to view them.

Thanks again for your time,
Mitch Miller

Re: Lets try this - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/5 9:53

Quote:
-----To say there is no definition of it.. I can't help but find that Tozer fellow, has a bit of ignorance in himself, to deny the Word. I guess the reason I posted this, is because I have slowly become aware that Brother Hagin has never been the problem.

Sorry I am really not having the time to look into all the heresies and wrong ways that Hagin interpreted the scriptures. I will pray about this and really see if I can get the time to do this, I do care about you and want you to know the truth of God. To hear a man like Tozer is to hear someone much closer to God than Hagin, A.W Tozer is a man esteemed most Christians in the 20th century and obviously Hagin and other false teachers would not quote him or go near him because he exposes their false Christianity.

I would recommend you listen to this recording by David Wilkerson:

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid2>) Another Gospel

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/5 10:04

"Hagin claims to have received numerous visions, as well as eight personal visitations from Jesus. Hagin has written, "The Lord Himself taught me about prosperity. I never read about it in a book. I got it directly from heaven"

- I am sure that you agree with the teachings of Kenneth Hagin about the prosperity teachings. He teaches that Gain is Godliness right? that the more faith and righteousness you have the more God will bless you like Abraham? This is a false teaching straight from the pits of hell but He said that he recieved this biblical teachings straight from the lips of Jesus? Another concern I have is not just with this man but with the legacy and impact he has had on the face of Christianity leaving a large amount of falsities behind him, this prosperity gospel is just one facet of this immense problem and we could talk about that first. Here is a scripture on this issue that can't be more direct.

1 Timothy 6:3-5 - If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

I would also like to note that I really don't enjoy debating but when both sides of the argument act in a spirit of gentleness and love from both sides than it makes it plausible to have a genuinely good edifying godly conversation. I thank you for being willing to talk about this things frankly and with respect of the others opinion. As Cheryl said this is **much** to look into and if you are patient I am sure me and cheryl would be willing to discuss these things further.

Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/5 10:06

Faith and authority according to Hagin and his visions

Faith - an instrument to re-arrange reality according to will.

Authority - commanding ones wishes into being. The modern prophetic movement picks up along this line.

Hagin's faith is a faith which divests the Lord of "all authority", re-installing fleshly desire in a ruling position, undoing the work of the cross of Christ.

Two small booklets by Hagin proclaim this message in a most alarming manner:

You can have what you say

Authority of the believer

In "I believe in visions" a Jesus tells Hagin that he, Jesus, cannot do anything about the activity of the enemy - all authority is handed over to the so called believer.

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 10:18

Its obvious you want to discuss what you think, versus what the Bible actually says. I believe the Lord does not want me to be involved with this discussion anymore, because I do not feel you will stop talking heresay, and give me exact Scripture. You say Hagin is wrong, you've yet to show me scripture where he is wrong. I mean you are saying this Tozer guy, is a better man of God than Hagin was? Yet Hagin was able to live his life, and back up every single thing he ever said with the Word of God. While it is most blatant that Tozer calls my God a liar. In the message this Tozer fellow preached, he might have ment well, but on behalf of Jesus Christ I can say that this man was a mouthpiece for the Prince of Lies himself, he was being used by Satan to distort God's Word to where he wont even admit that Hebrews 11 even exists. Untill you can come to the understanding, that you can not take God's Word and bend it for your own will, destroy parts of it you dont like, and add in your own Demonic twists to it, there can be little of a discussion. I have recieved hardly any scripture, instaed I've several times been told to listen to Ungodly men preach ungodly messages, and do all that they can to destroy Christ and his Church. I will keep you strongly in my prayers, I fear for your soul, it is a very bad thing to see a good man go to a Devil's Hell. But I pray your eyes will be opened, if you can't even see a definition which is Clearly stated, trying to get you to see a bigger Revelation of Christ, is almost impossible. I love you Brother, I know you wish to be a true

e witness for Christ, but I think you need to study your Bible a bit more, take off those doctrine glasses, and let the Holy Spirit lead you. I know I am right in this, because I was once living in ignorance where you are right now, I thought I knew it all, and I thought those who Speak in Tongues, and follow Hagin, or any other Faith ministers, were just nuts. Yet, I had to admit, I have no argument against it. What they preach is truth, which is seen because Jesus himself is with them confirming the Word.

Grace be to you Sir, may you find the truth of Life,

Mitch Miller

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 10:19

I own Authority of the Believer, show me where exactly you are trying to twist Brother Hagin's words around? Just give me the page number, and I can explain to you the truth behind what you don't seem to understand.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/5 10:21

Quote:

(Now that definitely has come to pass, if anyone accurately judges the year of 2003 looking back on it, we can easily see that even the Church itself is being divided. We have the one side who want God to be weak, who want Homosexuality, abortion, and a host of other sins, and then we have the Belief system that is in me from the Holy Spirit, which reads the Word of God, and takes every single Word of it to be truth, and applies it to our lives, and lives by it. There has indeed been a great separation. And as for him saying some will come saying they have missed it, and been disobedient, that was me the Summer of 2003, I was living in so much sin, I didn't even like myself much. But I rededicated my life to Christ, BEFORE I ever saw this prophecy, and was Baptized in the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues. So I know, those parts are 100% correct)

A big thing that worries me is your classification of broad Christianity and how you can so easily lump them into 2 separate categories:

- 1) Dead, orthodox devoid of the spirit and accepting of blatant sins ie sodomy, abortion, etc
- 2) Spirit baptized, speaking in tongues, only listens and grows spiritual from men that teach similar things ie Hagin, Copeland, and other word faith teachers.

First off I would like to point again that you have misjudged this community online at SermonIndex, here we have mostly a group of Christians from all denominations seeking after the fullness of God in every way not just in power, or gifts, but in fruits, in the depth of the knowledge of Christ, in the love of Christ, etc. We have people here who go to dry devoid churches in your estimation but are still spirit filled, led, etc. Also the argument of everyone speaking in tongues and this being a sign of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is clearly false and an extreme. I would ask that we don't talk about that particularly here but rather its been discussed in length in other forum threads here is one thread for example:
(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id1749&forum36&11) Initial Evidence Paper

Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/5 10:22

Is God sovereign or a subject?

The Faith cosmology teaches that God must obey certain spiritual laws which regulate faith and procedure on Earth and He cannot do otherwise. This stance has destroyed God's sovereignty, His right of self-determination and self-rule within His universe. No man can force God's hand with formulas, and there are no spiritual laws apart from His will. In the universe, God "works all things after the counsel of His will", Eph 1:11, not according to the formulas of man's will.

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 10:25

I do not have a broad idea of Christianity. There are only one group of Christians, and those are them who follow God's commandments. Who take the Word of God, and live by it. The rest, Sir, are just heretics, and disciples of Satan, not Jesus. To deny any part of the Word, is to deny Christ. can they still make it to heaven? I haven't any idea how to even begin to comprehend God's Mercy. So I can not speak about how much of the Gospel you have to believe, before you can make it to heaven. However I do know, that without Faith, it is impossible to please God. So for the Tozer fellow, and those whom agree with him, its a shame God told us that we have to have something to please him, then never once told us what that something is. Never bothered to define it for us. I don't think the topic here can carry on much longer, I will keep you in my mind always, and hope someday to see you up in Heaven rejoicing around the Throne of God. I ask that you continue to study and pray, and I am sure God will fully reveal his Scripture to you, if you simply ask.

Mitch Miller

God and Spiritual Laws, on: 2004/7/5 10:28

If you do not believe God has set certain Laws, that even he must obey, why is it that you think people can be healed by the laying on of hands, yet, people die everyday from disease and sickness? What kind of a God, would just pick and choose who he heals? And do you believe he kills? Do you think he says.. Ok.. Imma kill you today, yet Imma heal that other guy over there. Think about it for a bit, God has made a Covenant with us, that he can not break. To say he has no laws with which he has to abide, is to say that he is a Liar. And he is not a man that he should lie.

Mitch

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/5 10:31

Quote:

-----I don't think the topic here can carry on much longer

I don't think this topic discussion will last because you are not responding to things that are being laid out clearly for you in answer to your questions:

- 1) the scripture I posted: 1 Timothy 6:3-5
- 2) the distinction I made of the holy spirit not just being about power and gifts, but rather and more importantly about fruit, love, and **truth**.
- 3) I posted clearly about the prosperity gospel and asked you about it, and even quoted Hagin himself.

Please let me know if you are willing to respond to these points, I think if we keep talking past each other on the points of discussion that matter than that will result in a discussion that doesn't get to far.

Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/5 10:35

"In the spiritual realm God has set into motion certain laws, just as He set laws in the natural realm. Those laws in the natural realm work, don't they? Just as you get into contact with those natural laws or put them into practice they work for you. Over on the spiritual realm the same thing is true. I have come to the conclusion that the law of faith is a spiritual law, that God has put this law into motion, and that as surely as you come into contact with it it will work for you."

Hagin
The Law of Faith

A universe governed by spiritual laws, instead of God. . .
This is the fundamental rule of positive confession.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/5 10:40

Quote:

-----What kind of a God, would just pick and chose who he heals?

A soveriegn God.

There are times where God does not heal but rather allows something to come upon a man for a reason. One example of this is in the book of Job where God allows satan himself to inflict the man, or rather if you read the scripture in the first 2 chapters more closely you will realize that it is actually God who kills job's family and also inflicts him with sores. Satan was the one that requested it be done and God did it to prove that this man's faith would hold strong in Himself.

In the Acts of the Apostles they healed many, and even to a point where the shadow of peter would heal a man. But if you read the new testament carefully you will see a few places where there is sickness amongst even the apostles.

1 Timothy 5:23 - Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

This scripture clearly shows that the apostle timothy had many sicknesses, does that mean he was lacking faith?

2 Corinthians 12:7 - To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.

God allowed a physical problem to happen to Paul the Apostle because He said my grace is sufficient.

There are more examples if you want but I think this goes to prove a point that God does allow sickness in believers and sometimes it can be for a purpose.

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 10:48

Ok let me try to shed some light onto those questions you had.

First off, you said that because Brother Hagin has said Gain is godliness, that was a message from the pits of hell, or something to that affect, and you directed me towards 1 Timothy 6:3-5... Sir had you just went one more verse further, you would see where it is written

But godliness with contentment, is great gain.

Also if we study this set of Scripture out, go back to the Start of the Chapter, and read it entirely, we know Paul is warning us against Greedy teachers, people who are greedy, we know what greed is. And just because like me, Brother Hagin realized that God has given us health, and prosperity.. just because we take something that was given to us, does not mean we are greedy. It means we just decided to not allow Christ to die in vain on the Cross. This scripture does nothing to say that allowing God to bless us, is a sin. Just that we can not be greedy. We can not go and demand what God does not want us to have. Which for that matter, would be something a true Christian, would not do.

And now to address your thoughts on the Holy Spirit, you said its not just about Power. I understand where you are coming from. And from the moment we are born, we have the witness of the Spirit living in us. But the Baptism of the Holy Ghost which I am talking about, is that Spirit of Power. Jesus said 'You shall be endued with power, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you...' So yes, the Holy Ghost is about Power. It is to allow us to walk closer to God. To be able to speak to him in a heavenly language, to cast out demons, to heal the sick, to do whatever we need to do in the name of Jesus Christ.

As for the prosperity Gospel, I have heard that clip you sent me to. And I can tell you that about as unintelligent preaching as you can get. Whomever that man is, I hope he found God before he passed on, if he has already passed on. But he was teaching about a false god, one who is weak, and powerless.

Re: God and Spiritual Laws - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/5 11:03

Anybody, Christian or non-Christian, can plug into this universal law of faith and get results. . .
"It used to bother me," explains Hagin, "when I'd see unsaved people getting results. Then it dawned on me what the sinners were doing: they were cooperating with the law of God – the law of faith.
Hagin , Having faith in your Faith.

- No need to repent and be born again, no need of the work of the cross of Christ, no need of sanctification unto submission to the Throne of Christ.

Re: God and Spiritual Laws - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/7/5 11:12

Whoa there brother!

I have been following this along and would just ask, please slow down here.

I know where you are coming from brother because I have been there. It is quite normal to defend those that you may have learned under and often very difficult to hear what others are attempting to say not because they have a particular agenda but they too love the truth and want to be of some help.

My first thought in regards to this whole thread was this: What was the topic about? The very first post is in regards to the video.

Now this might be a problem being that it is not working on my computer right now, though I have seen it before.

Did you watch this video?
What are your thoughts in regards to it?
Shouldn't this be the starting point?

We will get absolutely nowhere if we just talk past one another and rush past things.
Think for the most part you are not seeking to be divisive, but I can see this getting out of hand because some of the earlier comments had not been dealt with, from both sides.

So maybe we could back up here a bit and try and take these one at a time, starting with the video.
Don't have a lot of time to spend on this right now but would be willing to help out where I can.

There is quite a bit that is problematic with what Kenneth Haggin *teaches* and I have done a bit of research that is corroborated with the dozen or so books that I have here from him.
So whatever links I would put up here would not be just opinions of others but from ministry's that are sound and have great concerns for the brethren as opposed to just tearing somebody down for no reason. That is not to say that some don't have an opposite zeal, like those who want to defend and it may color their judgment. But sometimes we have to be challenged by hearing things that at first sound 'harsh' to our ears. If we truly want to be 'teachable' then we will have to tabulate our emotions and take a slower more thoughtful approach, weighing the points and prayerfully asking the Lord if we may have been in error. But we can't do it at this pace.

I subscribed to a lot of this same type of teaching brother and it took me quite a while to come to grips with many aspects of what I thought was true and later found to be false. Much had to be unlearned, the difficulty I found was that it isn't all that easy because much of what was taught is true, some of it is slightly twisted out of context and the motives as to why (on purpose? by accident? improper understanding of how to read scripture or any historical literature for that matter?) It becomes very muddy and takes time and effort to bring some clarity.

Will hold off on the links for now.

But let us be a help and may you also be a help to us. I think there are some things that brother Haggin taught early on that are truly biblical.

One being something I flipped to here that is blatantly obvious, that all of our subjective experiences must conform to God's word. Where it began to err from there....I digress.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/5 11:15

Quote:
-----And just because like me, Brother Hagin realized that God has given us health, and prosperity.. just because we take something that was given to us, does not mean we are greedy.

Ok so you state that you believe this popular doctrine that is prevailing in some Christian circles. Are you also trying to say that Jesus died so we could be healthy and wealthy? The passage in 1 Timothy 6 cannot be more clear towards false teachers using this doctrine in the time of Paul and how glib we are if we don't see it in our day:

1 Timothy 6:1-21 - Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort. If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but dotting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen. Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen.

After carefully reading this a few times you will notice that firstly Paul the apostle teaches that there is a doctrine about gain, and then he warns people not to live after these ways but rather be 'rich in good works'

"men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself."

Matthew Henry Commentary - **supposing that gain is godliness:** Making religion yield to their secular interests. Such persons who are given to perverse disputes are destitute of the truth, especially those who act in this manner for the sake of gain supposing gain to be godliness. Good Christians will withdraw themselves from such.

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 11:23

I can entirely answer about what happened to Job. We do however know, that God had to give power to Satan to allow those things to be taken from Job. We know that Satan was allowed to destroy his life to a certain point. However would not allow him to be killed. And we do know, that Job repented of his Words against God, he repented for having doubt in him. And we know that in the end, Job was stronger, and better off than he was to start with. God blessed him, perhaps that was God's way of making Job's faith grow, so he could receive more. God does not allow trials that he knows we will fail, he allows trials that will strengthen our faith.

As for the scripture in Timothy, if we read in context the entire Chapter, we see Paul directing Timothy how to help people, laying on of hands, etc. So we can also take the 23rd verse and say that he is showing him, using the wine for medicinal purposes does not interfere with purity. Seeing as how he was talking about not hastily laying hands on a man before. We know that we have to allow some to use medicines, because they will refuse the laying on of hands. And let's say that what we are saying this scripture, is instruction for Timothy. We know that the enemy wants to make every Christian sick, and poor, and just pull them away from God as best he can. It is reasonable to think that Timothy was attacked by a stom

each problem on several occasions. And his faith and prayer to God would cause that pain to go away, could go away for months, weeks, days, or even years. But The enemy attacks him again in the same place, to make him think, something major is wrong. So Paul is encouraging him, saying basically, Just dont drink water all the time, drink a little wine, it is a naturally healthy thing for the body. Just because God can heal us, doesn't mean I need to sit around and smoke, and hurt myself. The same way Paul is saying, all that water, isn't what the body needs, God made it differently.

As for Paul the Apostle, we know that he describes the vision, then he says there was given a thorn in his side, a messenger of Satan to beat him. We also know that Jesus said his Mercy is sufficient, AND we also know that Paul was happy that he had to endure that, it was something he was glad had happened to him, because it showed him that no matter what came against him, God was bigger, and that was all he needed. It wasn't done just to hurt him, God only made Paul stronger. We know that with every test and trial that comes up, God has already made a plan of escape. So yes, we may be tested, yes we might have a stomach pain, or any other sickness come upon us, however we also know, That God has already seen that would happen, and before the foundation of the World, he planned our escape, so that we do not have to continue in that.

So we know that its God's will that EVERYONE receives healing. Or else he never would have put his Son Jesus on the Cross for us.

Mitch

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 11:29

Maybe you need to look up what the word 'greed' means. Because I can assure you, taking something that is GIVEN to you, is not Greed. Its just receiving a gift. God has given us the gift of salvation, its just as easy to heal us, as it is to save us. To say that taking your healing or prosperity is greed, then you are saying being saved makes you greedy.

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 11:30

Quote:
-----I know where you are coming from brother because I have been there. It is quite normal to defend those that you may have learned under and often very difficult to hear what others are attempting to say not because they have a particular agenda but they too love the truth and want to be of some help.

Again I will say, I am not defending Hagin entirely. I am defending God, because you are calling his Words false.

Mitch

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/7/5 11:32

Hmmm,
Quote:
-----Again I will say, I am not defending Hagin entirely. I am defending God, because you are calling his Words false.

Where did you get that idea?
Secondly did you watch the video?

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 11:35

Quote:

-----Are you also trying to say that Jesus died so we could be healthy and wealthy?

I dont have to say Jesus died for those things, the bible Cleary says so.

Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed

We also know that God promised Abraham he would bless him, he would make him exceedingly prosperous. And we all so know that 'If ye be Christs, then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise'

So yes, I can easily say, in the name of Jesus, we are to be healthy, and prosperous. God doesn't want us to wallow in self pity, and be poor and sick. He loves us like we all love our own children.

Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/5 11:39

Why did you back off from communicating when we began to quote Hagin on the matter of faith in Faith vs. biblical faith?

A matter to hot or difficult?

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/5 11:39

Quote:

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No you are wrong. Firstly you are making many points facts which I don't think are and many others would not think so on the outset.

- "So we know that its God's will that EVERYONE recieves healing. Or else he never would have put his Son Jesus on the Cross for us."

- "its just as easy to heal us, as it is to save us."

- "To say that taking your healing or prosperity is greed, then you are saying being saved makes you greedy."

You have clearly shown what you believe by repeating it essentially 3 times in your last 2 responses. You are saying that God would never have sent His Son Jesus Christ to the Cross to die for our sins if he so called didn't die to make us also healthy and rich in this life! I think this is a heresy and is blatantly not found in the bible. I cannot believe that you can pass off the passage in 1 Timothy 6 and believe its not directed towards the teachers that are showing you these falsities. Our master Jesus was poor and lowly and was a servant to all. He became poor that we may become rich! (How dare you ever think that, that would be material riches, shame on your christians who teach it). How dare we live in luxury when our saviour gave his all for us, we need to carry our cross also. Christianity is a religion that counts the cost on this earth and our riches are solely in heaven. If you want me to start quoting the rest of the majority of the bible on this issue I can

an. I just don't see it any other way and all the men of God that I have put up in the audio sermons section don't see it any other way also. If you believe that all the speakers on this site are apostate and have never really come to know the Scriptures in their fulness as you and Hagin and other so called teachers have then we have a problem.

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 11:39

I get that idea, because if you want to try and tell me, that God kills, God steals, God gives and God takes, and not listen to what God has actually said, then you are making him out to be a liar. And my God, is no liar. He is a God who loves me, who calls me his Son. I have been raised up with Jesus and seated in Heavenly places. He doesn't want me sick and poor, he wants me healthy and prosperous so that I can be his servant, and I can use what he gives me, and sow it into his Kingdom.

And have I watched that particular clip? No Sir I haven't, I've never gotten it to work from this website yet. Though I believe its most likely one I have seen. And I have been in services where the Glory of God has been so strong, and the Spirit has been moving so strongly, that quite an amount of Amazing things have happened. I mean could you imagine sitting there on the day of Pentecost? Cloven tongues of fire coming down? I don't see why we read through that, but think that laughing, is something that would not happen. God has made a donkey talk, he was in a burning bush... yet laughing... not of God?

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 11:41

Did you not read those passages I showed you? Do you think its just a lie where it says 'by his stripes we were healed'

I mean you getting obviously mad, and not even bothering to realize, that Jesus wrote in the Gospels that it is just as easy to say thy sins be forgiven thee as it is to say take up thy bed and walk.

Jesus said it! Its true! Its fact! In Timothy he is talking about Greed.. taking what my Father wants to give me, has nothing to do with Greed. It doesn't even align up with the definition of that word.

Re: Exodus 4 - posted by Matthew2323 (), on: 2004/7/5 11:44

10 Then Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." 11 The LORD said to him, "**Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes {him} mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?**" 12 "Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say." Exodus 4

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 11:44

And for that matter, if you really think that we should live our lives lowly as Jesus did, then why don't you give up the computer you are using, give up the roof over your head, give up everything you have in your life. You seem to think your God wants you to live on the streets.

The Lord has shown me today that at times talking to those who want to quench the Spirit is not as easy as I once thought it would be. I figured I could show you the Scripture, and you would believe it. But Glory be to God I have grown so much in one day, I now realize I have to pray for you, and just leave it be for now. I believe you truly want to Follow God, so I will pray for you Sir. I will pray you will see how ignorant in God's will for your life that you have become. Grace be with you, and may the Holy Spirit Guide you Sir.

On behalf of Christ I pray for you,
Mitch Miller

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/7/5 11:49

Quote:
-----And have I watched that particular clip? No Sir I haven't, I've never gotten it to work from this website yet. Though I believe its most likely one I have seen.

Well,

Thank you for addressing this, that is helpful.

Laughing not of God? Well, that's quite absurd, look at us! :-)

But, this out of control, stuttering stammering , 'drunk in the spirit' type of thing we have seen being manifested in these types of gatherings is not what happened at pentecost no matter how much we may try and read into it. Common sense ought to be enough.

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 11:51

How do you know it wasn't that wild at pentecost? It was wild enough, to where everyone who saw those guys said that they were drunk. And it wouldn't just be the tongues that would make them think that.

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/7/5 11:56

Act 2:15 These men **are not** drunk as you suppose, for it's only nine o'clock in the morning.

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 11:57

Acts 2:13 Others mocking said These men are full of new wine

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/5 12:00

Quote:
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You are speaking of a god of your own imaginations claiming him to be the almighty yet using him for your own purpose. Wretched men that we are who would use god as a way of our success and gain, our carnal appetites desire after the things of the world and surely to guise these frutions in a sense of godliness and doctrine is a pervision and mishandling of the scriptures that will lead people astray. You claim to know the God of the scriptures but the god you paint in our minds is a god of gain and suces a god foriegn to the true god of scriptures.

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You claiming of divine revelation beyond all of us including saints offered on this site such as: Tozer and wilkerson, leave me in a state of wondering how far can a man be decieved till he cannot even hear the true words of God. Dear sir if you are praying for me and fellow brothers and sisters on this site I hope you pray aright, and not only pray for others but yourself that you may be led into all truth. Me and others are not 'quencing the spirit' of God, rather there is such an extreme desire for truth and the spirit of truth in our hearts that we are not content without it or finding it in all situations. I would strongly suggest you watch this video: (<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid4217>) The Love of the Truth (video) by Art Katz.

Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/5 12:01

Decency and sobriety are two simple words in connection to the holiness which the Holy Spirit introduces through His sanctifying work. Christlikeness is another term which fits as a label for the work of the Spirit. What Hagin brings, does not come along the same lines.

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 12:05

I was just showing you Sir, where the Bible does say that those who saw them on the day of Pentecost, thought they were drunk. And that's what you are saying now about Hagin and his group. That they are just acting to wield. I'll keep you all in my thoughts, I know if you pray for the Spirit of Knowledge and Wisdom you will receive it, God has already assured us of that. And regardless of what Satan is yelling into your minds, and putting in your hearts, Letting God give you what he wants to give you, is not Greed.

God bless you all,
Mitch

Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/5 12:08

Why did you back off from communicating when we began to quote Hagin on the matter of faith in Faith vs. biblical faith?

A matter to hot or difficult?

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/7/5 12:08

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That is totally unnecessary.

Brother there is an awful lot of teaching here on this site, from many many men of God going back years and years. Not only in the audio sermons but in articles etc. Also, there is much wisdom amongst those here who have walked with the Lord and whose experience would likely overshadow your own as well as mine (in my case that is without a doubt)

It is quite easy to dismiss outright what others are saying without taking anytime to weigh and consider their thoughts. All so, in just a few short days it is impossible to grasp where people are coming from so it isn't really wise to just throw out a quick little comment about who is or isn't 'quenching the Spirit'. Has it ever occurred to you that you may be doing the exact same thing here? Remember the fruit of the Spirit?

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 12:10

I haven't backed off of anything, so much being said here, I might have missed something. Please repeat what it is you want me to tell you again. I can assure you, I have Scripture that shows I am right. And I believe I've already shown every piece of scripture that was shown to me, how it was taken out of context and tried to mean something it didn't.

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 12:12

I know it's not happening to me, because I use to be in the same boat you guys are in. I use to be sick all the time, I use to have so many problems, that no doctor or therapist could ever help with. And it wasn't until I went before my God, and asked for his Holy Spirit, and the Spirit of Knowledge and to be Led by the Spirit, and began to pray to my God in Tongues, that I fully became aware of the Scriptures. I KNOW I am not deceived, God doesn't deceive. And like I've said over and over again, I can back up everything I state with Scripture.

Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/5 12:13

Is God sovereign or a subject?

The Faith cosmology teaches that God must obey certain spiritual laws which regulates faith and procedure on Earth and He cannot do otherwise. This stance has destroyed God's sovereignty, His right of self-determination and self-rule within His universe. No man can force God's hand with formulas, and there are no spiritual laws apart from His will. In the universe, God "works all things after the counsel of His will", Eph 1:11, not according to the formulas of man's will.

"In the spiritual realm God has set into motion certain laws, just as He set laws in the natural realm. Those laws in the natural realm work, don't they? Just as you get into contact with those natural laws or put them into practice they work for you. Over on the spiritual realm the same thing is true. I have come to the conclusion that the law of faith is a spiritual law, that God has put this law into motion, and that as surely as you come into contact with it it will work for you."

Hagin

The Law of Faith

A universe governed by spiritual laws, instead of God. . .
This is the fundamental rule of positive confession.

Anybody, Christian or non-Christian, can plug into this universal law of faith and get results. . .

"It used to bother me," explains Hagin, "when I'd see unsaved people getting results. Then it dawned on me what the sinners were doing: they were cooperating with the law of God – the law of faith.

Hagin , Having faith in your Faith.

- No need to repent and be born again, no need of the work of the cross of Christ, no need of sanctification unto submission to the Throne of Christ.

Re: - posted by Matthew2323 (), on: 2004/7/5 12:13

How do you reconcile the Exodus 4 passage?

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 12:14

I have already addressed the God and Spiritual Laws. We know God has made a covenant with us, and we know that he can not break that covenant. Therefore, we know that he does have laws that he must adhere to. How can you dispute that?

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 12:17

As for Exodus 4:10, it's simply a passage where God is showing a very nervous, very scared Moses, that he is all powerful, and it doesn't matter if he thinks he can't talk. Because God can make him whatever he sees fit. God can make him the best speech giver this world has ever known. Just like God could easily shut him up if he wanted to. He is showing him that he is the creator of all things, even if a person was born deaf, God still created them. Therefore God can still heal them, and will heal them, and will be with them.

Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/5 12:21

Interesting position – rejection of God’s sovereignty, man having authority over God, Christ no longer on the Throne, man able to create his own future.

This is the chaos which Jesus Christ confronts at the Cross.

Perhaps you move on to the position of Kenyon, who flatly denies the role of the Cross in his book “What happened from the cross to the throne”.

This is the position of unregenerated man - you can have what you say, name it and claim it, just get it at any cost.

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/7/5 12:30

Quote:

-----I have Scripture that shows I am right

Think about that brother...

"I am right"

Are you willing to be wrong? Even if it challenges you to let go of some presuppositions?

Is that the issue here?

That's dangerous territory, you are going way to fast here and not taking into consideration any body else's thought's or where they are pointing out to you where you may be taking things out of context.

None of us will ever learn anything if we can't take some *time* to contemplate what our own members of the body of Christ are saying.

Slow down brother.

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 12:30

I have never once said that man has authority over God. Neither has Brother Hagin, nor my Pastor, or any close ones to me for that matter. We have simply said, That God wants to give us these things, so we reach out in Faith, and believe what he wrote in his Word, and ACCEPT them. Not take them.. not be greedy and make him give them to us, But we ACCEPT them. I have never in my life overlooked the Cross Jesus was hung on. If you want to can all political correctness, and get right down to what God has said, then anyone who does not receive Healing has rejected some of the meaning of the Cross. Anyone who denies Speaking in Tongues, has denied some of the meaning of the Cross. And Christ, is seated at the Right Hand of Power, God would be on the Throne I suppose. And I have never taken Christ off his seat, he is there making intercession for all of us. And he goes with his believers proving the Word with signs miracles and wonders. Here is the thing, Jesus said that he would confirm the Word, and that These signs shall follow those who believe. Jesus said that, you can look it up, its there. Who has had signs following them? Who has raised the dead? I know of course Jesus, I know Smith Wigglesworth has, I dont know who else. Who has healed the sick? I know of many, I know that I myself have. How did I do it? Jesus said i could! Jesus said we could use him name, whatsoever you ask in my name is shall be done. Jesus gave us Authority to use his name. The name which is above all names.

So Sir I'm sorry, but I never once said God below me.

Re:, on: 2004/7/5 12:34

Quote:

-----Are you willing to be wrong? Even if it challenges you to let go of some presuppositions?

Have you not read where I've said that I use to be blind to the Truth like you are right now? Have you not read where I've said, I have been wrong in the Past. But I know, I know just as well as I know what my son's name is, that I am right about most of everything I believe in. Because just as Jesus said, he has CONFIRMED the Word. You can't say God doesn't want us to be healed, when you can watch someone speak the name of Jesus into a situation, and watch someone be healed. You can't say God doesn't want us prosperous when you can sit and watch someone speak the name of Jesus and watch someone go from having nothing, to being in a position to help others. To deny the things God has written to us, is absurd. To sit and say, God doesn't want to heal us, to sit and say that Jesus did not die for our sickness's as well as our salvation, is just absurd, and it shows just how blatantly you are ignoring God's Word. I have responded in full to all your scripture references, what can you say for the two I have shown you?

Re: - posted by Gideons (), on: 2004/7/5 16:06

There are so many things that I could say here and I've got to admit I don't believe that many of the issues raised here were addressed in any meaningful way. I'm not trying to be mean here Mitch, but I don't fully understand where you're coming from on some of these issues. Perhaps we've come at you from all sides and you're trying to explain, albeit in a brief way.

I'm not interested in attacking you or anyone else on SermonIndex.

The problem I see in the WOF movement (and it's not limited to those folks), is that it's all about me (my finances, my health, my, my, etc...). I think that too much of the focus in the "church" is self-centered, rather than Christ centered. Where is the picking up the cross daily and focusing on what God wants and having Him mold us, so that we're only interested in His perspective.

You cited Smith Wigglesworth, who was certainly a very Godly man and I enjoy reading about him and all the things that God did through him. I don't believe he would identify with much of what is happening in the church today, particularly in the Charismatic renewal that was initiated in part by him.

As for me, I want the focus to be on Christ and a surrendered life to him. I want to seek God's face, not his hand (not simply what he can do for me). That's my hope for all of us, who want to see His name glorified above all.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/5 17:22

Quote:

-----I haven't backed off of anything, so much being said here, I might have missed something. Please repeat what it is you want to me to tell you again.

I would like to say that a lot of your comments Mitch are uncalled for and you immediately throw me, others on SermonIndex and even great saints like A.W. Tozer and Wilkerson into the same side of things that we are deceived and need to come to realize higher spiritual truth. You speak from a lofty precipice and state lofty things but in your comments and explanations of scriptures I don't see the spirit of truth evident in the way that I have read of men from the past. Unless of course God is doing a new thing and everyone in church history was in a sort of spiritual cloud waiting for the final outpouring of God's revelation on the church in the end times through teachers like Hagin. (I am being sarcastic).

I would ask only that you listen to the men from the past and not close your mind to understanding from God. Your quoting of A.W. Tozer from his sermon on Hebrews 11 is blatantly wrong and he is not teaching lies. A.W. Tozer is not a perfect man but he taught scripture from a desire for truth. I am feeling that it's not even worth pursuing this conversation much further because it's evident that me and others on this site are lacking in your eyes and I think your only purpose for coming here is to clear Hagin's name in your estimation and claim that we are lacking spiritually.

Re: - posted by jeremyhulsey (), on: 2004/7/5 23:24

Wow, I've been away a little and I've also been trying to keep a dying computer alive. It looks like I've been absent for most of this debate, but I'll join in anyway:-).

In another debate on this forum Philo (Ron) in commenting on the civility of those of us who disagreed yet respected each other said:

Quote:

-----Most forums would have degenerated into into imprecatory oaths and prayers long before this.

Yep :-) This debate, however, is far different from that of the age of the earth thread. We are discussing a topic that has at its core, the orthodoxy of Scripture. Orthodoxy is just a big 50 cent word that makes you sound intelligent and means to believe rightly or correctly. Believing correctly is VERY important because believing a lie can be eternally fatal according to scripture.

Another problem is division or schisms in the Church. Unity is to be a hallmark of Christianity. But what kind of unity? Certainly not unity for the sake of unity, but unity as a result of truth, the truth found in the Word of God. I don't know if it was an Anglican minister or who exactly said it but he made the unfortunate statement, "If we must choose between heresy and division, we should choose heresy." This minister fails to realize that the Bible teaches that heresy is the root of division. (1Cor 11:18-19, Rom 16:17-18) Heresy is a teaching that has separated itself from the truth to the point that men of God must separate themselves from those who teach heresies.

Quote:

-----Act 20:29 For I know this, that after my departure grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also men shall arise from your own selves, speaking perverse things in order to draw disciples away after them. Therefore watch and remember that for the time of three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. (Acts 20:29-31)

Having made all haste to write to you about the common salvation, beloved, I had need to write to you to exhort you to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. For certain men crept in secretly, those having been of old previously written into this condemnation, ungodly ones perverting the grace of our God for unbridled lust, and denying the only Master, God, even our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 1:3-4)

While there has been a challenge posed by our friend Mitch, I agree with Gideons that there has been very little substance to this discussion. Almost from the beginning it has been off topic. Mitch seems to be questioning why we consider Hagin a heretic (which he was and I hope he repented before he died). I will try to answer a few of Mitch's posts, but for the most part I will try to stick with the topic at hand: Was Hagin a heretic.

One of Hagin's more notorious "visionary" tales involves a "demon monkey." The story opens with Jesus and Hagin having a conversation on casting out demons, when suddenly a "demon monkey" jumps between them and begins to drown out Jesus' words by yelling, "Yackety, yack, yack, yack" in a shrill voice.

Finally, after some time had passed, Hagin takes control of the situation by telling the demon to "shut up in the name of Jesus." Jesus, no doubt relieved, tells Hagin that "if you hadn't done something about that, I couldn't have." Shocked by Jesus' statement, Hagin immediately suggests to Jesus that perhaps He stumbled over His own words and that rather than saying He "couldn't have," He meant to say He "wouldn't have." Jesus calmly assures Hagin that He had not misspoken...Jesus apparently told him that "sometimes your theology needs upending."
(Christianity In Crisis Pg.333, Hank Hanegraaf)

If this were true then the sons of Sceva should have been able to cast out demons because they invoked the name of Jesus. This also reduces "in the name of Jesus" to a witch's incantation. To operate in the name of someone means to operate in and under their authority. It means that I do not do things of my own accord but am under the command of another. The apostles did not do miracles in their ministry in Acts, but God did miracles at the hands of the Apostles. To say that Jesus is bound by us not invoking His name in this manner is blasphemous.

Other blasphemous statements of Hagin:

Christ's physical death on the cross was not enough to save us.

How Jesus obtained His Name, Tape 44H01

Jesus tasted spiritual death.

How Jesus obtained His Name, Tape 44H01

The Christian "is as much an incarnation as was Jesus of Nazareth."

"The Incarnation," The Word of Faith (Dec. 1980)

" was created on terms of equality with God, and he could stand in God's presence without any consciousness of inferiority...God made us as much like Himself as possible...He made us the same class of being that He is Himself...Man lived in the realm of God. He lived on terms equal with God... believer is called Christ...That's who we are; we're Christ"

"Zoe: The God-Kind of Life," 1989. pp. 35-36, 41

Quote:

..... believer is called Christ...That's who we are; we're Christ
.....

Mat 24:5 For many will come in **My name**, saying, *I am Christ*, and will deceive many.

"Every man who has been born again is an incarnation and Christianity is a miracle. The believer is as much an incarnation as was Jesus of Nazareth"

"The Incarnation," The Word of Faith 13, December, 1980

"You are as much the incarnation of God as Jesus Christ was...the believer is as much an incarnation as was Jesus of Nazareth."

"Word Of Faith" Dec. 1980, p. 14

"Why did He need to be begotten or born? Because He became like we were - separated from God. Because He tasted spiritual death for every man. And His spirit and inner men went to hell in my place. Can't you see that? Physical death wouldn't remove your sins. He's tasted death for every man. He's talking about tasting spiritual death. Jesus is the first person that was ever born again. Why did His spirit need to be born again? Because it was estranged from God." (Kenneth Hagin, "How Jesus obtained His Name"

Tape #44-H01

Mitch wrote:

Quote:

.....And there is nothing that Brother Hagin has ever said, that does not line up with the Word of God.
.....

I would have to completely and respectfully disagree with you.

In Christ,
Jeremy Hulsey

Re: - posted by ravin, on: 2004/7/5 23:50

I just saw the clip and if there was laughter in some of the church's that I've been to it would be an improvement. What would so n so say are do? well we know that they are not here so the lord has put us here in this place and time to ACT as soldiers of the cross. fear not only believe. Gods mind is far above that of ours. he will take the foolish things of this world and do as he pleases. what would happen if God came and took over the service at your church, is he welcome to do that are is he only given untill 12:o'clock and then put back in a box till next week. do we really mean it when we say lord come and worship with us. what would it be like? dose the building shake where you are going when prayer is going on I'm new to being a christain, but I'll not get in the lords way if he is moving. I read the bible and there are things we don't understand. but because we don't understand them are they wrong. I want the mind of christ. the one who shook and changed the world and is going to continue to shake and change us are we ready. Yes lord I don't understand but you are in control AND I'M NOT. so lord lets shake what can be shaken and see what remains.

Re: - posted by jeremyhulsey (), on: 2004/7/6 1:13

Quote:

-----Mitch wrote: "However, I have figured a little something out, I have found this website is based I believe, on Baptist 'Doctrine'. That can easily explain, why Brother Hagin isn't liked so much by people who like to post here."

Reply: Ok I know in the community guidelines I'm not supposed to use things like LOL but I think this applies here. LOL!!!!
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! That means "lauging out loud." (yeah I know most of us knows what it means, but that's for the sake of those who don't)

Sorry Mitch, nothing intended towards you personally but that satement kind of tickled me. In fact, you couldn't be more wrong. The dislike of Hagin's false teachings is not the result of a dislike of Pentecostalism, but a dislike of false teachings. I am one of many pentecostals on this site. Hagin does not represent Pentecostalism, but cultic doctrines first espoused by E.W. Kenyon, from whom he stole most of his material.

Hank Hanegraph begins Ch. 3 of his book, Christianity In Crisis by saying: "I have become weary of those who use the perversions of the Faith movement to drive a wedge between charismatic and noncharismatic Christians. Frankly, this is both counterproductive and divisive, for the Faith movement is not charismatic; it is cultic."

He goes on in the same chapter to talk about and list pentecostal men who are contending for the faith: "Are we prepared to call a man like Dr. Gordon Fee, one of the foremost Bible scholars today, "keen but clueless"? Are we going to say that Dr. Walter Martin, founder of the Christian Research Institute and father of the moder-day countercult revolution, had zeal but not in accordance with knowledge? Do we really want to categorize Chuck Smith, pastor of Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, California, and founder of one of the largest and most effective Christian movements in modern-day history, as having enthusiasm without enlightenment?"

Some of today's clearest thinkers are charismatic Christians: men like Dr. Paul Walker of the Mount Paran Church of God in Atlanta, Ga; Dr. Mark Rutland of Calvary Assembly in Orlando, FL...

More over, some of the most scholarly rebuttals of Faith theology have come from within the charismatic movement itself. Notable examples include the works of Walter Martin, Gordon Fee, Dan McConnell, Charles Farah, Elliot Miller, H. Teris Neuman, and Dale H. Simmons."

Quote:

-----The Bible says that By his stripes ye WERE healed.

You also display a fundamental misunderstanding of the scriptures. Yes I believe that healing is in the atonement, but it is promised the same way that eternal life is promised. Ultimately if we hold to our faith we will be healed. We are promised eternal life but we still die? In the same way we are promised healing, but in the eternal, in our resurrection bodies. Paul calls our current state a body of death in which we can expect to die. Healing DOES take place today, but with a purpose. You always see healing as taking place where the Gospel is being preached. It is an evangelism tool of the Holy S

pirit. It is not a right of the believer in which we are to demand it before the throne of God. Smith Wigglesworth early in his ministry taught that if a man had to pray seven times for a healing, the first six times were not in faith. He changed his attitude later when he suffered from gall stones and was not healed and the continued deafness of his daughter (who was never healed at least in this life, but she will ultimately be healed in the resurrection)

Two of the most powerful pentecostal ministers listed on this site are Dave Wilkerson and Carter Conlon. There is a wealth of sermons which will bless you there Mitch. There is no need to point out any specific messages, just download any of them and you will be blessed tremendously by two VERY pentecostal men of God.

In Christ,
Jeremy Hulse

Re: - posted by jouko (), on: 2004/7/6 2:31

Psa 19:8 The precepts of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart: The commandment of Jehovah is pure, enlightening the eyes.

Psa 19:9 The fear of Jehovah is clean, enduring for ever: The ordinances of Jehovah are true, and righteous altogether.

Psa 19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the droppings of the honeycomb.

1Jo 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

But how were they to try them? Principally by that anointing - that spiritual light and discernment which they had received from God; and also by comparing the doctrine of these men with what they had heard from the beginning. The anointing here mentioned seems to mean the spirit of illumination, or great knowledge and discernment in spiritual things. By this they could readily distinguish the false apostles from the true.

1Jo 4:5 They are of the world: therefore speak they as of the world, and the world heareth them.

1Jo 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he who is not of God heareth us not. By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Mat 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal:

Mat 6:20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

Mat 6:21 for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also.

Mat 6:22 The lamp of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

Mat 6:23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is the darkness!

Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Blessings jouko

Re: Hagin..HAHA??? - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2004/7/6 5:02

Interestingly, there was a Google ad over to the left that advertised a site where we can purchase heaps of Hagin's books. :-P

Quote:

sermonindex wrote:
" was created on terms of equality with God, and he could stand in God's presence without any consciousness of inferiority...God made us as much like Himself as possible...He made us the same class of being that He is Himself...Man lived in the realm of God. He lived on terms equal with God... believe is called Christ...That's who we are; we're Christ"

This "you are christ" teaching is something that I have heard a bit over the past few years, and can be misunderstood. Many who dictate (as in, type out) these type of sermons that are preached do so as "you are Christ", which is different from the above. The teaching goes as follows:

Quote:

Jesus is the Christ of The Father
The christian is the christ of Christ.

The key in this in letter casing of the "C". To term something as a bible is to refer to a collection of books, but the term "The Bible" can only be used for Holy Scripture, as it defines the "collection of books to end all collections of books". If I want to say to you that a christian is anointed by Christ to serve Him, few would have a problem. And that's what the word christ means.

In Hebrew christ (messiah) means:

Quote:

From H4886; anointed; usually a consecrated person (as a king, priest, or saint); specifically the Messiah: - anointed, Messiah. Strong's:4899 (Hebrew)

In Greek christos:

Quote:

From G5548; anointed, that is, the Messiah, an epithet of Jesus: - Christ. Strong's:5547 (Greek)

Although in the New Testament, the word is only used for Jesus Christ, in the Old Testament, it is used for anointed as well. In my experience, the "you are christ" message, is used by ppl who are trying to break through "cliche mindsets" that make ppl think, "Oh yeah, I've heard that before", by offending their sense of orthodoxy (much like Katz, when he describes what it means to be saved).

The first time that I heard it preached was by a man named Paul Schell (if you really want to talk about heresy in the church, check out this guy:-)). Half the extremely charismatic church walked out half way through the sermon.

The second time was by Sunday Adelaja. Who stated that we are "saviours" (based on Ob 21). When Ps Sunday shared, he stated his motives & rationale behind his words, during the 2 1/2 hour sermon.

Basically this teaching states that christians are anointed & are made in the image of God.

Do I agree with or endorse Hagin? Let's just say I'm wary of him. It was a good argument put forward about Hagin's prophecy about Jesus' return.

Does this mean that we are to reject all that he had to say? In scripture there is only one reference to the fact that Noah was a "preacher of righteousness", and that was made millennia after the fact. If we were to ignore this anonymous epistle writer, we would miss this fact. Jude referred to the apocrypha when mentioning Enoch's prophecy, again the only reference. What if God, in His wisdom, decided to reveal something in His word through this man, never to be revealed again (I'm not talking about extra-biblical revelation, but a neglected part of The Bible in need of restoration)? Would we have the humility to receive it?

Quote:

"Every bush is burning. Some remove their shoes, while others merely watch the flames."

By nature, we tend to take a scientific approach to everything in life. We start with a supposition, and we end with a conclusion based on that hypothesis. If we like a preacher, we tend to justify all his actions & words. If we dislike him, we tend to reject everything that comes out of his mouth. A mature christian must develop the ability to separate the meat from the bones (especially in this age of great apostasy), or we may as well hermitise with our Bible, rejecting all preaching.

I guess that I just want to make one last attempt to explain the "baby/bathwater" principle in detail before my head starts bleeding ;-).

Love ya guys.

P.S. Regarding the laughter thing, I used to embrace it, now I reject it. I know it is a "real" thing (though I also know that many fake it), but I also know that ouji boards & spiritism is "real" (not that I believe that this is "demonic in nature"). My reasons are slightly different from many who reject it, but are equally sound. To those who accept the phenomena, I urge you to follow the little "question mark" in your heart on the matter (C'mon, you know it's there) and at least test it with scripture. Any phenomena that uses as it's defense, "not everything needs to be backed up in scripture" needs to be considered "dubious in nature" (go Art :-)). Ask yourself this, "Why would God do this?", 'coz I don't buy this "spiritual anesthesia" thing.

Re:, on: 2004/7/6 7:49

Quote:

-----...You speak from a lofty precipice and state lofty things but in your comments and explanations of scriptures I don't see the spirit of truth evident in the way that I have read of men from the past....

Of course the way I speak, and the way Brother Hagin and many other Christians today speak sound different from those guys you so admire from the Past. As I said, one of those heretics you like so much, has gone to the point of saying that there is no definition of Faith anywhere in the Bible, EVEN after reading Hebrews 11. Its obvious, talking to you, is not something that can continue. You are so blinded, that you are following a man, who just removes parts of Gods Word when he sees fit. I would have to think that perhaps he had bad things happen in his life, and instead of admitting he was weak, he made God weak.

However I will continue to pray for you Sir, the Holy Spirit will lead you through the Word and help you see the real truth if you will only allow him.

Praise be to God,
Mitch

Healing, on: 2004/7/6 7:55

There is no reason whatsoever to think that Healing is only given to us for our life after this. We already know there is no pain and sickness in Heaven. So why on Earth would God provide a way for us to be healed, in a place where we need no healing? God has made it clear in his Word, that those promises are for today. Have Faith in God, I Dare you all to believe the Bible Word for Word, not word for what you wanna hear word. Seek your God, he will show you the mysteries.

Mitch

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/7/6 8:29

Brother Mitch,

Like it or not there is much that you refuse to come to grips with and much that you are drawing assumptions from.

On occasion there are some that will come here with their agenda's in tow, not willing to listen or consider any other point of view than their own. In short time they are passing judgment on a whole community of brethren, what their denominational slant is, how they think, their experience etc. all summed up in a neat little package. At the same time drawing inferences and then making statements not based on fact.

Case in point:

Quote:
-----Have you not read where I've said that I use to be blind to the Truth like you are right now? Have you not read where I've said, I have been wrong in the Past. But I know, I know just as well as I know what my son's name is, that I am right about most of everything I believe in. Because just as Jesus said, he has CONFIRMED the Word. **You can't say God doesn't want us to be healed, when you can watch someone speak the name of Jesus into a situation, and watch someone be healed. You can't say God doesn't want us prosperous when you can sit and watch someone speak the name of Jesus and watch someone go from having nothing, to being in a position to help others. To deny the things God has written to us, is absurd. To sit and say, God doesn't want to heal us, to sit and say that Jesus did not die for our sickness's as well as our salvation, is just absurd, and it shows just how blatantly you are ignoring Gods Word.** I have responded in full to all your scripture references, what can you say for the two I have shown you?

It is obvious that you drew these ideas from inferences because nowhere did I make any such comments. As far as the references go, I don't know which two you are referring to.

But this all seems to be besides the point.

What exactly is it that you are attempting to do here? Are you trying to be a help or do you only care about pointing out how spiritually blind we all are in your estimation?

To attempt to steer this back again to what the original post was about....This video is disgusting, if it was filmed in a comedy club it would make sense but to turn the church into one is blasphemous. Is this the same church purchased by the blood of the martyr's? The same church that our brethren around the world are now suffering persecution, torture and abuse for?

Is this what we would have the unbelieving world think that Christianity is about, even in part?

Would Jesus approve of this?

Re:, on: 2004/7/6 8:49

Quote:
-----...What exactly is it that you are attempting to do here? Are you trying to be a help or do you only care about pointing out how spiritually blind we all are in your estimation?....

I am doing exactly what Jesus Christ has commissioned me to do. That is to walk in his power, and use His name. And to declare the Word of God to the entire world. I stumbled across this website, and noticed how full of anger, and deception it was. And I decided to show some Scriptures to the ignorant here who have refused the Spirit in times past in their lives. I did just that, because Jesus would have me to do it. You can call me a false teacher, you can say that I'm wrong. But when you do that, then you are indeed calling Christ a liar as well. Because everything I have said about the Scriptures, is something God himself has said. I will continue to pray for all of you guys who refuse the truth. I can not carry this on any longer, even the Lord couldn't reason with people at times, so I surely know that this is one of those times when those I'm speaking to are so far from the Truth, I have to just put it into my prayer time, and allow the Lord of the Harvest to take over from here. I pray you all become more knowledgeable in His Word.

A Son of God Forever,
Mitch Miller

One Last Thing, on: 2004/7/6 9:08

This Post also started because of the clip that was posted. Its interesting though, how the clip is put together to be shown as being one church service. But its not just one service, its at least two services. Look at the suit Brother Hagin is wearing when it starts, and look at the Suit he is wearing towards the end. We go from a grey suit, to a black suit? I mean come on, if you doctor things together like this, how on Earth can you sit and call yourself a Child of God?

My Apologies, on: 2004/7/6 9:25

A Dear Brother in Christ has given me some insight today. I do not agree with most everyone in this post. But I am sorry for any criticisms that I might have passed towards you, I hold no grudges, I do not wish any harm to come to any of you. Romans 14 has been a great help to me this day. So to you Brother who directed me there, I thank you. Again I say, that if any have been hurt by my words, I am sorry. I ask your forgiveness. If we do not agree, its understandable, I will speak the Word of God, proclaim it from the mountains if need be. But it is not my job to criticize. I will keep you all in my prayers, May the Lord be with you all forever.

Your Brother in Christ,
Mitch Miller

Re: My Apologies - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/6 10:21

Speaking with authority, speaking on behalf of the Lord Jesus, speaking his mind and heart is diametrically opposed to the authoritarian manifestations produced to master a universe and its laws and powers by mind power and fleshly ambition on which some call faith.
L. W.

Re: - posted by jeremyhulsey (), on: 2004/7/6 10:55

Quote:
----- I did just that, because Jesus would have me to do it. You can call me a false teacher, you can say that I'm wrong. But when you do that, then you are indeed calling Christ a liar as well.

We are not calling Christ the liar, but we would certainly say that you are not hearing from Christ.

We have posted specific statements from Hagin proving that he was false, yet you completely ignore them even after you've asked for them. Your only defense is some ambiguous statements before his death that could mean anything. Mitchell, if I stood up in my church and said that some were going to be brought to tears by the end of the year I would have a pretty good shot at being right even with a small congregation as my church. Nostradamus was more specific than this. Yet when we look at the specific prophecies of Hagin we see that they were very false, and we see no evidence of repentance from them. The only thing you can say about the clip is that it is from two different services, so what? It just shows two different services where Hagin is making false statements.

Quote:
-----And I decided to show some Scriptures to the ignorant here who have refused the Spirit in times past in their lives.

Where?? I'm still waiting for some scriptures from you and a decent instruction from you in those scriptures. All you have posted have been ambiguous statements and accusations against the people on this site.

You attacked A.W. Tozer calling him false because he assaults the false understanding you have of Hebrews chapter 11. You probably buy into the lie that faith is an actual substance because of the antiquated language of the KJV. All Tozer

was saying that the Bible gives demonstrations not definitions. And please do a study on Hebrews 11 before you make any more false accusations. You'll find that the true understanding of that passage is a lot better than the way it's taught at Rhema (another word that faith people don't understand).

If you do post on this thread any longer, please type something worth reading. Don't tell us you are giving scriptures, actually give some. And please be specific. Thanks.

In Christ,
Jeremy Hulseley

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/6 11:15

Quote:
-----The first time that I heard it preached was by a man named Paul Schell (if you really want to talk about heresy in the church, check out this guy). Half the extremely charismatic church walked out half way through the sermon.

Brother Aaron thank you for your post there was a lot of helpful information in it. I would just ask you this one thing in light of the quote above. Why would you put yourself in a situation where you are listening to teachers that are obviously teaching falsities and even at times forcing you to walk out under vexation of spirit due to false precepts being shown. Why do we allow wolves among our midst and act like this can be normal christianity. I don't mean this against you dear brother directly but rather I'm trying to raise a bigger point that is happening in our day.

Quote:
-----Of course the way I speak, and the way Brother Hagin and many other Christians today speak sound different from those guys you so admire from the Past. As I said, one of those heretics you like so much, has gone to the point of saying that there is no definition of Faith anywhere in the Bible, EVEN after reading Hebrews 11. It's obvious, talking to you, is not something that can continue. You are so blinded, that you are following a man, who just removes parts of God's Word when he sees fit. I would have to think that perhaps he had bad things happen in his life, and instead of admitting he was weak, he made God weak.

Ok if we are all blind and following false teachers ourselves why even fellowship among us. I really see no substance in your posts, just a weariness in our position in God and your prayers which seem more like accusations of our spiritual walk in God. I think as Jeremy stated either just start posting in response to actual quotes and also start posting the bible that you so highly esteem or really I don't think this discussion deserves that much more time in the direction it's going. I say this humbly and respectfully.

Re: My Apologies - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/7/6 11:39

Would like to address that an apology has been presented here and though the allusion to Romans 14 notwithstanding, albeit curious in light of the other comments made, will take it at face value.

I too apologize for any inferences I drew early on that looking back I can see where they could have been provocative and given that same impression, one of putting you Mitch in a bad light, it was not my intention.

Unnecessary criticism's are just that, unnecessary.

But issues are issues and when they are of a serious nature as many of us would believe what is transpiring in the church of our day is necessary for examination, then we should deal with them and not sweep them under a rug in the name of unity. Yet we should stay clear of letting the topic's themselves deteriorate into character assassination and other unpleasantries.

Re:, on: 2004/7/6 11:57

Thank you very much for hearing my apology. Although I can say that some of the clips I heard on here, such as the ones from Tozer, and the man who taught one on Beware of the Dogs, are not scriptural in the least, I can not judge the man. Did they go on to heaven? I do not know, because as I've said, I can not speak for God's mercy and grace. However I can judge the Word, and can tell you they are wrong in what they said.

However, seeing as how this Thread was started based on a clip of Brother Hagin that no one can deny has been altered for personal gain by someone who does not like him. I do not see anymore need to post here. I enjoyed the lively debate, I hope God will bless you all. And perhaps I will see you on other forums and threads.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Mitch Miller

Re: Hagin - posted by shazbot, on: 2004/7/6 13:18

I have seen this for myself, in person. I went to one of his conferences, unaware and uninformed. When he and others in the congregation started doing this, I felt very awkward. I did not know what to think. I could find no scriptural basis for this activity. I asked a spiritual mentor of mine about it, and he said that it was perfectly fine. I still respect my mentor, but I must disagree. Somehow, this just doesn't "feel right" to me. The Spirit of God shouldn't make Christians uncomfortable and awkward in this way. Because a Christian has the Holy Spirit in them, it should feel natural.

But this did not.

Please note that the above post is an opinion only and may or may not reflect the truth.

Re: - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2004/7/6 15:32

Good Evening to everyone,

Quote:

shazbot wrote:
I could find no scriptural basis for this activity... this just doesn't "feel right" to me. The Spirit of God shouldn't make Christians uncomfortable and awkward in this way. Because a Christian has the Holy Spirit in them, it should feel natural.

In response to that, is there scriptural basis for that activity not being a valid. I do agree with you when it comes to the discernment of Spirit, he does give us witness to the truth. Sometimes though I believe that what he does can fall outside of our paradigms of what God the Holy Spirit can and cannot do. Then we do find us being uneasy or even frightened. An example of this would probably be when God came down on mount Sinai. The community said, hey Moses you talk to God this sight is too heavy for us. (Heavily paraphrased)

But if anything I tend to lean more to your opinion on things, He does after all lead us into all truth.

God Bless you

Re: - posted by jouko (), on: 2004/7/6 23:00

<http://www.christian-witness.org/archives/cetf2003/copeland.html>

This page might be of interest as we debate K.Hagin's doctrine as it would be compatible to K.Copeland's, both from the same camp.

There is 3 more parts to this article.

jouko

Health and Wealth- Selfish Ambitions - posted by DelightedInU (), on: 2004/7/7 14:32

First off, I want to post scripture, because at least we all agree that scripture is truth. I don't even know that Mitch is reading this, but if you are, then here are some truths.

Let me first say that you have posted God's word, but have taken it out of context. Just like if you were taking something I said such as "I love women". You could take that and say I was a lesbian and do all kinds of damage with it. But you took it out of context and what I was really saying is "I love women of God. I enjoy their fellowship." So what I really meant was that I love God's daughters and like to fellowship with them.

On Wealth:

Matt 6:8-13

for your Father knoweth what things ye have NEED of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

This is an example of how to pray. Not a prayer to pray. This prayer is from Jesus. We should take in His words and His examples always. The only physical thing that He asks for is for bread. For food. He is asking for the things that he NEEDS, not the things he would like, or wants. God will provide for your NEEDS. God know what we NEED. Jesus didn't pray for or want all these extra things. Why do you? It's just stuff. It's gonna burn.

Matt 6:19-21

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Same chapter. Same context. God says, don't gain all this stuff. It isn't eternal. Press forward for the eternal treasure, which is eternity with Jesus. You don't NEED all this stuff on Earth. Why would God say to not store it up and then just give it to you? It doesn't make sense. Riches is a blessing, but not one that you should be looking forward to. He doesn't promise it anywhere in scripture. Where your treasure is, your heart is. Do you think He wants all these things in your life to distract you? He want to be your treasure. God told the rich man to sell all he had and follow Him. Can you give it all up to follow Him? Live on the streets? The more you have, the more you want, the harder it is to give up. That is the BLESSING of being poor. No baggage! Nothing to hold onto. All the more reason to press on to the upward call!

On Health:

Quote:
-----There is no reason whatsoever to think that Healing is only given to us for our life after this. We already know there is no pain and sickness in Heaven. So why on Earth would God provide a way for us to be healed, in a place where we need no healing?

This is something that you have taken out of context. There is no healing in Heaven. There is no need for it. We are perfect in our heavenly bodies then. He doesn't provide a way to be healed in heaven. The verse you are using this argument above with is out of context.

I'm going to post the context.

Isaiah 53:2-11

For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his

mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

This passage is prophecy for the crucifixion. This is how the Messiah would deliver everyone who believes. It is not speaking about physical healing. It is talking about spiritual healing. We are 'healed' from the disease of sin. We are saved from the second death. This is not referring to the first death. God could care less about our physical bodies. He does care, but not as much as he cares about our spirit. He 'heals' us from spiritual disease and death. This is the meaning of the passage.

Philippians 3:7-10

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERING, being made conformable unto his death;

Again, Paul is talking about everything he has gained in this life. He thinks it's dung (crap). Garbage! Wealth doesn't matter. Why do you seek it? Seek HIM!

The fellowship of His suffering. We are going to suffer. We aren't all going to be healed. It doesn't matter though. They're just bodies. We are to fellowship in His suffering. Take part in it. Experience His suffering. It is a blessing. To suffer the way Christ suffered. God is glorified when we suffer. ANYONE can follow God when things are good, your health is good. Who wouldn't want to follow a God who give you wealth and health? Just like Job. But the true test, the true witness of faith is when someone praises God, even though they aren't healed. Then people will look and say, "That's the kind of God I want to follow. Even when they are suffering, they are still praising. There must be something about their God! I want to know Him." I believe in the gift of healing. People are healed. But why doesn't God heal everyone? Cause He has a purpose for that infirmity in those people's lives. He is using that person, and that person's circumstances to glorify Himself. How they act in those conditions, brings glory to God. God is BEST glorified, when His children suffer.

Re: Health and Wealth- Selfish Ambitions - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2004/7/7 16:43

I write out of seeing the response to Mr Index's posting about Kenneth Hagin.

With any truth I believe there is a possibility that, that one truth can become the total focus of our lives. In the last hundred or so years God has been restoring that which was lost, examples would be the baptism in the Holy Ghost (Azusa Street). Then we had the Healers and Evangelists of the mid twentieth century, then the whole teaching explosion with Mumford and the boys. Then we had the faith guys come, then we had the prophetic and lastly the return of the Apostolic office and ministry.

I believe that what happened with the whole faith movement was that they didn't move on. God didn't stop at that mountain, he is building his Church and wants his whole Church moving forward with all the truth. Paul understood that, and he didn't hesitate to proclaim the whole will of God. Acts 20:27

When we meet together as Christians and our sole focus is one particular truth and not the whole vista of who he is, we will go off line. The church becomes known more for the truths that they hold dear than for a church that reflects the full breadth of New Testament life. He shows us so that we can go extend and advance his kingdom. I believe that the essential truths of the word of faith movement are true, that you get what you say, positive confession (saying what God says) etc Mark 11:23; Prov 18:20,21.

But it is a truth in context and balanced with the whole cannon of scripture.

What I'm saying is that not one aspect of God or of his word should be our sole picture of who he is, he fills the heavens and the earth so how can one glimpse of him show us all of him.

Re: Health and Wealth- Selfish Ambitions - posted by girlofGod07, on: 2004/7/12 23:12

Oh my DelightedInU...Now you're at the point of saying the God that can do the impossible can no longer do that. Because obviously now He can't heal anyone or make anyone wealthy...let's see.

Pslam 103-"Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction."

Looks to me like healing our diseases and forgiving us is different (in which case you would call it "spiritual healing"...hmm).

As far as "sharing in His suffering"...that's persecution. Not sickness and disease. Sickness and disease is apart of the death category. You can't deny that. Who brings death...satan. Who brings life and life more abundantly..Jesus! =) If we are to be like Christ and it is Christ that lives in us (Gal. 2:20) then how in the world are we supposed to live with sickness and disease? Jesus' nature is health and life. Satan's is sickness, disease and death.

Sickness comes to destroy. Reminds me of John 10:10-"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy, I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

James 1:17-"Every good gift and perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow or turning." Jesus came to give us abundant life! And all good and perfect gifts come from God the Father. Is cancer a good gift? Is putting up with lung and kidney problems living abundantly? These things are a result of an imperfect world full of results of the fall of man. But today I have good news. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil and He, Jesus, accomplished what He set out to do. Satan has been defeated (1 John 3:8-"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.") and we have been given the ability to be set free! =)

If the Truth is to set us free...we must KNOW it. For GOD'S PEOPLE are destroyed because of lack of knowledge. How I want people to know there is more to God and more to the life He wants us to live than they are living now!

And I won't even get into the wealth thing now cause time is short but all I can say for now is God wants us to enjoy life. Now..putting things and stuff above God is a big no-no. And people do fall into that, we just must be careful that we use God's blessings on us to be a blessing to others, for that is why He blesses us! Who would want to be a Christian if God makes us be poor and sick?? Life and life more abundantly is Christ's motto!

And just another add in, He wants us healthy! He does care about our physical bodies. Because we can't be doing all He needs us doing (ministring, spreading His Word effectively) if we are sick and laying on our beds!

It's in the Word...check it out with an open heart. =) God bless!

Re: - posted by jeremyhulsey (), on: 2004/7/12 23:25

OK, We have beat this topic to death. So if it's ok with everyone I'm going to lock it. If you still want to speak on this subject please use private messages and email 8-) . Thanks.

In Christ,
Jeremy Hulsey