

Scriptures and Doctrine :: What I consider sound doctrine

What I consider sound doctrine, on: 2007/9/14 17:02

For about 7 years I've been diligently studying the scriptures for the truth and have also read many books by great men of God and this is what I have come to believe:

- All men have a freewill, the power of contingent choice and are for that reasonable accountable for their actions
- God's commandments are not impossible and He expects us to keep them
- Sinless Perfection is attainable in this life
- A person must stop sinning in this life or they will not go to Heaven
- Entire sanctification is necessary before justification can occur. A person must make a conscious choice to surrender everything to Jesus (all sin included) before they can be saved.
- Conversion/Regeneration is a personal decision to deny yourself, pick up your cross, and follow Jesus; a decision to repent and believe the gospel
- Sin is not a hereditary disease but a voluntary decision of the will, a wrong use of freewill
- Sin is a rebellious use of freewill against the Sovereign plan of God
- Babies are born innocent and sinless and voluntarily choose to corrupt themselves at the age of accountability
- Sinners are sinners by choice not birth
- The future is partly open and partly settled and God knows it as such
- The foreknowledge of God consists in God foreknowing all certainties as certain and all possibilities as possible
- Jesus Christ died for everyone, his blood was a sin offering which makes it possible for God to forgive everyone conditionally
- Salvation is conditional upon repentance and faith
- Salvation can be lost by one act of rebellion
- The Church was wrong for condemning Pelagius and agreeing with Augustine

I've defended these positions with an abundance of scriptures time and time again on these boards, but I just wanted to make it abundantly - plainly - and publicly known what I believe the Spirit of God has taught me through revelation.

No doubt some of you may disagree with me on all points, some of you may agree with me on some points, and maybe a few actually agree on all points.

Re: What I consider sound doctrine - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2007/9/14 17:11

I can just see where this thread will go brother

may everyone "discuss" with Love and in a way that glorifies Jesus, agree on most things but not all...

Re: What I consider sound doctrine - posted by MikeH, on: 2007/9/14 17:30

Assuming that you live by the principles you so diligently espouse, as not doing so would be so damning, then, sir, it must be a delight to be in your presence, and I am only sad we live so far apart. It would be both a privilege and pleasure to meet you; every element of your life must exemplify Christ incarnate.

Mike

PS In case there might be any uncertainty on anyone's part, this post contains not even the slightest hint of sarcasm.

Re: What I consider sound doctrine - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/9/14 17:54

Quote:
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No what you have done is avoid answering questions you cannot by alluding to the emotional or sarcastic, or even stretching history to make your agenda known. Brother Ron(philologos), myself and others have time and again tried to correct your misinterpretation of verses, or asked you what you were getting at, and strangely you either forget those threads exist, or avoid the questions altogether.

Now as for sinless perfection, and understanding that you mean it as a complete love for God, or something of that idea. How in the world can you stand before God, and say you have always loved your neighbour as yourself? I have unfortunately watched too many of your videos of you preaching, and what is displayed is not love and a genuine concern for the souls you are speaking to. Rather it is an egotistic barrage of hopelessness made even worse by the fact that all you care to do is anger people by your pompous unfounded declaration of sinlessness. You expect dead men to live, and then beat them for not doing so. How dare you, you are worse than Pharaoh demanding bricks without straw.

To be blunt, you are as the lawyers Jesus spoke of that bind heavy burdens upon people, and yet cannot carry them themselves. And another prime example of your type would be the Pharisee who prayed thus with himself, "Lord I thank you that I am not as other men, for I do not sin, I am wondrously pure because I have exercised my free-will and made myself born again. Oh thank you Lord that I am so wondrous."

Meanwhile a publican (whom you would despise and verbally accost, and probably not allow near the temple) cannot even lift up his face, and cries out, "Lord be merciful to me a sinner"

Wonder whom Jesus said went home justified, or declared righteous?

Free will is a figment of the imagination. For it is as a rock that can only sink, or move downwards. To do anything else, it requires an outside force. You cannot say that men are slaves to sin, yet free to choose for in this you express the double mindedness of your free will predecessors who have long been proved wrong.

If the will is enslaved in one point, it is not free at all. If it cannot do good(God's standard) on its own, then it is not free and must look outside itself for freedom.

I have really tried Jesse, but your doctrine is heresy reborn from the lies of Pelagius, and the Sophists through the annals of hell, and must be countered whenever possible. These are strong words, but because I love you and grieve for the souls you abuse I say this.

Re: - posted by HopePurifies (), on: 2007/9/14 18:11

roaringlamb,

It's too bad your theology doesn't allow you to love your brother. Your post shows that you live up to it. If you don't see love in Jesse's preaching, you are blind.

Re: - posted by myfirstLove (), on: 2007/9/14 18:12

RoaringLamb there is no hope in your message. you make God to seem like He is too small to help us overcome sin. When He said He came to set us free from sin.

Your message is depressing saying that christians will continue to struggle. That is unscriptural.

Galatians 5:24

24And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

1 John 5:4

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

Where is your faith in God to lead us in victory, going from glory to glory, not defeat to defeat?

It is not of works that sets us free. It is FAITH, brother.

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/9/14 18:12

Here are some ore questions for you Jesse-

Do you love your wife as Christ loved the Church ALL the time? Do you ever get irritated with her, or she with you?

Has your wife been hurt by things you have said, or done?

Do you ever argue?

Do you ever worry about a bill being paid?

Do you ever not give thanks to God in everything?

There are more, but these should have blown your sinlessness out of the water. If not you should start doing marriage seminars! :-P

Re: - posted by myfirstLove (), on: 2007/9/14 18:16

Note, I do not agree with all of Jesse's view.

I just wanted to share with roaringlamb in giving him hope and encouragement.

Re: - posted by myfirstLove (), on: 2007/9/14 18:18

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Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2007/9/14 18:19

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are tease things acceptable? or not as bad as other sins? I know what you are trying to say brother...but no sin is ever ok in any way or form, fore a believer...ever....

but **if** we sin..... you know the rest :-)

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/9/14 18:21

The hope is Christ, and His life in me.

That is it, I am accepted because of Christ's death and resurrection. Now that His Spirit abides in me, I am being sanctified, and then when I see Him, I will be like Him because I will be transformed when I receive the glorified body at the resurrection of the dead.

I am sorry if this is depressing, but Christ promised the Cross in the here and now and that is a slow painful death, but He also promised glory in the life to come, and for that we must joyfully wait.

Now for anyone who say it is possible to live sinlessly in this life, what of this verse-

Romans 14:23b " **for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.**"

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2007/9/14 18:23

this verse is also quite "refreshing" James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

Re:, on: 2007/9/14 18:24

Roaringlamb,

Suppose everyone in the world sins. Suppose even those who believe sinlessness is possible still continue to sin. That does not disprove the fact that the bible requires that we cease from sin.

I have sinned in the past. I could sin in the future. I know that I am not sinning now. And I know that if I do sin, I don't have to. All sin is avoidable and God always provides a way of escape.

Even if everyone in the world sins, God still says we must cease from sin.

Your argument that sinning disproves the possibility of sinlessness is a fallacy. Sinning simply proves that people are not living free from sin, but it does not prove that people cannot live free from sin.

I would be depressed all the time if I thought I had to constantly sin until I die. That message is such bondage! But the bible offers freedom and liberty in Christ! You never have to sin again! You can actually obey God! Don't let the devil lie to

you, YOU CAN STOP SINNING!! Praise God!!

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2007/9/14 18:31

Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

what do you people make of this verse? to me it is clear.

and this one

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

I do not believe in "sinless perfection" but pretty close :-) i do believe there are victory over all sin

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/9/14 18:33

Quote:

-----Even if everyone in the world sins, God still says we must cease from sin.

Brother if you are anything like me, there are things that are sin to you now that were not even a year ago. Now if we die then would we have gone to hell?

To say that we must have absolutely no sin in this life to be accepted is right in one sense, because the sins of God's people have been laid upon Christ, thus removing the guilt and granting pardon, This is why Paul can dare to say-

Romans 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and **whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.**

So it does not say anything there about sinless perfection, but rather glorification. Paul uses similar language in Ephesians and refers to us being seated in the Heavenly places with Christ.

As I have stated many times, a regenerated heart is a justified heart, and that justified heart will be being made a sanctified heart.

And no I do not believe that a man can indulge in sin without conviction and be a Christian just so the record is straight. A true child of God will have extreme displeasure with sin in his or her life.

Re:, on: 2007/9/14 18:37

Are you saying that because Christ died for us, God pardons fornicators while they remain fornicators? Does God forgive child molesters even if they continue to molest?

Don't sodomites need to give up sodomy if they want forgiveness? Don't blasphemers need to give up blasphemy if they want to be forgiven? Don't liars need to give up lying if they want to be forgiven?

And if these types of sinners need to stop their sin in order to be forgiven, why don't all types of sinners need to stop their sinning in order to be forgiven?

Isn't pardon from God conditional upon repentance? Or is repentance an optional choice you can make after being forgiven, but not something you must do first in order to be forgiven?

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/9/14 18:44

Quote:
-----Isn't pardon from God conditional upon repentance?

Pardon from God is based upon justification brought by faith which is only in the regenerated heart. God Himself births a new life into the heart, and thus establishes new desires so that the molester now does not want to molest, the blasphemer no longer wants to blaspheme etc.

You come at this the wrong way supposing a man can fix himself, or re-birth himself and that is why you do not understand that a forgiven soul is a new soul even though there are remnants of sin that must be dealt with.

Re:, on: 2007/9/14 18:50

So do you need to repent before you can be justified or do you repent after you've been justified?

Isn't repentance necessary in order to get saved?

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/9/14 19:09

Quote:
-----Isn't repentance necessary in order to get saved?

Yes. the regenerate heart now sees its crime against God, and sees Christ as the only Saviour from the penalty.

Repentance and faith must go together as one cannot go without the other, forgive me for overlooking that in my previous post.

But man will not repent until he has a new heart. That is where we will mainly disagree. I see the Gospel as being God's saving of people who don't even want to be saved(not violating their wills but renewing them so they desire Christ), and want nothing to do with Christ. But then the grace of God comes and by His Spirit enables men to believe, and receive justification.

This is why the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, because they cannot see any value in it with natural eyes.

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/9/14 19:26

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Re: - posted by LiveforGod (), on: 2007/9/14 19:30

Amen Brother Logic.

I think you just used Logic. :-)

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/9/14 19:42

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No, I am saying the new birth produces repentance, faith, justification, and sanctification. These are fruits of the new birth. Not causes of it.

There is no ability to truly do these things without the new birth. Natural man will not because he sees no need to.

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Wait, I thought man saved himself by his own choice to be saved. You mean God must first do something in order for man to react? ;-)

The conviction comes from the new birth, and thus will produce repentance.

Re: What I consider sound doctrine - posted by Logic, on: 2007/9/14 19:43

Quote:

-----Lazarus1719 wrote:

- God's commandments are not impossible and He expects us to keep them

Amen!

For the sinner, God's commandments are only possible when they come to Christ so that the law may be fulfilled in them as they walk in accord with spirit.(Rom 8:4)

Quote:

-----Sinless Perfection is attainable in this life

I'd have to disagree, only by personal experience.

Quote:

-----A person must stop sinning in this life or they will not go to Heaven

must stop practising sin in this life, or habitual sin.

Quote:

-----Entire sanctification is necessary before justification can occur. A person must make a conscious choice to surrender everything to Jesus (all sin included) before they can be saved.

I might not understand your thinking on this, but, I would say for this to be true: Faith sanctifies one entirely for the justification.

Because Abraham believed and was counted to his as justification(righteousness).

Quote:
-----Conversion/Regeneration is a personal decision to deny yourself, pick up your cross, and follow Jesus; a decision to repent and believe the gospel

Amen Conversion/Regeneration are one and the same.
I hate the idea that one needs regenerated in order to have faith to be saved.

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Amen to all 4

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Need to study "Open Theology" more

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Amen to all 3

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Thank God this is not true.
Rebellion is sin.

1John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that you sin not. And if any man sin (rebels), we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

Quote:
----- The Church was wrong for condemning Pelagius and agreeing with Augustine

To bad pelagius was called a heretic, he had some common sense theology.
He was, however, way off on a lot of things.

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/9/14 19:53

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Look at the verse before it, and tell me who did what-

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Rom 8:3 For **what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:**

Do you see that Christ fulfilled the Law on our behalf? and that is we if we believe we are free from sin and death? These are objective truths, they are true whether we feel it to be true or not. That is why the righteousness of the Law shall be worked out through us, that is the process of being conformed to the image of Christ is it not?

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/9/14 20:03

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Why do you say that salvation produces repentance, faith, justification, and sanctification?

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If he wasn't able, he would be innocent for not repenting, because there is not law against inability.

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Huh? all mankind has a conscience. All mankind may be convicted of the truth or be effected by the truth. All mankind may accept truth and yield to truth. Why is the truth that convicts of sin any different?

One does not need a "new birth" in order to let truth effect him.

Why would one need to be saved(new birth) to be convicted of sin(the truth)? you have it backward.

One needs to be convicted of the truth(sin) to have the new birth.

Furthermore, it is not man saving himself!

It is man recognizing that he needs saved and acting upon the fact. Man is saved by faith in HIS Blood.

Man's choice to be saved is choosing to act upon the truth of what Jesus did and who he is.

Say Jesus is a boat. Man must choose to get in the boat.

Man must choose to apply HIS blood just as the children of Israel had to choose to put the blood on their doorposts.

Re:, on: 2007/9/14 20:20

Quote:

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If he wasn't able, he would be innocent for not repenting, because there is not law against inability.

Jesus rebuked entire cities for not repenting! Jesus rebuked people for being faithless!

Why did Jesus rebuke them for being impenitent and being faithless? Because it is their choice to repent and believe and it's their choice to remain impenitent and faithless!

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/9/14 20:24

Brother logic,

The term "saved" is an invented term for our day I suppose, and if I had to be technical I was saved before the foundation of the world(Eph 1:4,5), or even 2000 years ago when Christ bore my sins on Calvary.

So regeneration is not equal to salvation, but is a means of applying it.

You and I can go round and round about this, but I fear neither will convince the other. I once was on your side, I know the arguments, and am amazed that you, Jesse, and others think that I just fell off the turnip truck or something.

Brother two years ago I would have been Amening every word both you and Jesse have said, no longer for now I am convinced otherwise. And unless I am convinced by Scripture and plain reason here is where I will stand, so help me God by His grace through Christ.

But I never want you or Jesse to feel that I do not value you as brothers, and even though we have shared harsh words at times, it is good to have passion about what we believe else it would be nothing more than a hobby.

Blessings to you brother.

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/9/14 20:45

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roaringlamb, I am sure others are just as flabergasted as I am at this.

Being "saved" is not an invented term for our day! Just think: how many times is the word "saved" used in the New Testament?

Brother, when I say salvation, it is NOT what you mean as salvation.

We have different salvations.

My salvation is a salvation from sinning and from the wrath of God.

Your salvation is a salvation from the wrath of God. That's only half of salvation!

("half" - I am being simplistic for times sake.)

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/9/14 20:49

Quote:
-----So regeneration is not equal to salvation, but is a means of applying it.

Your monergism taints everything. :-(
(And you would say my synergism taints everything.)

That's what we should discuss. Monergism and Synergism. Maybe I'll make a newthread for it sometime.

Re:, on: 2007/9/14 21:00

Roaringlamb,

You bring up another reason why I reject your kind of atonement theory. Because according to it, you have been saved since the foundation of the world, or for the past 2000 years.

So you would not say that you were under the wrath of God in your life?

You would not say that you were an enemy of God before you were converted?

Because Christ died for you even before you were converted, and therefore you are saying that you were saved before you were even converted?

That is what the commercial transaction view of the atonement teaches! That is what the satisfaction to retributive justice theory teaches! That the elect for whom Christ died were truly saved from God's wrath even before they were converted, because Christ satisfied the wrath of God for them before they were even born.

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/9/14 21:21

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Well then you reject Scripture, not much I can do about that.

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Of course I was until the actual work had been applied to me. All are lost until saved(have to get back to nile on this).

I am not a supralapsarian ;-)

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Yes I would, but better yet God says I was.

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No I am not saying this. The application had to be made, the new birth had to happen. In my first birth as all I was depraved and fallen thus I needed to be re-born. Christ died for me when I was a sinner. He died over 2000 years ago, and made justification possible for His people by dying for their sins.

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Substitutionary atonement is a must for a man to be justified. For he who knew no sin was made to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. The OT shows clearly that substitutionary sacrifice was God's plan of dealing with the offences of his people.

No one is saved from God's wrath until they are reborn, now of course God would not allow one of the elect to perish prior to new birth, but that is another topic.

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/9/14 21:30

Quote:
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Brother allow me to expound on what I meant and please forgive me for not fully explaining previously.

Generally, when someone says, "are you saved" they want to know if you have been born again, or they want an exact date of your new birth.

What I meant is that salvation has three main meanings, or stages.

- 1) I have been saved, which is justification. The penalty for sin is done away with.
- 2) I am being saved, which is sanctification. The power of sin has been defeated and I am now being molded into the image of Christ.
- 3) I shall be saved, which is glorification. The presence of sin is no longer a threat to me as I am in Heaven.

Quote:
-----Your salvation is a salvation from the wrath of God. That's only half of salvation!

No that's justification, but that is the most important point of all, how can a man be declared right before God? My answer is as the Scriptures declare by faith in Christ.

Re: - posted by LiveforGod (), on: 2007/9/14 21:40

Hello again Brother.

Quote:
-----The power of sin has been defeated and I am now being molded into the image of Christ.

Brother, has that truly happened in you.

Has the power of sin over you really been defeated?
I would that it was true Brother, and would exceedingly rejoice if it were true.

But brother, if sin has lost its power over you then you can live a sin free life.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Isaiah 1:18

I still love you Brother.

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/9/14 22:51

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Brother logic,
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So, you think you would go to heaven before you were converted?

When people talk about being "saved", they are referring to **Matthew 1:21** And she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call his name JESUS: for he shall **save his people from their sins**.

Quote:
-----So regeneration is not equal to salvation, but is a means of applying it.

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he **saves** us, through the washing of **regeneration**, and renewal of the Holy Spirit;

Therefore you are in error, salvation is the "regeneration"

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The reason that I think you fell off the turnip truck is because you make God into a devilish tyrant and turn the guilty into innocent.

How do you turn the guilty into innocent?
You say that God gives all ability to come to Him because people are unable to, and make people guilty from a distant relative(Adam) before they are born.

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Did you hit your head two years ago? ;-)

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Thanx, back at you.

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Why is this justification possible for "**His**" people.
Truly, it is possible for all man kind, He died for all mankind, He died for all sin that people are willing to be wash from!
All people would be His if they are obedient to the command to repent!

However, you say that they can not obey HIS command because HE will not give them the ability to obey (that is a devilish tyrant).

PLEASE TELL ME WHY HE WOULD COMMAND AND NOT GIVE THE ABILITY TO OBEY THE COMMAND?

Re: What I consider sound doctrine - posted by intrcssr83 (), on: 2007/9/14 22:53

Quote:

-----by Lazarus1719 on 2007/9/15 8:02:02

For about 7 years I've been diligently studying the scriptures for the truth and have also read many books by great men of God and this is what I have come to believe:

- All men have a freewill, the power of contingent choice and are for that reasonable accountable for their actions
- God's commandments are not impossible and He expects us to keep them
- Sinless Perfection is attainable in this life
- A person must stop sinning in this life or they will not go to Heaven
- Entire sanctification is necessary before justification can occur. A person must make a conscious choice to surrender everything to Jesus (all sin included) before they can be saved.
- Conversion/Regeneration is a personal decision to deny yourself, pick up your cross, and follow Jesus; a decision to repent and believe the gospel
- Sin is not a hereditary disease but a voluntary decision of the will, a wrong use of freewill
- Sin is a rebellious use of freewill against the Sovereign plan of God
- Babies are born innocent and sinless and voluntarily choose to corrupt themselves at the age of accountability
- Sinners are sinners by choice not birth
- The future is partly open and partly settled and God knows it as such
- The foreknowledge of God consists in God foreknowing all certainties as certain and all possibilities as possible
- Jesus Christ died for everyone, his blood was a sin offering which makes it possible for God to forgive everyone conditionally
- Salvation is conditional upon repentance and faith
- Salvation can be lost by one act of rebellion
- The Church was wrong for condemning Pelagius and agreeing with Augustine

I've defended these positions with an abundance of scriptures time and time again on these boards, but I just wanted to make it abundantly - plainly - and publicly known what I believe the Spirit of God has taught me through revelation.

No doubt some of you may disagree with me on all points, some of you may agree with me on some points, and maybe a few actually agree on all points.

Hi Jesse,

A few questions I have to raise that has the potential to open a huge can of worms for all of us:

Do you believe in the inspiration, infallibility of Scripture; that the Bible you hold in your hands represents God's spoken revelation and hence it is without error or contradiction?

Where did the Bible come from?

Whose thinking does it reflect? God's or Man's?

Does it live up to its own claims?

Has Scripture been protected through the centuries from human tampering?

If the Bible in its original manuscripts were written over an estimated period between 1500 years (1400BC? to 100AD?), what has prevented the text from being changed or altered in any way by man's carelessness or ill motives?

Let's look at how the bible explains itself:

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, ◙
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;
- 8 the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
- 9 the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
- 13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:7-14

16All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," 18we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. 19And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:16-21

So what is the Bible? Does it represent a hallmark of mere human literary achievement? Or is it indeed the inspired word of God, that is without error or contradiction, having been inspired and preserved by God himself?

If you adhere to the former, then there is a logical fallacy within your theology, brother. If man's relationship with God is indeed fully conditional on the part of free will, and hence man at any time could fall into sin and thus lose his salvation altogether, why should we trust the inspiration of the Bible when in fact it's authors could have at any time simply lost their

standing before God? Would not such a possibility open the door for the probability of the Bible not being fully inspired and innerant?

If your view of free will is correct, how can we say that the inspiration of scripture was genuinely safeguarded from human error unless God himself intervened in the thought processes of free men?

On the otherhand, if the above were not the case and scripture was written by people who had attained sinless perfection without God needing to directly intervene in their thinking, 2 Peter 1:20-21 would have to be wrong, thus making the Bible contradictory and containing error.

In conclusion, the best scriptural proof against pelagian theology and it's offshoots is simply the revelation, inspiration, infallibility and innerancy of scripture in of itself as it is a perfect representation between the relationship between God and Man.

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/9/14 22:59

Quote:

-----LiveforGod wrote:

Quote:

-----The power of sin has been defeated and I am now being molded into the image of Christ.

Has the power of sin over you really been defeated?

Yes the **power** of sin, that does not mean that we never sin.
We are free in regard to sin.

1Corinth 15:56 Now the sting of death is sin, and **the power of sin is the Law**;

Rom 6:14 For your sin shall not lord it over you, for you are **not under Law**, but under grace.

Re:, on: 2007/9/15 21:06

intrcssr83,

Yes the bible is the infallible word of God.

And yes man does have a freewill.

But freewill doesn't mean you can do everything. It simply means that you can will everything.

God made the solar system. Because I have a freewill, can I make the solar system turn into cheese? No, I can't make that happen. But I can will it to happen.

Likewise, God has preserved His Word. There are bastard bibles out there, like the Jehovah Witness bible. And the bible does warn against changing the words of the book.

But God has promised that He will preserve His word. Jesus said not one word of His will fail though Heaven and Earth will.

Men may will that God not preserve His Word. But God will preserve it none the less. God has a freewill to, but more than freewill, God is also omnipotent. He is more than able to preserve His word.

And it is from studying the bible that I have come to the doctrinal conclusions that I have come to. I can't argue with the bible. I submit unto it because it's the infallible Word of God.

I also admit that God at times may take away man's freewill and use man as a mere instrument or puppet. God may have done that to write the bible, and God may do that to preserve the bible. But God does not do that when it comes to personal salvation, since love must be voluntary.

An Open Theist theologian, McCabe, of the 18th Century taught that God at times takes man's freewill away. And Gordon Olson of this last century, an Open Theist/Moral Governmental Theologian, taught the same.

But it's only in the realm of personal salvation and morality that God let's men decide of their own freewill.

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2007/9/16 21:07

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-----roaringlamb wrote:
Brother logic,
The term "saved" is an invented term for our day I suppose, and if I had to be technical I was saved before the foundation of the world(Eph 1:4,5), or even 2000 years ago when Christ bore my sins on Calvary.

So regeneration is not equal to salvation, but is a means of applying it.

The reason that you would say that "saved before the foundation of the world(Eph 1:4,5), or even 2000 years ago when Christ bore my sins on Calvary" is because you think that the Atonement(Christ baring sins on Calvary) saves. The atonement does not save anyone, but faith in Christ knowing that what He did on the cross to be efficient. Therefore, there is no way that you can say that you were saved "before the foundation of the world(Eph 1:4,5), or even 2000 years ago".

However, you are correct in that power of sin was broken.

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The sinless perfection would mean to never, ever sin in deed and/or thought the rest of your entire life, how is this possible with our un-glorified flesh/bodies?

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If I may explain for him, sinless perfection does not mean that you *will* never sin again. It means that you are *able* to never sin again. You must still choose to not sin.

Also, do you think sin will not be an option in heaven? Consider - do we lose our free-will? Lucifer was in Heaven when he sinned.

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The Bible makes it clear that our soul will go to Heaven, and than our bodies shall be changed and made incorruptible. Or in other words glorified, and we shall not be able to sin. Here the body is corruptible, and will go from whence it came

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I'm sorry, but I don't see how this follows. We go to heaven of own will only in that we must "will" to want to go there. We cannot go to heaven merely because we will to though!
Christ died that we me reconciled to God; that our sin would be atoned for.

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/9/16 22:49

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Satan still went to Heaven in Job, and appears in Revelation as the one who accuses the brethren.

Adam was in the garden of Eden when he sinned not Heaven.

Lastly, your view is contrary to Scripture, for Jesus said we would be like the angels, and since we never read of any other angels sinning, it is safe to say we shall be without sin, and unable to sin. Especially since the Bible says that **when we see Him, we shall be like Him.**

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Sorry brother but you lost me here. There are lots of people who want to go to Heaven, even those who cast out demons, and did great works in Jesus' name, but they hear, "depart from me for I never knew you". So willing is not the ticket in .

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2007/9/16 23:07

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Does not God have the capabilities to do wrong (power, circumstances, ect.), but chooses not to? There can be no good if evil is not possible.

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/9/16 23:13

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There is a difference between a Condition and a Ground. God has made way for our forgiveness with the death of Christ. That is the grounds of our forgiveness. God has also said what we must do to be forgiven. That is the condition of forgiveness.

God extends the grounds of salvation to everyone - it is up to the individual to fulfill the condition and obtain salvation.

"Except ye repent, ye shall likewise perish."

It is up to each man to repent or not.
It is his decision.

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Okay...but they fell before. While they were in heaven. In perfect bodies.

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Christ has no sin in His being and neither do we.
Sin is a choice, not a disease or hereditary trait.