

**Revivals And Church History :: TWENTY-THREE GREAT SINS OF AMERICAN EVANGELICALISM****TWENTY-THREE GREAT SINS OF AMERICAN EVANGELICALISM - posted by Giggles (), on: 2010/4/7 17:39**

I read this again this morning. I'm not huge on these lists, but this one speaks volumes:

**TWENTY-THREE GREAT SINS OF AMERICAN EVANGELICALISM—Why We Must Pray For A Reformation Again.**

by Phil Perkins

Many Christians today are calling for revival. They are mistaken to do so. Revival is the imbuing of what already exists with new life. In the past, Evangelical Christianity has experienced renewed vigor from the Holy Spirit in great moves of God many call revivals. These are times, such as the Welsh Revival, when God, in a special work, in response to the need of the church and the prayers of the saints, breathes into the church and individual saints new spiritual power to live holy lives and to witness. What we need is a reformation much like the Protestant Reformation. God didn't revive the Roman church. To make it stronger and more powerful would be to aid the kingdom of Satan because its doctrine was Satanic. God called a remnant out of the Roman church to return to biblical doctrine and practice. Thus, Historical Evangelicalism was born. Modern Evangelicalism is not the same. We have gone into sin and lost doctrines that are essential to make biblical faith possible and added others that make biblical faith impossible. We must not seek new vigor for Evangelicalism. We must change it or simply leave it to return to Historical Evangelicalism, that is, the faith once for all delivered.

May it please God, not to revive an old donkey, but to make us a lion again.

**1. The Lost Doctrine of Regeneration.**

If we aren't changed, we aren't saved. Jesus said that if we are His sheep, we will obey His commands and if we don't, we aren't His. John 10, Matthew 7:18.

**2. The Lost Doctrine of Sanctification.**

If we aren't being made progressively more holy, we aren't saved. Romans 8:28-29.

**3. The Lost Doctrine of Personal Holiness.**

If we aren't radically different than those around us, we aren't saved. Matthew 10:17 & 16:6; Luke 6:26; Ezekiel 36.

**4. The Lost Doctrine of Corporate Holiness.**

If our churches and institutions aren't pure from false teaching, false teachers, and any who hold to false teaching, they are no longer Christian institutions. We must change them immediately or stop supporting them in any way whatsoever and leave them. Deuteronomy 12-13; I Corinthians 5:9-13; Revelation 2:6; 14-16, & 19-24.

**5. The Lost Doctrine of the Glory of God.**

If we seek our own glory or success, we are sinning. Philippians 1:12-18; Psalm 145. Matthew 23.

**6. The Lost Fellowship of Suffering.**

If we avoid embarrassment for being Christians, don't worry. We aren't. Matthew 10: 32-33; Romans 10:9-10.

**7. The Lost Leadership of Men.**

If men don't act like men again with courage and self-sacrifice, all is lost. Our fathers gave their lives for correct doctrine. Many of today's pastors and leaders won't risk being called "insensitive." Men, let the ladies be sensitive. You be godly. And lead. And die. I Timothy 2:9-3:13.

**8. The Lost Doctrine of the Sufficiency of Scripture.**

If we read books other than the Scripture for Christian doctrine, we are blaspheming, calling God a fool or a liar. II Timothy 3:16-17. The only two proper uses of other religious works are 1) to illuminate Scripture by way of explanation or example by another more discerning or more familiar than we are, or 2) to research false teaching in order to expose the lie and expel the false teacher for the protection of those weak in the faith and for the preservation of the holiness of each of the saints and for the preservation the corporate holiness of the church, Christian school, or any other Christian institution.

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9. The Lost Doctrine of Truth over Relationship.

If we value anyone, even our families, over being right with God in practice and doctrine, we aren't saved. This is a call back to holiness and sacrifice, not meanness. Read and take seriously what Moses and Jesus taught in the following references. You will see that following God under either the Old Covenant or the New Covenant meant that many would be separated from families, friends, and loved ones who will not accept the truth. Much false teaching and many other sins in the church are tolerated simply because one brother will not sever ties with another who has fallen. In other words, will you be willing to be divorced by your spouse because he or she will not tolerate God in the house? Pastors, will you jeopardize your career for the gospel? Many will not. This is a disgrace unfit for the kingdom of God. Choose you this day whom you will serve! Deuteronomy 13; Matthew 10:32-39.

10. The Idolatry of Love.

If we worship the god preached in most of Modern Evangelicalism, we are idolaters, because the god of most Evangelicals is only love. The God of Scripture is much more. I John 5:6; Deuteronomy 4:24, 5:9.

11. The Sin of Reproving the Reprover. (The New Phariseism—Unbiblical Rules Against Telling The Truth.)

If we continue to adopt the unscriptural ethics of the idolaters of love, we will continue to be like the Pharisees of old, adding laws God has never given, and honoring human tradition over Scripture. In our zeal for the soft, the sentimental, and the mediocre, we hate the prophet and make artificial rules to silence him. Amos 5:10 & 14-15; Matthew 11:16-19; Amos 7:10-17.

12. The Idolatry of the Effeminate. (Worshipping the Uber-mommy.)

The American Jesus isn't the Jesus of Scripture. It's a bizarre mix of god, goddess, man, and an uber-mommy unknown to Scripture. We have idolatrous pictures of this imaginary girlygod standing at a knobless door, unable to conquer the human heart that Yahweh, the true God, created. This contradicts both reason and Scripture. Exodus 20:4-6; Revelation 1-3; Nahum 3:13; Leviticus 19:17-18; II Timothy 2:1.

13. Self Idolatry.

If we continue to preach self-esteem, we deny Christ, Who taught us we are filth. Filth awaiting judgment. Roman 3:23, 6:23.

14. The Idol of the God Who Serves Me.

If we continue to seek earthly blessings from God, rather than self-denial, we continue to indulge our emotions and expect riches and health on Earth, while our souls die. Luke 22:19; I Corinthians 9:27.

15. The Lost Doctrine of the Value of Doctrine.

If we continue to deny the importance of strong biblical doctrine, we are self-contradictory fools, valuing the doctrine that says no doctrine is to be much valued. II Timothy 2:14-18.

16. The Lost Doctrine of the Powerlessness of the Church and Its People.

If we continue to speak as if God cannot act without our cooperation, we will remain idolaters, blaspheming the Sovereign Yahweh, and worshipping a domesticated god we control. Deuteronomy 11:25; John 6:44-65.

17. The Lost Doctrine of Redeeming the Time.

If we continue to spend time in secular entertainment, we will remain unfaithful servants, not evangelizing those for whom God has made each one of us responsible, all the while poisoning our souls with the humor of Satan, the mindset of this world, and the desires of the flesh. Ephesians 5:15-16.

18. The Lie of "Impacting the Culture" (Whatever That Means.)

If we continue to engage in this and other nebulous doctrinal sophistries, we will go to our graves, not fulfilling the Great Commission, which calls us to the specific task of teaching individuals the Scripture. Culture is the world, and is to be shunned. Learn the customs of politeness and modesty. Avoid the contamination of the values of any human culture. Love not the world. Romans 12:1-2; I John 2:15-17.

19. The Lost Obedience to Witness. (Evangelicals Who Don't Evangelize Are Lying!)

If we continue to cower, and not witness, we disobey Christ's last command on Earth and refuse to disciple anyone as Christ taught us to. All His students were required to witness almost from day one. How have we come to the point at which

ich a man can be called a Christian who isn't regularly witnessing? It is dishonest. It is disobedient. It is inexcusable. May God damn the preacher who says otherwise. The book of Jude; Ezekiel 33.

20. The Lie of Relevance.

If we continue to attempt to "make the gospel relevant", we are apostates, leaving the original gospel, which God told us was plenty relevant since it, and only it, is the power to save from eternal wrath. Are we smarter than God? Romans 1:16.

21. The Lost Doctrine of God's Hatred for the Wicked. (Lost to the people, hidden by the preachers.)

If we continue to speak and preach about the god who is only love and does not hate evil and the workers of evil, we are idolaters and lie to our hearers, damning even our own children to eternal hell unless they rebel against us and return to the God of Scripture Who is loving to the repentant and burning in His anger against the unrepentant. Psalm 5:5.

22. The Lost Doctrine of Repentance.

If we continue to preach belief without Christ's call to repentance from all known sin, we have another gospel and will spend eternity in hell, with the blood of our followers on our hands. Jude 4; Matthew 4:17.

23. The Lost Doctrine of the Fear of God.

If we continue to tell people that God is to be respected and not feared and that He will not send anyone to hell, we are liars whom God will judge eternally in hell. Most of our preachers have lied to us on this issue. Because we insist upon a god who doesn't scare anyone we either fail to speak of hell or tell the lie that our god doesn't send anyone there. Scripture says otherwise. Revelation 14:9-11; Malachi 1:14; Hosea 3:5, 11:10-11; Daniel 5:25-26; Jeremiah 2:19, 5:22-24, 10:7, 10:14; Isaiah 2:10-19, 33:6, 50:10, 57:11, 59:19, 64:1-2, 6:5; Jonah 1:8-16; Jude 4; Habakkuk 3:2-16; Matthew 10:28

In Christ,  
Phil Perkins

**Re: TWENTY-THREE GREAT SINS OF AMERICAN EVANGELICALISM - posted by TruthNLove, on: 2010/4/7 23:57**

This article is an encouraging read. I pray that I live out these truths faithfully in my life.

**Re: TWENTY-THREE GREAT SINS OF AMERICAN EVANGELICALISM, on: 2010/4/8 11:38**

This is wonderful Giggles.

It ought to be preached Nationwide. We seem to want revival on our own terms, don't we.

He will never come to a selfish and narcissistic Bride just to bless her.

I like this because it is specific, a road map; a battle plan to repent. We all need to, and I more than most.

Thank you...I'm going to try and find Phil Perkins. I like his word.

**Re: TWENTY-THREE GREAT SINS OF AMERICAN EVANGELICALISM - posted by narrowpath, on: 2010/4/8 19:06**

I agree with almost everything, right and true, this should be preached in our fellowships.

Quote:  
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I agree in as much as we cannot command God and call down blessings or "tap" his power which has become practise in many circles.

God does act sovereignly but he chooses to cooperate with men to share his work and burdens. Does this not give us a lot of power AND responsibility? Did not the faith of a centurion and a Syro-Phoenician women impress our Lord and caused him to act upon their faith? How about the very fact that the bible is inspired by God and written by men?

**Re: - posted by Revivalist\_\_ (), on: 2010/4/15 17:11**

I think this article is excellent.

My only concern is that although the introduction states that the purpose of the article is to "return to Historical Evangelicalism, that is, the faith once for all delivered." However, I see that some points are actually just statements concerning Calvinism.

For example, point 12 is really just a statement of Irresistible Grace – "The American Jesus . . . unable to conquer the human heart that Yahweh, the true God, created. This contradicts both reason and Scripture."

Also, point 16 is really a statement of Unconditional Election – "If we continue to speak as if God cannot act without our cooperation, we will remain idolaters . . ."

By the way, I personally believe that point 5 really needs to be the first point. "The Lost Doctrine of the Glory of God." I believe that when the glory of God is no longer the focal point of the church, all the other points listed there will follow as a consequence.

Thank you for sharing this!