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You Cannot Quote the Law to Prove that God Hates Homosexuality, on: 2010/8/27 6:49

When people quote the Old Testament Law to prove that God condemns homosexuals and homosexuality, they are misusing the Bible. I know that sounds like an extreme statement, but it is based on one of Paul's very strong themes that runs through the books of Galatians and Romans, and appears briefly in Colossians.

Paul taught that Christians are not under the Law. In Galatians he taught that to be under the Law was to be under a yoke of slavery. There are two ways to live, one is according to the oldness of the letter, or the oldness of the written code, and the other is to walk in the Spirit. Paul strenuously objected to the Christian teachers of his day who worked to keep other Christians bound to the Old Testament Law. These teachers found in the books of Acts and Galatians are often called Judaizers today. They taught that obedience to the Hebrew Torah was necessary for salvation. These advocates of the Law outraged Paul so much that he wished they would "castrate themselves!" (The Message, New Century Version, NRSV).

In Romans he taught 1) that sin is not taken into account where there is no Law, 2) that it is the Law that brings God's wrath, 3) that where there is no Law there is no transgression, 4) that apart from the Law sin is dead, and 5) that we are not under Law but under grace.

You cannot quote the Law to Prove that God hates homosexuality.

Re: You Cannot Quote the Law to Prove that God Hates Homosexuality, on: 2010/8/27 7:03

Paul showed how the Law is related to the cross and to the forgiveness of sins in Colossians 2:13b-14 where he wrote, "He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross."

The Law stands against you. The Law stands in opposition to us. Therefore, Christ took away the Law, and nailed it to the cross.

Now I know that many of you are very familiar with the following Scripture verses, and that my clustering of these ten (10) verses together will not be convincing. For me, they are convincing. They are not taken from context. They ARE the context of everything that surrounds them.

You cannot quote the Law against homosexuality. It undermines this powerful, repeated testimony from Paul.

Romans 2:12--All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law.

Romans 4:15--The law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

Romans 5:13--Before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law.

Romans 6:14--Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

Romans 7:8b--Apart from law, sin is dead.

Galatians 3:10--All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."

Galatians 3:13--Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us,

Galatians 3:25--Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.

Galatians 5:1--It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:18--But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

Colossians 2:13b-14--He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

If you insist on preserving the Law in the life of the Christian, you are bringing a curse on yourself and on everyone you convince to accept the yoke of the Law, which Christ died to deliver you from.

One more thing. I'm sure most of you will invoke the alleged distinction between the moral Law and the ceremonial Law. The Bible makes no such distinction. It can be inferred from a passage or two, but these "inferences" can in no way negate Paul's clear denunciation of the Law in the Christian life.

Repeat: the Bible makes no distinction between the so-called moral Law and the so-called ceremonial Law.

The distinction between the so-called moral and ceremonial Law is a man-made distinction, perpetrated on the church to preserve the Law in our daily lives.

In the Bible, the Law is a UNITY. In its essence it is NOT divided. If you break the Law in regard to even a single thing, you are guilty of breaking the whole Law. "For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it," (James 2:10).

As a Christian you cannot quote Leviticus to prove that God hates anything, including homosexuality. If you do, you bring the Law, in its entirety, back into effect, and crucify Christ afresh.

You cannot quote Leviticus to prove that God hates homosexuality.

You may be able to prosecute your case against homosexuals using other Bible passages, but not the two in Leviticus.

So drop Leviticus from your arsenal of ammunition against homosexuals, unless you are prepared to re-establish the Law in the Church--in its ENTIRETY.

Re: You Cannot Quote the Law to Prove that God Hates Homosexuality - posted by philologos (), on: 2010/8/27 8:31

RonaldGoetz on 2010/8/27 8:49:54

You cannot quote the Law to Prove that God hates homosexuality.

Behind the Sinai Covenant is the universal law. According to Paul lesbianism and homosexuality are a direct consequence of idolatry.

Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. Rom 1:22–27 NKJV

According to Paul in Romans lesbianism and homosexuality are un-natural.

Re: "You cannot quote the Law to Prove that God Hates Homosexuality.", on: 2010/8/27 9:03

Philologos, the thread is discussing whether or not we can quote the Leviticus (the Law) to prove that God hates homosexuality. This thread is not discussing Romans 1, it is discussing the validity of Christians quoting the Torah to prove what God hates.

No matter what you wrote, it remains true that you cannot quote Leviticus to prove that God hates homosexuality, and evidently homosexuals as well since they receive the death penalty.

Like I said, you may be able to prove that God hates homosexuals, or homosexuality, using other Bible passages, but quoting Leviticus is a gross and unjustified misuse of Scripture.

In Romans Paul taught 1) that sin is not taken into account where there is no Law, 2) that it is the Law that brings God's wrath, 3) that where there is no Law there is no transgression, 4) that apart from the Law sin is dead, and 5) that we are not under Law but under grace.

Is it any wonder that he wrote to the Colossians: "He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross."

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2010/8/27 9:23

So are you saying that one should sin that God's grace may abound in their life if they've professed Jesus as Lord? And 2) Would you say that one can go on "willfully" sinning & expect to commune with the Lord Christ Jesus at the same time? I will say that Christ came to save men from their sins & not in their sins. So friend, how would you answer my 2 questions, for I strongly believe they relate to your discourse. Thankyou for your time.

Re: You Cannot Quote the Law to Prove that God Hates Homosexuality - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/8/27 9:53

Your statement is so erroneous it is amazing. When Jesus preached the sermon on the mount, he not only confirmed the desire, intent, and heart of law...he upheld the anti for his followers.

Just because we are not "under law," it does not mean that adultery is ok. Just because we are not "under law," does not mean that theft, murder, covetousness, idolatry, taking God's name in vain, or any other of the ten commandments become carte blanche for believers. Such would be a misunderstanding of what it means to be "under law." As there are many admonitions in the New Testament to not be numbered among those who do such things. Grace and love will accomplish, in Christ, what the law could not do. This is simple Romans, Hebrews, and Galatians based doctrine and theology.

Secondly, in Leviticus, when God says that homosexuality is "an abomination" this is an absolute statement. Rightly dividing the word of God, one will instantly recognize that the principle of abomination is true as an "absolute," apart from law. It is just like God saying in Hosea that he hates divorce. The "epoch" or "aeon" of grace does not change such a statement (if you look at things such ways.)

God is the same yesterday today and forever Ronald. Grace does not change his hatred's.

Now, it is true absolutely that we are dead to the law, and our righteousness will not be obtained by it...the sermon on the mount shows us what Christ expects from his followers, and when it comes to the heart, he expects greater than what law could offer. The law of love will supersede the law of sin and death.

Our death to the law does not change who God is...the law is a reflection of himself. When one is under grace they will be able to do what they could not under law...you use grace as a cloak for your evil. You are a wandering star to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. You are a spot in our love feast. You are a cloud without water, carried about of winds; and a tree whose fruit is withered, twice dead, and plucked up by its roots. Ronald, you are a raging wave of the sea...foaming out your shame here on this website.

You have been rebuked by many brothers. You ought to repent. For you have acted as, "certain men crept in unawares, who before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."

To twist God's grace to your carnal desire is to be a lascivious man. Jesus says that it is better that a millstone is tied around your neck should you cause a little one to stumble, and you should be cast into the sea.

I am not sure what your greatest fear is, but that was the Jew's greatest fear, maybe He might have applied that statement to you a little differently.

For the record, since I have joined this forum I have never once directly confronted anyone, but what you are propounding here is so perverse, so evil, so diabolical you must be warned.

At the very least, if you truly do believe in "grace" and the fellowship and brotherhood of Christians, you ought to submit to your brothers in Christ if you are indeed one. As Peter says that believers should submit to one another. Since you have been asked on multiple occasions to stop shoving your wicked agenda, at the very least you should simply obey your brothers and sisters in Christ and stop. An unwillingness to do so indicates you do not care a lick for the body of Christ.

Lastly, I started to read the link you provided on the last thread you were rebuked on, and I do not appreciate your name dropping and including Chuck Smith and John MacArthur as if they were to be lumped into your "exegesis." It appeared to me as if you dropped their names in order to make what you were saying more acceptable. I doubt either one of them were consulted or would approve of you having used their names in such a way.

Repent.

Re: Yeshua's Boy, on: 2010/8/27 9:53

They are related to the topic, but not necessarily in this particular thread. My reply to you is that whatever you believe about your two questions, you cannot use the book of Leviticus to determine what is or is not sin.

Any attempt to invoke the Law against believers is an attempt to place them under the yoke of slavery Paul talks about in Galatians. Paul had little patience with people who fought to retain the Law in their Christian life.

One-by-one I want to deal with the Slam Passages, or Clobber Passages. Here I'd like to stay with Leviticus and the Law.

Quoting Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13 to prove that God hates homosexuality is completely illegitimate because the Law can only bring God's wrath.

"The law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression."

This is why Christ did away with the Law, nailing it to the cross.

“He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.”

Forgiveness is intimately bound up with the cancellation of the Law. The Law brings wrath. The cancellation of the Law brings forgiveness. This is a spiritual truth. This is not simply a matter of argument. We must jettison the Law in our lives to receive forgiveness. To cling to the Law, to insist on the necessity of the Law, is to reject the deliverance Christ provided on the cross.

Re: You Cannot Quote the Law to Prove that God Hates Homosexuality, on: 2010/8/27 9:57

Dear Ronald,

I have some thoughts I'd like to share. Please be patient. I think this may be a longish post, and you don't need to reply to it. I would ask, though, that you let the scriptures I've quoted, sink deep down into your ears.

(EDIT: To clarify: in the following by 'New Testament' I mean the books of.)

Regarding 'law' in the lives of Christians, are you forgetting, perhaps, that when Jesus Christ came, there was no New Testament? And that 'the new testament in His blood' is fully intended to bring the knowledge of God into the HEARTS of His people, in a personal way. Again let me quote Hebrews 8:

10 For this the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: 11 And they shall all not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the

least to the greatest. 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

Jesus Himself began His ministry with the word 'REPENT', (Mark 1), which is exactly what John the Baptist had been saying, being the last prophet to Israel under the Old Covenant.

Baptism for Jews was a new introduction to their faith, and what's more, the power of God was sooo in John Baptist's preaching, that people came to be baptised - to wash away their sins (Acts 22:16) and to ask what they could do to 'Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance,' John adds, 'and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.' (Luke 3:8)

Interesting, the emphasis is on a disowning of their fleshly inheritance through Abraham, despite the promises that one would be born of David's line (tribe of Judah) to deliver them. May you have disregarded the emphasis in the Old Testament in respect of God's mourning over sin, and His desire that His people also, should mourn over their sins, and the inevitable death to which sin leads?

These themes are not absent from the New Testament, so it is amazing you don't take Christ's fulfilment of the law as seriously as He did, when He actually died for us - not so that we could continue to sin (thereby rejecting His offer of salvation), but so that we could enter into His death (to make a genuine spiritual end of sin on an individual basis), and, on an individual basis, be raised to a NEW life.

This is the substance of Romans 5 - 8. But 'freely give us all things' has nothing to do with sin. Peter expresses it this way: to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ : 2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (2 Pet 1)

Both in Acts 3 (Peter speaking), and in Acts 13 (Paul speaking), both of whom refer to the prophets and the law (the covenant), and the need to hear 'that Prophet' of whom Moses spoke (Christ) there is no doubt that forgiveness of the sins defined in the OLD Testament, is the heart of the gospel. Nothing which Jesus said, in any way contradicted the spirit of the law in its intention to inform us about God's utter holiness, purity, and uncreated glory.

Note: Peter quotes Moses in full: 22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. 23 And it shall come to pass, every soul, which will not hear that prophet, SHALL BE DESTROYED from among the people.

He goes on: 24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days. 25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. 26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, SENT HIM TO BLESS YOU, IN TURNING AWAY EVERYONE OF YOU FROM HIS INIQUITIES. (Acts 3)

That is, those iniquities preached against all through the OLD Testament.

There is nothing wrong with a ministry to homosexuals, but any ministry depends upon the power of God by His Holy Spirit, to deal with the spiritual side of all sin.

Whether you preach healing first, or repentance, those who come to God by Jesus Christ, must acknowledge that He is, and they must expect to be recreated, And have put on the new, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him. (Col 3:10)

There is no logic (or fairness to the hearers) to the message of salvation if they cannot be delivered from ALL sin. The extremity - Christ dying on a cross, the blood of the Lamb of God - is essential for some unbelievers to begin only to hope they might be able to be saved some day. For, if Christ cannot save to the uttermost, there is no hope for THEM. That's how their situation appears to them from inside their hearts and minds and bodies.

Can you see that? Or, at least, please receive it from me, as this is part of my testimony.

Moving on, I noticed in a post you said this: 'I have dealt with the so-called "Slam Passages" (Leviticus 18:22 & 20:13, Romans 1:18-32, etc.) to my own satisfaction.'

Doesn't it bother you that your 'own satisfaction' may not satisfy God? He is looking for those who are willing to adopt His entire pattern of thought over every matter He has disclosed to us, through the scriptures.

Even calling some of His word 'Slam Passages', indicates you have adopted the thinking of those with whom you associate, rather than being one who shares HIS mind, with them, as Paul entreats at the end of 2 Cor 5, (which would include all of GOD's definition of sin).

Returning to the relationship Christians should have with 'the law', here is one poem by Charles Wesley, which addresses it in some fulness:

'Tis finished! The Messiah dies,
Cut off for sins, but not His own:
Accomplished is the sacrifice,
The great redeeming work is done.

'Tis finished! all the debt is paid;
Justice divine is satisfied;
The grand and full atonement made;
God for a guilty world hath died.

The veil is rent in Christ alone;
The living way to heaven is seen;
The middle wall is broken down,
And all mankind may enter in.

The types and figures are fulfilled;
Exact is the legal pain;
The precious promises are sealed;
The spotless Lamb of God is slain.

The reign of sin and death is o'er,
And all may live from sin set free;
Satan hath lost his mortal power;
'Tis swallowed up in victory.

Saved from the legal curse I am,
My Savior hangs on yonder tree:
See there the meek, expiring Lamb!
'Tis finished! He expires for me.

Accepted in the Well-beloved,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
I see the bar to heaven removed;
And all Thy merits, Lord, are mine.

Death, hell, and sin are now subdued;
All grace is now to sinners given;
And lo, I plead the atoning blood,
And in Thy right I claim Thy heaven!

As Paul asks: Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death:

(Please pause here. Think about this. There is no God-given right to a sexual relationship of any kind, when one is dead. 24 And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God? 25 For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but are as the angels which are in heaven. (Mark 12)

Reading other parts of the New Testament, it is clear that even born again Christians may, or may not, marry, depending on the outworking of God's calling on their lives. (Matt 19:12, 1 Cor 7:1, 2, 39, 40) God does not give a choice to a man, to 'marry' a woman OR a man. That's because 'to avoid fornication', in the New Testament, includes avoiding homosexual liaisons. There are more than a dozen other places in the New Testament, where fornication is named as 'sin'.)

As Paul continues from Rom 6 above: (therefore)

that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life

5 For IF we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also of resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our OLD man is crucified with, that the body of sin might be DESTROYED, that henceforth we should NOT SERVE sin. (Rom 6)

Matt 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven... 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. 24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. 28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

24 God a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and in truth. 25 The woman saith unto him, I know that at Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am. (John 4)

Re: Abominations, on: 2010/8/27 10:10

Dear Ready Mind,

You've written a lot here. Please allow me to answer one point.

You wrote: "In Leviticus, when God says that homosexuality is 'an abomination' this is an absolute statement. Rightly dividing the word of God, one will instantly recognize that the principle of abomination is true as an 'absolute,' apart from law."

In all seriousness, a great many things are called "abominations" in the Law.

Mainly different kinds of food.

God said, "No eating food the third day after it's left out. That is an abomination, and the person that does eat it will bear his iniquity."

Leviticus 7:18 "And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed unto him that offereth it: it shall be an abomination, and the soul that eateth of it shall bear his iniquity."

Leviticus 11:10 "And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an abomination unto you."

Leviticus 11:11 "They shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcases in abomination."

Leviticus 11:12 "Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that shall be an abomination unto you."

Leviticus 11:13 "And these are they which ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the osprey . . ."

Leviticus 11:20 "All fowls that creep, going upon all four, shall be an abomination unto you."

Leviticus 11:23 "But all other flying creeping things, which have four feet, shall be an abomination unto you."

Leviticus 11:41 "And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth shall be an abomination; it shall not be eaten."

Leviticus 11:42 "Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all four, or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they are an abomination."

Ready Mind, there are, I believe, over 100 food sources that are labeled abominations in the Law.

And then there is male homosexuality.

Leviticus 18:22 "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination."

Sorry, but I'm not giving up my frog legs, or mussels, and certainly not my shrimp and my bacon.

I'm not being funny. When shrimp and bacon are included on the list of things called abominations, then the word abomination doesn't carry with it quite the thunder it does when applied to other...abominations.

Ready Mind, I don't think there is a Biblical basis for your insistence that

"When God says that homosexuality is 'an abomination' this is an absolute statement. Rightly dividing the word of God, one will instantly recognize that the principle of abomination is true as an 'absolute,' apart from law."

If you were correct, then we would still be forbidden to eat bacon, or crab, or shrimp. We know for a fact that there was nothing "absolute" about touching the skin of a pig or eating rabbit. So when you talk about "rightly dividing the word of truth," you really do need to consider how that relates to you.

Thank you for taking the time follow the link to the book. I hope it is a blessing for you, one way or another.

Re: You Cannot Quote the Law to Prove that God Hates Homosexuality, on: 2010/8/27 10:21

Hello again Ronald,

I've caught up with the posts made while I was writing.

You say

'In Romans Paul taught 1) that sin is not taken into account where there is no Law, 2) that it is the Law that brings God's wrath, 3) that where there is no Law there is no transgression, 4) that apart from the Law sin is dead, and 5) that we are not under Law but under grace.'

All these statements are true, but you have missed out two vital chronological events (chronology being vital to God's

plan of salvation through Christ, who came 'in the fulness of time'). They are:

Gal 3:19 Wherefore then the law? It was added BECAUSE OF transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made;

(Romans 3: we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; 10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. 13 Their throat an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps under their lips: 14 Whose mouth full of cursing and bitterness: 15 Their feet swift to shed blood: 16 Destruction and misery in their ways: 17 And the way of peace have they not known: 18 There is no fear of God before their eyes. 19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Note: 'for the remission of sins that are past')

Hebrews 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

'He appeared TO PUT AWAY SIN by the sacrifice of Himself'.

God knew that men could never become righteous by their own efforts. His 'grace' is that He chose to come to fulfil all righteousness on our behalf, by believing and continuing to believe in which, we can be saved FROM SIN.

And, therefore, from eternal death.

That's what the gospel is about.

It's about having a hope of RESURRECTION from the dead.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2010/8/27 11:19

by RonaldGoetz on 2010/8/27 11:03:26

"No matter what you wrote, it remains true that you cannot quote Leviticus to prove that God hates homosexuality, and evidently homosexuals as well since they receive the death penalty."

So you think God executes judgment because he 'hates' people. I don't think you understand the nature of judgment or of God.

"In Romans Paul taught..."

I notice that in all of my posts, and in your thesis, you carefully avoid any reference to Romans 1 and the connected between idolatry and lesbianism and homosexual practice.

Re: You Cannot Quote the Law to Prove that God Hates Homosexuality - posted by Glry2G-d, on: 2010/8/27 11:53

I liken the discussion with Mr. Goetz with the scripture Matthew 7:6: Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

There is no use in trying to impart truth to someone who isn't genuinely seeking truth.

Re: You Cannot Quote the Law to Prove that God Hates Homosexuality, on: 2010/8/27 12:39

Hi Ronald,

A few more thoughts.

You said within an earlier post: 'Quoting Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13 to prove that God hates homosexuality is completely illegitimate because the Law can only bring God's wrath.'

But that's exactly why God ever mentioned homosexual behaviour, giving its context in the worship of other gods, but when He poured out His wrath on Christ, instead of on us, He established for ever that He included homosexual practices with every other outworking of sin.

There is now, no reason not to proclaim with gladness to those who practise homosexuality, that they can be delivered from their bitter torments.

Regarding 'the law' in New Testament writings, in one place Paul says: 9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, AND if there be any OTHER thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; (1 Tim 1)

How does it work?

Gal 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But AFTER that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Justification by faith necessarily follows having been convicted of sin. Homosexuals may have a problem though, because of what happens when they choose not to retain God in their knowledge, namely, 'a reprobate mind'.

The next stage is described in 2 Thess 2: 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

The end of Rom 1 contains the same thesis, as does 2 Timothy 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

Note the progression expressed in Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed unto them.

The above show us a progression into spiritual confusion. First of all a person tries to deceive God, (big mistake) imagining (important word) He cannot 'see' their heart (which He can, all the time), and then, he begins to believe his deception has worked. (That's called 'self-deception'.)

By now, he has made himself a prey to other deceivers, who can more easily deceive him, because long ago he stopped acknowledging, and lost contact with, truth.

Therefore, when any homosexual comes to Christ - The Truth - there is a lot of sorting out to do. But one thing is certain: he cannot remain in self-deception or confusion, unless he resists the working of the Holy Spirit.

Remember, the Holy Spirit glorifies Christ, the Truth. There can be no mixture in Him. Had HE sinned, He would not have been the spotless Lamb of God.

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew unto you.

I mention the last point because you seem to believe that God changed somewhere between the giving of the law, and coming 'full of grace and truth', the (whole) word made flesh. Yet you must know that God does not change. 'Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.' James 1:17

That's why we can depend on His word, and, upon Him for judgement, as much as believers can depend upon Him for mercy.

There is a very serious side to suggesting He was not wholly pure and holy. Mark 3:29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation: 30 Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

I hope you will give deep consideration to these thoughts.

Re: You Cannot Quote the Law to Prove that God Hates Homosexuality, on: 2010/8/27 12:53

I forgot one other thing you said:

'In Galatians he taught that to be under the Law was to be under a yoke of slavery.'

The 'yoke' is 'slavery' to SIN (the wages of which is death, which, as you know, we all can forget about very easily without the law outside, or within), and it was prophesied against by Isaiah 10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

1 John 2:26 These have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 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.

But there is a yoke for the Christian:

Matt 11:28 Come unto me, all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Having laid aside sin, we are to take that yoke.

Why would you not also wish this for homosexual practitioners?

Re: You Cannot Quote the Law to Prove that God Hates Homosexuality, on: 2010/8/27 13:47

Ronald,

i was going to make this a PM to you, but i thought it best to make it public, in the case i was wrong in what i'm about to write.

the moderators on this forum are good, Godly men, with a whole lot of love and patience. i can say that because i have sorely tested their love and patience more times than i'd like to admit to.

one of the few things that makes them uneasy is if somebody has "agenda", other than that of Revival, or of the Jesus Christ and Him Crucified and Resurrected.

they are not gunned up for censorship, nor are they "legalists" or "pharisees", quite the contrary, BUT they don't countenance posters that have an agenda.

one instance in particular, i won't mention a name, or even the agenda, but this poster was just single-minded and vociferous in foisting his agenda onto the forum, and he was reasoned with, and pm'ed, and lovingly corrected, etc. and it went on for quite a while, actually threw the forum into a minor uproar....minor, because when it was apparent, that this brother, wasn't going to submit to any authority, he was banned from posting, and i can't speak for the moderators, but knowing them in the Spirit, i am more than certain they took no joy in doing this, nor do i take any joy in writing this public post, that would seem to urge you to cease on this topic of yours.

and i say that, because the way i read it, you'll just continue, kind of like a samurai going down with his blade flashing, and when your inevitable "ban" comes, you'll just go forth and say, "look at those "biblical bigots" on SI, they couldn't bear my 'teachings' so they threw me off the forum".....i hope and pray that doesn't happen, but it does seem to be going in that direction, and to slander such a God honoring website, would indeed be sin, compounded.

....and the onus of SI is canted solely towards hearts afire for God reviving His Church in this time NOW. It's not whether or not the continuing practice of homosexuality is spiritually covered by the Blood of Christ.....you made your point, abundantly, this "Church" has NOT accepted it, we have reasoned with you, patiently, Scripturally and i believe lovingly, yet you continue with this "one horse agenda", so.....

what's next?

You ever listen to Duncan Campbell speak of his days being allowed by God to witness revival on the lonely hebridean islands off Scotland, circa 1949-53? Marvelous stuff, and it's right here on this website!

well, God love you, neil

Re: , on: 2010/8/27 17:14

Hi Neil,

Thanks for your note. I have no problem with your decision to send it publicly.

Christian (HmmHmm) posted a reply, and among other things suggested that I consider my thesis regarding Luke 17:34-36, so I decided it was probably time to discuss some of the passages used against gay and lesbian believers. I started with a thread on the illegitimate use of the Law, namely Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13.

I realize that my input here has provoked a strong response. Philologos has started a thread titled, "The Doctrinal Delusions of Ronald Goetz," where he has taken it upon himself to critique "Jesus and the Six Homosexuals." I am glad that he is reading the book. I don't know if any others from SI have followed his example and requested a PDF copy or not.

Neil, as it stands now, I am discussing Leviticus at the suggestion of Christian, and replying to the criticisms of Ron (Philologos).

One more thing, Neil. A handful of people have "reasoned" with me. The bulk of people here seem to think that cutting and pasting long blocks of Bible text constitutes "reasoning," and it doesn't. The number of times I've been accused of heresy, of being a false teacher, and had people quote Romans 16:17 (mark and avoid) would take a while to tally.

I haven't been here long enough to know whether the moderators are considering banning me from the site or not. I have seen one thread closed, the one on "the evils of free will." The poster was flaming. But I haven't heard anything from the moderators warning me to stop posting.

The only comments directed to me encouraged me to look at the entirety of Scripture on this topic, which I have done. And Ron's criticisms seem to merit reply, especially when he insists on doing things like insisting I have mispunctuated things that are not mispunctuated. His criticisms aren't too sound at this point.

Revival often comes when churches are humble enough to receive Bible teachings that were there all the time, but were simply missed or ignored.

Gratefully,

Ron

Re: - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2010/8/27 17:50

"Revival often comes when churches are humble enough to receive Bible teachings that were there all the time, but were simply missed or ignored."

Amen, Goetz, amen.

There is a lot you are simply missing.

And a lot you are conveniently ignoring as well. You have completely ignored many of the responses that have been made to your posts on this and the other thread. And we know why. You ignore them because you have no defence against them.

Hi Disciple, on: 2010/8/27 18:41

Disciple, it would be virtually impossible for me to reply to every response. I have had scores of replies, and each reply has as many as three to ten separate thoughts.

Yes, I "have completely ignored many of the responses." The majority of the posts directed at me denounce me as a false teacher, a teacher of heresy. I don't need to defend myself against my multitude of accusers.

God said, "I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward."

"As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him."

God is my Encourager: "But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head."

"We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield."

I don't need a defence against them, Disciple. Christ is my defence.

I often take refuge in God's words to Jeremiah:

"If you have run with footmen and they have tired you out, then how can you compete with horses? If you fall down in a land of peace, how will you do in the thicket of the Jordan?"

God bless you Disciple. May God bless your life and ministry, and fulfill that promise to do great and exceedingly beyond what you can hope or imagine.

Dear Ron G., on: 2010/8/27 20:19

Ron

it should be kind of obvious that your thesis isnt gaining any traction on this forum....and really, if you noticed, nobody has gotten nasty or engaged in vituperative glass breaking in your direction.

there is a close knit, kind of neat cyber fellowship that God has allowed to develop over the last 8 plus years, and it isnt merely confined to mere posts. SI does have face to face conferences, some webcast. There is a telephone conference regular prayer meeting, i have been so blessed as to speak with and meet with a few posters here.

and let me tell you this, at least from my own heart, if i considered your thesis correct and lining up with Scripture, the "fear of the crowd" would not deter me from standing alongside of you....and i have a feeling there are other brothers and sisters here who have no fear of man's opinion either, but that's why i said to you before, i cant go along with you on your thesis, coz its just outright wrong, and overwhelmingly every one of these saints on this forum feel the same, as led by God the Holy Ghost.

which is why i asked, "what's next?" is your ministry comprised of just this one thesis? If it is, you might be in for some rough sledding, and i dont mean that in any mean-spirited threatening way, just a statement of fact.

there is a Spirit filled harmony here, so once you've unpacked this thesis of yours, you've read the reactions, there have been no "yes and amens" to it, unless you have something else to unpack that edifies the Body of believers, why would you ever, for the Love of Christ, wish to continually "jam" your thesis down the throats of this humble fellowship?

You gave your "word", it was not recieved, so why hang out and hang on? Such a stance will only bring dissesion to this fellowship, and Heaven forbid, and i've seen this before on this forum, at times, we've had such wonderful breakthroughs here, wonderful prophesy, much love and Grace in Christ, and literally the devil will send unclean spirits to disrupt the love and harmony in Christ on this forum. Hence, lets say we get posters with maybe 2 to 10 posts, popping up on here, and mounting a full throated defense of your thesis, starting a nasty cyber brawl, that can only come from the enemy. We are not unaware of his schemes.

in all honesty, i, at times have been involved in the most intemperate dialogue, disruptive, non-loving, and at the end of the day, just feel terrible. its my flesh coming to fore, and let me tell you this, EVERYTIME, i got out of hand, and asked for forgiveness from these saints, it was always given, Bless Jesus.

so Ron, unless you want to do a 180 degree turn and repent of this thesis of yours, why would you WANT to hang out here, unless of course, God can use us to dissuade you from this perilous course you are on.

i beg you please, please, repent, this is wrong, this teaching of yours, what can i, a mere man, say to you to dissuade you from this course? Only God the Holy Spirit has such Words, and my prayer is that you listen to the Small Still Voice, and repent.

baring that, i think it would wise and noble if you left.

You wrote:

"Revival often comes when churches are humble enough to receive Bible teachings that were there all the time, but were simply missed or ignored."

i beg to differ, revival only comes when God decides Revival will come, fore He is Sovereign in Revival, only when He can TRUST us with Revival, humility in the saints is a given, burnt out worms of Christ is what He desires to be the human channels of Revival, and hear me on this, got this from my older brother, Revival will NOT be televised.

so please, repent and bring something sweet and good to the table and stay awhile, otherwise you should leave, that i beg you.

neil

Re: Hi Disciple - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2010/8/27 20:31

You've decided to ignore my 2 questions Ron, & that, of course, is ok. More importantly, it is a great & terrible thing to ignore the whole counsel of God. I can discern that you have no fear of God in you which is the beginning of real, heavenly wisdom. Please humble yourself, & leave the Lord of Life out of your own personal & ungodly agenda. This is self-murder & you're just giving out a deceitful licence for others to sin. May you come to your senses before God seals your choice.

Re: Dear Ron G., on: 2010/8/27 21:12

i'm wrong in suggesting that you leave the forum, thats not right of me, it lacks Grace, and is willful, and i am sorry.

however i do beg you to reconsider your thesis.

neil

Re: Ronald - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/8/27 21:43

"If you were correct, then we would still be forbidden to eat bacon, or crab, or shrimp. We know for a fact that there was nothing "absolute" about touching the skin of a pig or eating rabbit. So when you talk about "rightly dividing the word of truth," you really do need to consider how that relates to you."

Far be it from me to continue to propound a point that I may be a bit wrong on. Many silly and traditional doctrines have been cemented in church history because of Tom-Foolery and pride. However I still think you are wrong here.

God clearly abrogated dietary, and legal/judicial laws in the New Testament. God called them "clean" (abominable foods) in the book of Acts to Peter. Nowhere in the New Testament do we see those forms of adultery, lust, wickedness, perversion...or any unclean thing which flows from the wicked heart of man abrogated. As I stated before, this truth is most profoundly understood in the sermon on the mount. Also, when Jesus saw one caught in adultery, he forgave her...but told her to go and sin no more.

The abomination of Homosexuality is of a different kind than the abominable foods because they (the unclean animals) were only those types of abomination that could go into a man. Homosexuality comes out of a man. They are distinct types.

I still am not able to agree that you cannot use this statement in Leviticus. As there are many things in the law God calls evil in the New just the same as he did in the old. The apostles said that the gentile believers do not need to be bound to the Mosaic law in any way, but they never said anywhere that Grace is license for perversion.

"Thank you for taking the time follow the link to the book. I hope it is a blessing for you, one way or another."

Hardly...you completely ignored what I said about it.

Once again Ronald, you are turning the grace of God into lasciviousness.

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification that you should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour: Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God." 1 Thessalonians 4:5

Concupiscence = "desire for that which is forbidden." (Thayer) This applies to any form of lusting of forbidden things which have found their wellspring in the fallen human heart. Homosexuality is one of those things.

Ronald, there are probably hundreds, if not thousands of Christians today whom have been delivered from the sins of Homosexuality. They have experienced the grace and forgiveness of God, as well as the infilling of the Holy Spirit of God

as a result. What you are saying is that all of those testimonies are bupkis.

Are you saying that their "real" experience of deliverance through Christ is a lie? Are you committing the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit? Are you calling the Holy Spirit through them a liar?

Let God be true...and every man a liar.

What you are writing is like telling a total drunkard whom has been delivered from alcoholism to chase the bottom of a bottle of Captain Morgan.

Here is just one amazing example of deliverance:

http://www.tangle.com/view_video?viewkey=ba3b8f89aa0a75a1a36a

Re: You Cannot Quote the Law to Prove that God Hates Homosexuality - posted by mossman, on: 2010/8/27 22:14

Homosexuality was called a sin before the Law was given on the mount. God calls all including sodomites to repent and turn from their sin. Mark ch 1:15. Paul did say we are not under the Law, but he also preach against sin 1 Corthians Ch 6:9,10. and Homosexuality is in this verse. they to will not Inherit the Kingdom of God. But God does not hate them, He wants all to come to repentance. Homosexuality is not the unpardonable sin, but it is sin and you must confess it and turn from it.

Re:Mossman - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/8/27 22:19

"Homosexuality is not the unpardonable sin!"

In case you thought that is what I was implying. It is not Mossman. I am implying that one saying someone delivered from sin as being a lie or demonic to be the blasphemy.

I concur that God wants all to repent.

Re: , on: 2010/8/27 23:05

Hi Ready-Mind,

Let me respond to a few of your points.

You wrote, "The apostles said that the gentile believers do not need to be bound to the Mosaic law in any way, but they never said anywhere that Grace is license for perversion."

"Once again Ronald, you are turning the grace of God into lasciviousness."

Ready-Mind, I don't know why you would say that about me. My thesis in this thread is the inadmissibility of quoting the Law to define sin. That has nothing to do with a "license for perversion" or "turning the grace of God into lasciviousness." Nothing.

When Jesus discussed the Six Homosexuals and declared that half of them were acceptable to God, it was the Messiah who was declaring homosexuals clean. Jesus accepted practicing gay and lesbian believers. I will not call unclean what Christ has declared clean.

You wrote, "Concupiscence = ἐπιθυμία, epithumia "desire for that which is forbidden." (Thayer) This applies to any form of lusting of forbidden things which have found their well spring in the fallen human heart. Homosexuality is one of those things."

Not so, Ready-Mind. Jesus took gay and lesbian relationships off the "forbidden list," along with shellfish and squid. I will not call unclean what Christ has declared clean.

Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13 do not trump the words of Christ.

You said, "What you are saying is that all of those testimonies are bunkis."

What? Are you serious? I never said anything that remotely resembles that.

Do you see why interacting with people on these forums is frequently frustrating? People keep putting words in my mouth and thoughts in my head that simply aren't there.

You may think that you can extrapolate from a simple assertion (like "You can't quote the Law to prove that God hates homosexuality") and draw a whole list of things that I *must* believe as well. But you can't.

Don't feel bad. (I know--I'm sure you don't!) Many people have assumed that I believe this or that, based on something that *they* think flows logically from what I've written, when in fact I believe nothing of the sort.

You asked, "Are you committing the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit? Are you calling the Holy Spirit through them a liar?"

No, not at all. This is an example of where your leaps of logic lead you.

Ready-Mind, you said, "I still am not able to agree that you cannot use this statement in Leviticus."

1) Do you believe that the ability to quote Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13 is an essential weapon in ministry to gay and lesbian believers?

2) After Paul warned us of all the negative consequences of living under the Law, do you still intend to place people, many of whom are believers, under the Law?

3) Aren't the usual verses cited in the Greek scriptures adequate for your purposes?

Re: URGENT MESSAGE - posted by Renoncer, on: 2010/8/27 23:16

Brethren,

From the beginning of time, the devil has been defiling God's word; it is no different today. It is pointless to try to reason with the enemy, or his agents, because they are bent on doing evil. When Jesus was tempted in the desert, He did not engage in a debate with the devil. For instance, when Satan tempted Him to turn a stone into bread, Jesus replied, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone'" (Luke 4:4). I can just imagine what the devil could have replied: "That verse doesn't say that you do not have the right to turn this stone into bread!" Jesus did not engage in a debate with the devil, because it would not have accomplished anything good. Instead, he just rebuked the devil with the Word of God.

Brethren, I do not wish anyone to fall into the trap of Satan, who is using one of his agents to provoke you to anger. We could spend some time arguing against the way this man is twisting a passage and drawing farfetched conclusions from words that do not even appear in the original text (i.e., the original Greek just says "two in one bed", and not "two men in one bed"). However, it is unlikely that this would accomplish anything good. The man bent on evil would simply find some deceitful way to justify his interpretation. This man's heart is corrupt; it does not love the Lord or His word (though he claims the opposite). This man's heart has sadly been turned over to the devil. His heart is defective. The devil has blinded his mind so that he cannot understand, but his own heart bears witness that it is diseased. Brethren, please pray for him, so that the Holy Spirit would convict him and show him how his own heart has been testifying that he is under the bondage of the devil. Brethren, please pray that his heart's own cry would become unbearably loud, so that he might admit his own lost state. His heart is already torn; let us pray for deliverance. His heart is injured; let us pray for healing. His heart is screaming right now; let us pray that his ears be opened. His heart is bleeding; let us pray that he might see.

Brethren, we all know that God's word clearly says that homosexuals will not inherit the kingdom of God unless they repent (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). We also know that Jesus did not minimize sexual standards, but rather amplified them (Matthew 5:19-20, 27-30). Therefore, we do not need to defend these issues. Rather, we must pray for this man, whose heart is corrupt and diseased due to sin. God has already called him to repent, rebuking him and showing him that his way of twisting scripture is evil. God has already told him that he has neglected the greater things (like the Pharisees), by exchanging the Word of God for his own rules of interpretation. So far, he has suppressed the truth. However, please pray for

a miracle: Pray that the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ would shine upon him (2 Corinthians 4:6). Pray this for his own sake, for the sake of others who are being misled, and for the glory of God Almighty.

Pray that God would cause him to fear these words of scripture: "No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother." (1 John 3:6-10) "Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness." (James 3:1)

Pray that God would show this man that although it is "believing in Jesus" that saves, he must also ask himself the following question: How do I know that I believe? "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you, unless indeed you fail the test?" (2 Corinthians 13:5)

His heart is dying; let us fervently pray for this man before it is too late. His heart is already failing; it is only a matter of time before he steps into eternity.

Ron Goetz, on: 2010/8/27 23:25

it is abundantly clear you have no desire other than to jam your one issue thesis down the throats of the saints on this forum, to foster confusion and contention, and I ask why?

surely you see what you are doing, surely you see that no "yes and amen's" are being given to your stance that Jesus gave his blessing to the practice of homosexuality.

having not listened to reason, my prediction is that you won't be around this forum for very long.

Re: Ronald - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/8/27 23:56

This will be my last statement to you Ronald, then I am done.

"What? Are you serious? I never said anything that remotely resembles that. Do you see why interacting with people on these forums is frequently frustrating? People keep putting words in my mouth and thoughts in my head that simply aren't there."

No you did not "say" it, your thesis' logic demands this conclusion.

A house divided cannot stand. You cannot, within the constraints of this house have two divisions, one group saying Jesus, through the Spirit of truth and grace, has delivered them from homosexuality, and then within that same corporate structure say: "Not so, Ready-Mind. Jesus took gay and lesbian relationships off the "forbidden list,"

Your leaps of logic are boundless.

Mark and avoid!

Re: Renoncer - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/8/28 0:00

"Brethren, I do not wish anyone to fall into the trap of Satan, who is using one of his agents to provoke you to anger."

I greatly appreciate your concern brother, and as I said earlier in this thread, I have rarely taken anyone to task for anything on this forum since I joined. There is not even the slightest scintilla of anger within me.

As a matter of fact I do not remember a time when I felt I had to confront something wrong that I was more un-emotional.

This issue is just so wrong, so wicked, it must be dealt a heavy blow.

Re: Ron Goetz - posted by Compton (), on: 2010/8/28 0:44

Hi Ron,

I read your book, and saw your appearance on the Pflag video. I was touched by the gentle and thoughtful determination you demonstrated in supporting your son. And I have given much consideration to your ideas recently.

"People keep putting words in my mouth and thoughts in my head that simply aren't there."

Ironically, this is the essence of everyone's rejection of your interpretation of Luke 17:34-36. You essentially are putting words and thoughts into the scriptures that simply are not manifest. As Nathan said, there have been cases where many of us have yielded cherished beliefs around here in the course of refining one another. In this case, you should consider that your thesis is rejected on its own lack of substance. You are very articulate, but you fail to convince on the merits of your arguments. (This is not a personal attack in the least.)

To say that we are not persuaded because we are a priori predisposed against the acceptance of homosexuality, could also imply that one must similarly be predisposed towards the acceptance of homosexuality in order to embrace your thesis. In either case, the argument as put forth in your book and here is unconvincing through either reason or exegesis alone.

You should consider owning this, rather than blaming your audience. Consider your mistakes: you attempt to build credibility towards the idea that there are implicit same sex references in Luke 17. Even if we extend to you the unsecured credit your idea requires, you still have the problem of using this isolated possible implication to overcome multiple explicit prohibitions and warnings on homosexuality. Although your book was passionately and enthusiastically argued, your sincerity could not make up for the clear deficit in this approach.

So, I agree with Ron's conclusion that your thesis is wishful thinking. You are arguing against a multitude of scriptures regarding sexual relationships. We know that Jesus talks in Matthew 19:4-6 of marriage as comprising a man and a woman. Not only Homosexuality, but also fornication, adultery, and lusting including pornography, are outside this biblical picture of marriage.

There is also an unintended consequence of your actions here in recent days to consider. The more you labor at this slanted interpretation of scripture, the more your thesis becomes another disturbing example of the lengths those who support the "homosexual agenda" are willing to go to in order to see forced acceptance into every sphere of life, from grade-schools, to churches. In all honesty, it is quite alarming.

If you are asking for tolerance and civility, you have it. If what you really want is agreement or approval of your interpretation of Luke 17:34-36, you are being unreasonable.

These are my thoughts, respectfully submitted for your consideration.

MC

Re: You Cannot Quote the Law to Prove that God Hates Homosexuality - posted by poet (), on: 2010/8/28 2:07

It's too bad that hearts can be so hardened that Repentance is no longer part of the conversation of the sinner.

Quoting Paul out of context and forgetting to quote Jesus' words, Matthew 5:17-20 17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

18 For verily I say to you, Till heaven and earth shall pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19 Whoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whoever shall do, and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say to you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

There was a moral law and the judicial law and the sacrificial law. Jesus fulfilled the Law by being the sacrifice for our sins, and we no longer needed to follow the ceremonial law. They were shadows of what was to come.
He fulfilled the law.

Moral law was the righteous law, a law that had to be lived out by loving our neighbor, and loving God.

Acts 15:20 but that we write to them that they abstain from the pollution of idols, from sexual immorality, from what is strangled, and from blood.

Question. What was sexual immorality? What is our moral compass to say what sexual immorality was, or is? our opinions? our feelings? or how about the Word of God, and reading about how he felt about it in a previous letter. The old testament is more than old ways or thinking, it gives us an account of how God feels and thinks about things, for He changeth not.

Please be warned that the path your on is a destructive one, and please be aware your false teaching could lead some person\soul into apostasy. And for that you will face the consequences. I'll be praying for you and for those who choose to live a life style outside of God's revealed written word.

Titus 3:10-11

10 A man that is a heretic, after the first and second admonition, reject;

11 Knowing that he who is such, is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned by himself.

Prayer is the only answer at this point.

To Neil and Compton, on: 2010/8/28 2:17

Dear Neil and Compton,

Thank you for these thoughtful replies. Believe me when I say I am giving them careful consideration. Forgive the overly-long post, but you both deserve complete responses.

Neil, you wrote:

"There is a close knit, kind of neat cyber fellowship that God has allowed to develop over the last 8 plus years, and it isnt merely confined to mere posts. SI does have face to face conferences, some webcast. There is a telephone conference regular prayer meeting, i have been so blessed as to speak with and meet with a few posters here.... There is a Spirit filled harmony here.... Unless you have something else to unpack that edifies the Body of believers, why would you ever, for the Love of Christ, wish to continually 'jam' your thesis down the throats of this humble fellowship?"

This is one of the most effective replies I have received here at SI.

There are several verses that echo what you have written, which have concerned me. One is Proverbs 6:19, which says that one of the things that are detestable to God is "a man who stirs up dissension among brothers." While there seems to be no dissent within this group, the idea still applies.

A second verse of concern to me is Proverbs 20:3, "It is to a man's honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel." I have tried to avoid quarreling (believe it or not!), at least petty quarreling, but the proverb applies nonetheless.

Needless to say, the Bible is filled with role-models who refused to relent in their message, no matter what their detractors said about them (heretic, false teacher, etc.) or felt about them (conspiring to murder). (I won't bother to name any--anyone here could list a dozen without thinking twice.) In fact, these sorts of women and men are exalted in the Bible.

So you see, the heroes of the Bible, the book that has shaped my life more than any other, doesn't encourage me to withdraw from conflict. It tells me that conflict is one of the defining qualities of the man of God.

Neil, let me offer the following paraphrase of what you wrote to me:

"Ron, unless you can give us something we can accept as edifying, please leave us alone. We're trying to accomplish something here, and you're not helping."

For many of us, that appeal is much more effective than denunciations, warnings, and name-calling.

Campbell, you wrote:

"You should consider owning this failure, rather than blaming your audience.... You still have the problem of using this single possible implication to overcome multiple explicit prohibitions and warnings on homosexuality. Although your book was passionately and enthusiastically argued, your sincerity could not make up for the clear deficit in this approach.... If you ask for tolerance and civility, you have it. If what you really want is approval for your interpretation of scripture, you are being unreasonable."

First of all, thank you for reading the book, even though you are not persuaded. No problem with that, obviously! And thank you for your level response.

I mentioned in the book's introduction that I was focusing on the single passage in Luke, and not discussing the entire anti-homosexuality case. I knew this was a relatively unusual way (!) of interpreting Luke 17, and that it deserved a full, book-length treatment. I also knew that it would not convince people who adamantly disagreed with the implications.

But as you said, "You still have the problem of using this single possible implication to overcome multiple explicit prohibitions and warnings on homosexuality."

Actually, I don't have that problem. I have arrived at a completely Biblical understanding of the passages in Leviticus, Romans, I Corinthians, and elsewhere. And, which will not surprise you, I have found that verse for verse the case is very weak.

People have challenged me with these passages from day one. It was my desire, however, to focus on one thing at a time, starting with Jesus and the Six Homosexuals. After Christian challenged me on this point, I decided it was time to address one of the passages, and I selected the two verses in Leviticus.

Then add to all this Ron Bailey's decision to attempt a thorough critique my book.

You can see my present quandary. On the one hand many people are challenging me to respond to Leviticus, Romans, I Corinthians, etc., and others wish I would go away and leave them alone. I can't respond to people who say my Bible is limited to Luke 17 without being a burden on those who feel I am trying to force my "agenda" down their throats.

Finally, I appreciate your personal offer of "tolerance and civility," but I have received dozens of replies that were anything but tolerant or civil. And they are wearisome.

Re: To Neil and Compton - posted by mguldner (), on: 2010/8/28 2:34

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Quote:

And here lies the problem...

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2010/8/28 4:29

(http://www.banneroftruth.org/pages/articles/article_detail.php?253) Finding A Third Way This small article was written by Geoff Thomas which is located in the Articles Section of the Banner Of Truth Trust website. There are many other articles in there discussing this topic.

Re: You Cannot Quote the Law to Prove that God Hates Homosexuality, on: 2010/8/28 10:56

Dear Ronald,

I noticed your comment to Neil, where you seem to have misunderstood my reason for posting blocks of scripture. It is not I, who seeks to 'reason' with you, but God.

Beware. Beware of making yourself the centre of attention in all these discussions. You are not. Jesus Christ is.

I notice that you quoted from Romans 2, after 'the goodness of God leads you repentance' (which applies to the end of Rom 1: 'For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;')

You did not quote the rest of the context. It is:13 '(For not the hearers of the law just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: 15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) 16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ ...'

Verse 16 is salutary. This man, Christ Jesus, died to destroy the works of the devil.

This is no mean thesis on Paul's part. He has hung out with men all his working life. He knows what they do. The comment by philologos that keepers of the law would not practice homosexuality, is indeed true. However, it was from the inability of men (and women) to keep the law, that Christ came to save us. His comment about those on whom the tower of Siloam fell, is an indication of His perspective on sin.

As several others have brought to your attention, He did not come to change the law, but to establish it - fulfil it - and for those who desired to be unyoked from the slavery of sin through faith in Him (the power of His death and resurrection), to send the Holy Spirit whereby He Himself, with His Father, can dwell within the believing heart. From experience though, I can tell you that if you are looking at an idol, you won't see Christ.

Hebrews 2:14 'Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

16 For verily he took not on angels; but he took on the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.'

The phrase 'like unto his brethren', is not a reference to Him sinning as they did. The scriptures state He did not sin. It is a reference to Him having taken a human body.

(Peter states: 22 'Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed to him that judgeth righteously: 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. 25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.'

Note: 'that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness'. This is what Paul says in Romans 6.)

Your thread title: 'You Cannot Quote the Law to Prove that God Hates Homosexuality' is entirely reminiscent of a very famous statement in scripture, which also directly contradicted (spoke against) the word of God. The one speaking, simply stated the direct opposite of what God had said. Of this one, the Lord Jesus Christ (God) made His reply while He was on earth, recorded for us by John.

'He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.' (8:44)

Note: I am not accusing you of being a serpent, or Satan. But, you are, unmistakably emulating his mindset.

Gen 2:9 'And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.'

16 'And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.'

Then God made Eve.

Gen 3:4 'And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.'

Notice how the serpent made it sound as if God wasn't telling them something...? Whereas Adam had been having fellowship with God with no barrier. Now, Adam is invited to doubt God's integrity, in just one short phrase 'God doth know'. In fact, God had been entirely honest with Adam, and Adam did 'know' all of God's heart.

Then the serpent told them a bit of truth - 'your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.'

And that's what came to pass when they ate. At that moment, as their peace with God departed, they discovered God had been wholly truthful with them all along.

But now, men and women are 'as gods', except they renounce the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and eat from the tree of life (Christ).

If you understand this, you understand that the two trees are mutually exclusive. And, that until 'the tree of the knowledge of good and evil' was hewn down for us through Christ's death, there was no escape from its roots and trunk and branches and fruit in the lives of men and women.

But now: 'of him are ye IN Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:' (1 Cor 1:30) and,

John 15:2 'Every branch IN ME that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. 9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and your joy might be full.' (John 15) (Note 'joy' again, in Heb 12:1-4)

But also: 'Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 For bidding to marry, to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

4 For every creature of God good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. 6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.' 1 Timothy 4:1

So, you seem to be saying you are ready to have the secrets of your heart judged by Jesus Christ (Rom 2), because you want to be judged without the law. Did I understand you correctly?

Perhaps this is why Paul wrote later in 1 Cor 11:

26 'For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of bread, and drink of cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 For this cause many weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.'

Heb 12:11 'Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. 12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; 13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. 14 Follow peace with all, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: 15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble, and thereby many be defiled; 16 LEST THERE BE ANY FORNICATOR, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.'

Beware. Beware of being unable to live without instant gratification. It leads to implacability, (Rom 1:31), where even God, with His great offer of reconciliation, can be rejected without a further thought.

Isaiah 1:15 'And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.'

Isaiah 28:12 'To whom he said, This the rest ye may cause the weary to rest; and this the refreshing: yet they would not hear.'

Isaiah 59:2 'But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid face from you, that he will not hear.'

'Let it not be! How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?' (Rom 6:2)

Apart from your altering God's definition of 'sin' beyond recognition, you have not answered Paul's question.

I know what you've written in your posts, but as yet you have not addressed how you can quote 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: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded death; but to be spiritually minded life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God'

while at the same time promoting practises of 'sin in the flesh'.

You are saying the opposite of Rom 8:4. Please explain.

If you are able.

If not, please take the whole counsel of God into your thesis, and let HIS word dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

My thanks in advance.

Re: STDs - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/8/28 11:32

I have been following this discussion quite loosely. Most, if not all, of the discussions center on 'what does the scripture say.' There is another aspect to this discussion that has been ignored, or missed, and I would like to introduce it here.

This deals with the problem of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, or STD for short.

As an introduction, I am not a medically trained person. I am only a 63 YO grandmother who has been married for (by next Friday) 43 years. I have also worked at a CPC for 15 years counseling women in all kinds of predicaments caused by SIN although the only sin we never had to deal with was homosexuality - at least I never did. Otherwise, we had to deal with all kinds of perversion known to man and imagination. So, if there is a medical professional out there who can speak better than me, I would welcome this and be happy to step aside and let you speak.

A couple years ago I heard a presentation given by an abstinence speaker named Pam Stenzel (<http://pamstenzel.com/>). She is very forceful and has a passion for her ministry. In all the years of my time at CPC never were we told of the seriousness, the deadly effects of STDs as presented by Pam.

I came home and did some research online on this subject and found out she is right on. Then a few weeks ago I was listening to a call-in show on VCY America Radio where they were discussing this issue of homosexuality. A medical professional called in and said that as a professional he sees a lot of physical problems caused by these behaviors - all of which are avoidable - and that is one reason he objects to homosexual behaviors.

The short of the long is that STDS KILL. Pam emphasized that the greatest dangers of promiscuity is not pregnancy it is STDs because they kill; pregnancy does not kill. This is true.

If you google STDs you will be able to find pics of the sores, etc of infected males. Check this out if you doubt me. And be prepared to get grossed out.

The probability of anyone contracting a STD is 100% if you are promiscuous - 0% probability if you are chaste and pursue a lifestyle of moral purity. You need only ONE encounter with an infected person to become infected. Promiscuous people are not content to be with only one person, they require multiple persons to satisfy their addiction.

AIDS is a well-known disease infecting promiscuous persons, but mostly males. They die young from other diseases because their immune system cannot fight other diseases. (Our next door neighbor's son died a couple years ago from the flu because he had AIDS).

In doing a search on the web, I found a series of articles placed there by a Catholic agency. In scanning through it I find it very educational and right on. For example, consider this: "Even from an immunological point of view, the body itself considers homosexual acts to be disordered. For instance, there are substances in seminal fluid called "immuno-regulatory macromolecules" that send out "signals" that are only understood by the female body, which will then permit the "two in one flesh" intimacy required for human reproduction. When deposited elsewhere, these signals are not only misunderstood, but cause sperm to fuse with whatever somatic body cell they encounter. This fusing is what often results in the development of cancerous malignancies. ("Sexual Behavior and Increased Anal Cancer", Immunology and Cell Biology 75 (1977); 181-183))

Clearly, Church teaching on human sexuality is not founded upon pious patriarchal prudery, but is soundly based in science, biology and anthropology — all of which is illumined by the added gift of faith."

Here is the link:

<http://catholiceducation.org/articles/homosexuality/ho0086.html>

I have one more thought - there has been a lot of research monies gone into finding a vaccine to prevent AIDs; millions of dollars are being diverted into research to find solutions for STDs. (And did you know the number of variations of STDs is growing?) Is it not money foolishly spent to find a solution when all you have to do is abstain? to exercise self-control? Is it not the height of selfishness to demand that people who live lives of moral purity will have to finance this research?

When God teaches us what is sin, it is not because he is being mean, it is to protect us from our sinful impulses. He created us and he knows how our bodies function and how one must work to protect it from diseases, especially those caused by sinful behaviors.

Yes, one can debate this issue until the cows come home or until the cow jumps over the moon, but the law of nature, instituted by God, will not change. It supports the Biblical injunction against immorality all the way, be it heterosexual or homosexual. To violate them will put yourself and others at risk for many untreatable diseases bringing about an early, premature death.

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/8/28 12:00

I should have said this when I wrote the above article.

I quoted from a Catholic site and recommend this article. Doing so is no endorsement from me for Catholic theology. I do, however, find it so odd that they are in the forefront of systemically writing about the dangers of abortions and now here is one dealing with homosexuality. It was the Catholics who rose up first to systematically oppose abortion in the USA. The evangelicals were very slow in voicing opposition to the procedure-it took them a lot of time to catch up in voicing their opposition but it was not as thorough as the Catholic one.

This will likely be the only post you will read on SI praising anything Catholic....but the principles I have read on this article are some I have heard elsewhere - just did not find it as thoroughly taught on another site. It may exist but I have not found it.

Blessings,
ginnyrose

Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2010/8/28 12:05

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Great points Ginny. It is truly heart wrenching to see that because our society will not tolerate the thought that it is wrong to have sex outside of the context of a man and a woman in marriage we are left with not treating the disease but rather only treating the symptoms.

Nowhere else is this more clearly evident than in the case of AIDS. Every reasonable person knows that if we would keep ourselves pure from any sexual relationship outside of marriage between a man and a woman that AIDS would be no more. What is here is here but, there would be no more large scale spread of the disease.

Instead we are throwing billions of dollars at the symptoms but all the while we are ignoring the disease; we are going to

leave this burden for our children's children if we will not wake up and realize that the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness.

In Christ,

Ron

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/8/28 12:56

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AMEN!

Trying to treat symptoms without treating the causes - this has far-reaching implications. But this is what the Gospel is all about, is it not?! :-)

Re: stop it, please - posted by narrowpath, on: 2010/8/28 18:53

Quote:

Titus 3:10-11: A man that is a heretic, after the first and second admonition, reject; knowing that he who is such, is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned by himself.

Poet is right.

We got to stop this. If SI were a church we had the obligation to silence this banter. There is no benefit in arguing any further with him. Let us spare our exegetical exercises for more fruitful conversations.

2 Tim 2 warns us

14 Keep reminding them of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. 16 Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.

This man is, as some have said it before, is bent on promoting this evil and he is suppressing the voice of his conscience. He knows the scriptures that clearly refute his position and he still stops his ears and twists them around. This man wants to draw others into his position.

Could the moderators please intervene?

Dear sister Linn, on: 2010/8/28 19:23

Your prior post to Ron G., I must tell you, is some very adroit exegesis. (first time I ever used that word, 'exegesis' my sister)

going from Genesis, to John, to Romans, to 1st Corinthians, back to Isaiah! really good unpacking of Scripture, what I would call 'forthtelling', instead of the more theologically correct term, which I believe is "exegesis"? yes?

(side note to Ron G, if you read this, I did not write this to my sister, to "pile on" to you...no no no, please understand, that's not my heart, I just want to encourage her, as opposed to discouraging you)

Beloved sister, the verse in Genesis, i've always found so compelling is this:

"Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

if you'll allow me, let me go back two verses, and post up the ESV translation also which is the version i daily read:

1Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

thats where it all starts! this tiny little question of the serpent:

"Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

"hath God said....?"

in the ESV, it reads:

""Did God actually say...?"

its so so subtle, thats the poison right there, the serpent plants the seed of doubt, mixes in the tiniest truth, ie,

"5For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.(KJV)

right serpent, then we WILL know good and evil, but what will we do?

and you could take that, into what i call Paul's "torment" of Romans 7:7-25 which is arguably one of the most transparent honest authentic confessions of the tension between spirit and flesh:

"For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." Romans 7:15(ESV)

We know when we are doing BAD. We just KNOW it!

But then we play games with ourselves, or help us, play games with God, and breath that tricky lil question:

"Did God actually say....(fill in the blank).....?"

or as satan said to Jesus in the wilderness, "IF you are the Son of God.....".

"If"....can you imagine that? satan just playing games.

"Did God actually say?"...games, lies and games.

really good forthtelling my sister, made me prayerfully think.

in Jesus love, neil

Re: - posted by mossman, on: 2010/8/28 19:31

sorry Areadymind if you thought i was talking to you. I read what this man wrote and was answering him. sorry for the confusion. God bless you

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/8/28 19:40

No apologies necessary Mossman, I was the one concerned that I had caused confusion. I was worried you thought I implied that homosexuality was the unpardonable...

just one more share, narrowpath?, on: 2010/8/28 20:23

this is NOT to hector Ron G, i was just listening to one of the first sermons i ever heard, excepting those from my home church pastor, dear Ted.

its called "Fundamentalism versus Apostasy" preached by Ian Paisley back in 1969.

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/playpopup.asp?SID=6863>

(i couldnt find it here, so i went to sermonaudio)

I know dear Ian has caused quite a stir in the UK thru the years, but when i got saved, i was led to an Assemblies of God church, which was born in the Azusa Street Revival of 1906.

so alongwith daily reading of Scripture, i began to search on the web, in 2002, the term, "revival, which led me here to Sermonindex, to fireonthealtar.com and to several of Ian's early sermons in the 1960's, and i've always loved the man, he taught me a lot, as well as Duncan Campbell did.

Both of these preachers, one Irish, one Scotsman, helped shape me in Christ, and this sermon, to me, is very good.

i believe one should lean on Jesus and God the Holy Spirit to shape one's ministry, as well as leaning and learning from various men of God to shape their ministry, and Duncan Campbell and Ian Paisley are two i've been led to choose. i want to look for the Good and True in Christ.

God bless you all, neil

Re: Please Divert - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2010/8/28 22:19

Brothers,

It is distressing to see so much attention given to this poster. No doubt what he is putting forth here is error, but we must realize that with every counter provided, fresh fuel is shoveled into the fire.

While it is true that heretics are to be rebuked and then shunned, it is not our place to kick someone out of the forums because they hold an erroneous view of scripture. People are asked to leave because of agendas, and if this person has an agenda, it will be revealed in time. And then it will be dealt with. This is why the Lord told his disciples when dealing with the pharisees to "leave them alone", that God will eventually uproot every unauthorized plant in His field (Matthew 15). I've never failed to see God uproot a weed in time. It's when we try to uproot them ourselves that we run into needless fights and unending scripture volleys and theological bickerings over the law, et cetera.

The quickest way to find out whether or not a person has an agenda is to simply "leave them alone". They will expose themselves. When attention ceases to be supplied, a contentious person will usually shift from the theologically defensive to the proud offensive. The only other option is to leave the forum and seek attention elsewhere. But when someone refuses to leave a forum and instead goes into an unsolicited offense over a certain topic, this usually a clear indication they've come with an agenda.

With loving care,

Brother Paul

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2010/8/29 3:17

Ron G.

Do you really believe that homosexuality is pleasing to God.

Is this not enough?

Romans 1:24-32 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Are these who Christ died for?

In Christ: Phillip

Re: Christinyou - posted by Lysa (), on: 2010/8/29 6:21

Philip,

I know you weren't speaking to me but I'd like to say, "Yes, those are who Christ die for!"

Were you perfect when Christ came to you and plucked you out of the gutter? I wasn't and I'm still not perfect.

It has taken me literally years to get where I am in the Lord and that's not saying much but I know that it is closer to keep on going than to turn around and go back. Does that make sense? I'm not perfect but I'm headed in that direction!!

Christ died that all men "might" be saved. He didn't say that they would be saved but His death made it possible for all men if they wanted to choose life.

God saves homosexuals and delivers them; this is where RG and I part ways. I don't believe God saves them to live in the sin of fornication the rest of their lives OR anyone of us for that matter.

The answer to your question is yes, Christ died for them as well, no matter how nasty they look or behave.

God bless you today,
Lisa

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2010/8/29 11:08

Great post Lysa, it was cut and dry, and I Love the way you looked at "yourself" first, if we all did that, the Love for one another would be overflowing. When we are able to look at ourselves first, it gives us the ability to have a better perspective on others.

God Bless
Mr. Bill

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2010/8/29 12:17

Quote: "Were you perfect when Christ came to you and plucked you out of the gutter? I wasn't and I'm still not perfect."

When it came to works, yes I thought I was perfect, then a dream came to me and I could see a light in a dark cave, I ran as fast as I could to the light and the light kept getting farther and farther away, (works) then I realized the harder I worked, that I could not get to Christ. When I stopped and just kept looking at the light, it came to me.

I realized I was not perfect and could never be in this body of flesh, but I am perfect because Christ came to me and He is perfect. That which is Christ in me is perfect, that which is me in Christ is perfect, but that which is flesh is not and I like Paul have cried out, Who can save me from this body of sin? Praise God through Christ Jesus. My Works were my biggest sin and kept me getting farther and farther away from My Lord and Savior. I am still not perfect in the flesh, but I have a Savior who loves me so much the He gave His Life for me and our Father put His incorruptable Seed in me. He is my perfection.

Colossians 1:27-29 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles ; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by davidc (), on: 2010/8/29 19:32

Paul West writes

'It is distressing to see so much attention given to this poster'

Paul, I agree wholeheartedly with what you say.

But I just want to take this opportunity to commend Ron B. for going the extra mile or 10 to win this man for the Lord, and to commend those saints who have testified to him and more importantly are praying for his precious soul.

'There is more joy in heaven.....!'

David

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/8/29 21:18

Quote:

-----It's when we try to uproot them ourselves that we run into needless fights and unending scripture volleys and theological bickerings over the law, et cetera.

1Co 5:13 (KJV) But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

1Co 5:7 (KJV) Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

Gal 5:9 (KJV) A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

Romans 1: 26-31 NASB:

26For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

27and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

28And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

29being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips,

30slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

31without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;

32and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

Paul, your tolerance for a person who is working to discredit the WORD in regards to the sin of perversion is alarming, one that grieves me to no end. Have you not considered the weak brother or sister who may come here and read Goetz's post and find comfort in his/her pursuit of sin, finding justification according to one man's interpretation/perversion of the WORD? To suggest that one taking active action against heretics as being legalistic is why the modern church has slid into apostasy.

Have you not understood the meaning of Romans 1:32? This includes all of us, you included. It is extremely dangerous to give approval to people who work to accommodate sin.

This is a day of extreme grief and sadness for me. I thought better of SI than this. Hope I can sleep tonight....

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2010/8/29 21:39

Ginny, I seek to please God in moderating this forum and not you or any other person. I will not exclude someone from this website (which is not a church, fyi) simply for holding an erroneous view of scripture. Once this sort of thing begins, there is no ending to the evictions. Women like yourself would have to be shut down for not keeping quiet in the public assembly and deigning to teach men. But again, this is not a church.

I repeat: what is not tolerated here is agendas. If it is found out that this person has an agenda, he will be dealt with accordingly, otherwise think of fellowship here as with an eclectic group of people, both saved and unsaved. Everyone is given liberty to discuss and propose what is on their hearts and minds, within the confines of modesty and reasonable maturity. I really don't expect you to understand this, but if you feel I am wrong, please pray that God would give me the understanding and temerity to do what you feel I should do.

Thank you, and I hope you can sleep after all.

Brother Paul

Re: - posted by Leo_Grace, on: 2010/8/29 22:12

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This post makes me very sad.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2010/8/29 22:37

As Christians, how are we ever able to lead someone to Christ, and the truth, if we never confront or be confronted by folks of all beliefs? If someone came here and said it was ok to steal, and they posted scriptures that "they believe" condones stealing, are we to throw stones at them? God's word has much to say on how Christians should conduct themselves, and especially with regard to teaching others. Here are some scriptures that focus our minds on Christ-like qualities we should all seek to imitate:

2 Corinthians 10:1 - By the meekness and gentleness of Christ...
Galatians 5:23 (on the fruits of the Spirit) - gentleness and self-control...
Ephesians 4:2 - Be completely humble and gentle...
Philippians 4:5 - Let your gentleness be evident to all...
Colossians 3:12 - kindness, humility, gentleness and patience...
1 Thessalonians 2:7 - but we were gentle among you...
1 Timothy 3:3 - not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome...
1 Timothy 6:11 - love, faith, endurance and gentleness...

Just my two cents for what it's worth.

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2010/8/29 23:11

MrBillPro. Per the following website, it cost \$.0126 to make a penny. Does this mean that your 2 cents is worth more than 2 cents, or is it less?

Dive in and have fun! (Googled site only, no idea about their "statement of faith") :-P

<http://www.wisegeek.com/how-much-does-it-cost-to-make-a-penny.htm>

bro Christiaan , on: 2010/8/29 23:17

actually here's a better way to ascertain the value of coinage:

<http://coinflation.com/>

and a pre-82 copper penny is worth

\$0.0222077

and wait for it, a nickel is now worth:

\$0.0538977

so save every nickel, i'm very serious

love, neil

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2010/8/29 23:17

It cost \$.0126 to make a penny? does that include labor? if so it appears the Government is making a little money on the penny, probably not enough to pay off the national debt, but it is good to see they do make money on something. Lol

Re: Paul West - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/8/30 0:01

Brother Paul was completely balanced in what he said.

"While it is true that heretics are to be rebuked and then shunned, it is not our place to kick someone out of the forums because they hold an erroneous view of scripture."

I think this is the right attitude to have personally. I may have erroneous ideas that I would hope my brothers and sisters would gently correct in me. And if they were dastardly Ideas I would hope they would drop the bible hammer on me!

"It is distressing to see so much attention given to this poster. No doubt what he is putting forth here is error, but we must realize that with every counter provided, fresh fuel is shoveled into the fire."

In this case, this is what has happened, and I stated earlier that I was done with it for the exact reason Paul said we should not continue. We are just giving this guy a billboard.

Ron Bailey has cut the arguments to tatters plenty enough. And has been a model for how to lay an axe at a root of a tree. Thank you so much Brother Ron. Paul is also very right to state that this forum is not "church."

The discussion has boiled down to prayer. We can only pray that there is no traction for this book and its poison is hindered in its advance.

The question is whether or not we truly believe that "All things work for the good of those who love Him and all called according to his purposes." We have a real tendency to forget this and not trust God in the face of heresy. Our trust is not to be in a moderator stopping or halting the advance (no offense intended to my moderator brothers.) We can only do what we know best and trust that what God tells us to do in His word is sufficient.

I wonder, how would we act if we were placed in the Garden and were made witness to the devil tempting Eve? How would we react? What would we say? Knowing full well what we know now? Would we trust God, or would we lean on our own understanding?

Do we trust God to deal with this issue? Or do we trust ourselves? Do we trust God when little ones are stumbled by heretics? Do we believe that God is able to keep people from falling? Or do we trust our own grasp and handle upon the sword of truth more than we trust the sword itself as an implement?

Re: - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2010/8/30 0:16

The only thing is... let's all be wise in how we speak to one another, that our words be seasoned with grace, lest the man we are concerned about carry the field by just sitting back and watching the Christians attacking one another.

Our Adversary has more than one device.

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/8/30 0:19

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Agreed. Amen Brother.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/8/30 7:40

And so I suppose you would find it edifying if I were to come on and promote Russian roulette? Physically, this is what homosexuality is.

Oh, and because I am a woman you will not regard my thoughts? Are my thoughts unscriptural? Would you please inform me how this is? To divert away from the issue to my gender is a low blow for you, Paul.

ginnyrose

Re: , on: 2010/8/30 7:50

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No agenda.....?

Really?

Also Leo_Grace, I'm happy to see you posting. I never posted while you were more active in the past, because I was only lurking at the time, but I really hope you continue to post. I always enjoyed reading your thoughts.

Re: You Cannot Quote the Law to Prove that God Hates Homosexuality, on: 2010/8/30 8:36

Since we're all being frank with one another, I would like to say to all, that STDs affect many people, not just homosexuals. The pursuit of vaccines is legitimate to reduce the sum of human misery, and to prolong the lives of those whose have been wrecked by the sins of others, that they may live to hear the gospel and believe it.

We are now vaccinating our early teenage girls against cervical cancer. The youngest person I ever saw have her womb removed for that disease, was only 13 years old. Now; I hope there is no-one here who thinks she was 'responsible' for having contracted that disease.

If there was one unmistakable sign of God's unconditional love to mankind in the short years before Jesus went to the cross, surely it was His fulfilments of His own command to His disciples, to 'Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.' (Matt 10:8). He did not qualify this command with 'unless they died of ... (eg AIDS)'. He was utterly passionate about healing, as we see in Mark 3:

5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched out: and his hand was restored whole as the other. 6 And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him. 7 But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judaea, 8 And from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea, and beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him. 9 And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him. 10 For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues. 11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

20 And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. 21 And when his friends heard, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself. 22 And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils. 23 And he called them, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. 26 And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end. 27 No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house. 28 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: 29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation: 30 Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit. 31 There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him. 32 And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee. 33 And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren? 34 And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! 35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

Re: - posted by narrowpath, on: 2010/8/30 8:52

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Ronald Goetz is a homosexual rights activist.
He is a member of GLSEN
<http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/home/index.html>
and
PFLAG
<http://community.pflag.org/Page.aspx?pid=194>

You can find his traces on the web. He does promote his agenda and he should be stopped doing it here. Though this is a public forum and not a church he does harm. Islam and sexual tolerance are the 2 foremost forces that have succeeded to marginalize the church.

With his warped theology he tries undermine the correct biblical understanding of many and mute the voice of conscience in unstable Christians.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2010/8/30 9:34

I would just like to know how someone can discern someone's true heart from cyberspace, how can we tell the difference from someone reaching out and someone with an agenda. For the record I personally believe Homosexuality is a sin, I also believe Homosexuality is a mental disorder, caused by a spiritual imbalance in the human soul/mind. If someone is a gambler and they come here talking about Las Vegas, and we google his name and find he has won and lost millions in Vegas, do we send him packing? or do we try and minister to him? If we as Christians continue shaking off the worst of the worst in this world, without at least trying to reach out, these folks will continue with the same mindset back into the world, for our kids and grand kids to maybe follow. For Ronald to come here to promote an agenda, it would to me be like the hen going to the fox house and trying to lay her eggs, and from some responses here, Ronald did come to the fox house. I guess Jesus would run him off also, right? no, because Jesus would look at his heart first, and not his mind, hearts and minds can be changed, if you can get the "right" people in your life to try and help you. When you come across cultural, ethical, and moral debates, speak with conviction and with compassion on behalf of Christ and his Word!

Re: , on: 2010/8/30 11:37

A lot has changed when Jesus died.

The Old Testament with all its external rituals, fleshy and earthy similitude's were shadows of good things to come, when a better way came.

God looked at sin with great indignation in the Old Testament because there was nothing to satisfy Him but only obedience if men would just follow a "likeness" of what eventually would solve all man's problems and would appease the wrath of God over mankind.

God's hate for sin has changed. Christ being the offering for sin appeased His wrath.

We are forgetting the great cost to which why Christ died to usher in an everlasting righteousness of GRACE through faith.

Grace is the paramount solution to all things sinful, it is the remedy, it's the Christ the son of the living God, it is the balm. There is nothing that will satisfy a man more than Grace.

Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ. This is the defining factor. It removes all the IF AND's or BUT's. It satisfies forever God's demands, it answers man's quest to know God.

If any man adds a word above and beyond what Grace is all about is legalistic and should be avoided at all cost. It all looks right on the surface, but deep down it's Old Testament, it's filthy rags, it's wine skin that has been used too much and its contents have gone sour.

Religions hate grace, the flesh hates grace. They hate the name of Jesus Christ that brought it into existence.

Much has changed since the Old Testament. The Jews no longer are under the law, and Gentiles are no longer aliens and foreigners from the commonwealth of Israel, the grace of God has been shown to all men. And God looks upon the New Adam, the Administer of Grace and Truth, the One who has appeased His anger, the Jeremiah, the Moses, the Abraham, the Daniel, all these men who have placed themselves as an advocate between God and His people. Who sought reconciliation and peace for his people even if it meant the cost of their own life.

We have got to remember that God loves this world, so much that He gave His only begotten Son.

When you just stop and think about those words, think about the darkness to which God had sent His Son into. The world to which Jesus was born into was "darkness", there was no light. For 400 years men groped in the dark, looking for a rim and thummin, anything, a word from God and God wasn't speaking at all. There was no prophet for over 400 years. Our minds can't grasp that. For over 400 years there was no illumination of any kind, nothing. The sermons were not anointed, God wasn't speaking through any man. They would read from the holy book but there was no change in people. The people, the priests, the sacrifices were as dead as the poor animal that lay across the altar.

All manner of sin was in manifestation. And God decides to send His Son in that mess.

Look at God for a moment. God sends His Son in gross darkness. He drops a child into the midst of hungry wolves that would love to tear Him apart.

What I am trying to convey here folks is that God's tolerance for sin is not the same as our tolerance. We think because there is so much sin going on in the world that Jesus has to come back and save us from it, or that God needs to destroy it quickly.

We have got to believe that the blood of Jesus has not only atoned for man's sin but also appeased the wrath of Almighty God. Christ's blood hasn't worn out through the ages for it to lose its beneficial affects.

This comes back to Grace and how much cost was paid to obtain it, even to the downfall of Satan.

When we see an Earthquake, or some other natural calamity, we should not look at it as the Judgement or the wrath of God, but rather we should look upon it as the goodness of God, for such calamities brings about repentance.

Re: - posted by makrothumia (), on: 2010/8/30 15:17

This truth is helpful to keep in mind when considering God's wrath. "The wrath of God IS BEING REVEALED from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness." Paul, the very apostle of grace, used the Present passive indicative form of the verb to express this truth. It should be translated "IS BEING REVEALED." God's wrath is not a PAST tense but a PRESENT reality currently being revealed against everything He still hates. He does not change, but is the same yesterday, today and forever. His wrath against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of man will never change either. It is as ever present as He is. The fires of Hell will burn as long as God is

makrothumia

Re: , on: 2010/8/30 21:19

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I should hope so.

We have His anger expressed towards us who need chastisement.

The wrath of God is towards those "Who hold the truth in unrighteousness". It's these that reject the message of the gospel, having the truth and barring the door for anyone to come in. These are wicked folk.

I understand what your saying and thank you for bringing that out and clarifying it more discreetly.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2010/8/30 21:27

""He does not change, but is the same yesterday, today and forever. His wrath against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of man will never change either. It is as ever present as He is. The fires of Hell will burn as long as God is.""

Except those that believe in His Son, for we all are still ungodly and unrighteous, unless we are in Christ, for He has been made; 1 Corinthians 1:30-31 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. God put out the fires of Hell and the burning when He Put us in Christ before the foundation of the and most of all when He birthed His own Son in those who believe, The incorruptable Seed of our Father in us, in this world. Eph 1:4

Or the Cross of Christ is for naught.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2010/8/31 0:14

Saints,

I've decided to close this thread down. Emotions are running high and people are misunderstanding each other. This is always what the enemy aims for, inciting the volatility of men and women and then vanishing. If you've noticed, the original poster has abandoned the thread. In the night the enemy scatters the weedseed, and by the time the tares are coming up he's gone. This is why I implore you to not cause a ruckus when someone posts threads like this.

It is not an easy thing to moderate an online fellowship like SI, but I try my best in God's strength and wisdom. We are all a little bit different from each other in some aspect -- in doctrine, in maturity, in disposition. Many of us expect others to be just like us, and we get upset when we find out they're not. I am just as vehemently opposed to error and sin as the most zealous of you, but I react to it probably a bit differently than some of you would. I don't jump up and grab a shotgun each time I hear the leaves rustling. I would rather wait and let God do the flushing and shooting. I have observed over the years that He is a perfect shot and is able to do more clearing out in one moment than I could do in a lifetime of cutting and pasting scripture to prove my aim.

I love you all in the Lord (yes, including you Ginny :) and I seek to moderate this forum with the utmost integrity, truth, grace and severity (if needed) to keep this place both courteous to seekers and edifying to believers. It's not as easy as it looks, as you can never please everyone simultaneously. I pray we can find a solidarity in Christ and a mutual source of edification and grace despite our many differences.

Respectfully your servant in Christ Jesus,

Brother Paul