



**General Topics :: Listening to Paul Washer forbidden by a Church leader.**

**Listening to Paul Washer forbidden by a Church leader. - posted by PaulFaculin, on: 2011/4/20 4:49**

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I remember three or four years ago when the 'shocking youth message' was widely watched by Filipino Christian forummers in a certain online forum site. Though, I didn't agree with Washer's monergism that sermon started a deep awakening on me as well to many others that I know. Still, I do pray that God will continue to send a continuous true awakening through the ministry of Paul Washer and other revivalist out there, For His glory!

**Re: Listening to Paul Washer forbidden by a Church leader. , on: 2011/4/20 6:09**

When Paul Washer first arrived in our consciousness at SI, there were a lot of clips of the most extreme parts of his sermons being posted. I really didn't like them, and it was a long time before I was persuaded to listen to one of his talks of a different kind, and then I 'got' him. I suggest prayer.

**Re: Listening to Paul Washer forbidden by a Church leader. - posted by Josef83, on: 2011/4/20 7:00**

Philippines got many churches but is kinda dead spiritually. where I lived there was an JiL church that where into pyramid gaming. They said God promised them to become millionaires that's why they are selling their houses to finance this heresy.

**Re: Listening to Paul Washer forbidden by a Church leader. - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/4/20 7:57**

I am not familiar with the church in the Philippines but I am familiar with human nature.

People like to listen to a feel good sermon, they hate to be told they are wrong and need repentance. It is all about pride being fueled by the modern gospel of enhancing one's self-esteem.

Washer says it like it is and it is high time preachers in the pulpit do it instead of watering down the gospel. Hey! there is an eternity up ahead and all are going to spend it somewhere. If one's destination is hell there will be no escape. Obviously, not very many preachers even believe this, anymore.

When I was a young girl back in the 1950s hell fire brimstone sermons were common, today they are rare. When moderns hear them they think the guy is weird. But they can go to a football game and get all riled up because of some weird looking pigskin thrown and kicked around! And this is ok!

Perceptions and priorities - what have they become?

**Re: - posted by looserchapel (), on: 2011/4/20 8:07**

Paul washer's "shocking message" was one of the mighty instruments God used to SHAKE me! along with "The revival Hymn". Even if I do not agree with His 5-points Suprgeonism :) I praise God for using such a man with such a burden and zeal.

It reminds me of God "pleading" with Isaiah (after seeing The Glory of God and yet keep living) "Who will go for us"??

Blessings

**Re: - posted by Renoncer, on: 2011/4/20 8:21**

God has used Paul Washer's sermon to wake me up to the widespread deception in America. Not too many people would ever dare to stand up against such a massive enemy the way Paul Washer does. Of course, he's not perfect. But I praise God for raising up people like Paul Washer.

Renoncer

**Re: Listening to Paul Washer forbidden by a Church leader. - posted by learjet, on: 2011/4/20 8:26**

Brother, did Jesus try to control people? Did the Apostles control people?

Who in the New Testament tried to control people? The Pharisees.

I don't care how religious and spiritual these people appear to be to you, God is not into controlling people (demons possess, the Holy Spirit fills), run from it.

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Brother, if you have problems with the whole sinners prayer concept, welcome to the family. Most of us here don't believe in the concept that 'we accept Jesus', we believe that as we cry out to Him, He is gracious and accepts our prayer and we are born again (He accepts us and we are regenerated), from that minute, it's our good pleasure to live a life that honors Him. He gave everything for us!

Peace to you!

**Re: - posted by Josef83, on: 2011/4/20 8:32**

Many in Philippines like Washer as well.  
My wife is Filipina and they love to listen to Paul Washer.

**Re: - posted by PaulFaculin, on: 2011/4/20 8:32**

Alive-to-God,

Yeah you got a very good advice-prayer is what I need. I really do have forgotten how I have not prayed a lot for the Body about accepting messenger and God's message on him. Though, I have been really praying that God will change the bad presuppositions on evangelism and regeneration that have been widely upheld by many. I listen much more now to Zac Poonen and other people who are more in to deeper life stuffs, but I still been blessed and challenge by Washer's stand for God's truth to be restored in the body of Christ. I know many that have been fired-up for God and been matured through Washer's sermons, but I do understand now why many people doesn't or let their subordinates to listen to Washer; Is that first of all, that God would change much of what they been holding and practicing for many years, like me and the people I know. But the other reasons were, that Washer's style of delivery were very and always confrontational. And others that I met have reasoned that Paul Washer doesn't spoke in tongues or that he is a Calvinist and the stuffs that is more of an excuse not a reason about him being a messenger of God regarding the wrongness of the modern Christianity that we know today. I also just think regarding the way he delivers that he's not always like that when he's speaking on other issues that has lesser importance regarding the apostasy of this day. Anyway, hope that God will change hearts regarding this things even not through the ministry of Washer or some other western revivalist.

Josef,

Definitely! I praise and thank God for what He has done and been doing in our nation for this last 30 years. But as I look first at myself before and the present spiritual coldness in the body of Christ, I came to a conclusion that we should be serious in seeking for revival of maturity and holiness among us. And I do also believe that this includes tearing down wrong unbiblical practices on evangelism and Church confirmation, that we also have to leave the things that hinders us from really seeking God and giving our best for Him. But I still praise for the Church growth here in our nation and our passi

on for missions and evangelism. But I believe there's gonna be more from God.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2011/4/20 8:45**

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The reason why many do not like Paul Washer is that he preaches the free grace of God. That Jesus Christ became sin for us (propitiation) and that our only salvation is to look to Him and trust and rely on His death for this. This is the Gospel message and anyone who is trusting in their repentance and self-effort for their salvation will be against the message br other Paul is preaching.

What people don't realize is the more you grasp the great love of Jesus Christ and His death for us undeserving sinners the more we will serve Him with our entire lives.

**Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2011/4/20 8:51**

I heard Paul Washer's infamous (or famous) youth sermon a while ago and felt that he was authentic. In fact, after hearing several of his messages now, I still see him as authentic. His passion arises out of love, not a bitter spirit against sinners. It is unfortunate that Washer's more "radical" messages get the publicity, while his more gentle sermons don't. It's the same with Jonathan Edwards. Everyone remembers his sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" and they may equate him with all the hell/fire ranters. But that is a gross misjudgment of his heart, his teaching and his leadership in the great awakening. It is a misjudgment of the circumstances also.

What troubles me, is not so much Washer himself, but that manner in which some have used his messages. They have used technology on his audios to give a more dramatic emotional effect, no doubt aiming to help induce guilt in the sinner. (But it may also solicit cheers from the self-righteous.) Washer if I recall, was not fond of this embellishing. It may not help that some have put sensational titles to his messages. That could make him seem tabloid-ish. While that may be routine in an American-type culture, it can be offensive in other cultures.

I wonder, do Washer's message (and by implication, Paul himself) inadvertently get caught up in a momentum energized by fleshly power? Then when those messages fall on the ears of outsiders, they comes across as a turn off, a stench. I think this possibility needs to be kept in mind when trying to understand those who disapprove of Washer. These critics likely know little about his life, ministry, spiritual journey, or his suffering. They do not know the bigger picture. That is always a risk with disseminating recorded messages. The listener is left in the dark about who the messenger really is. They can't discern if the messenger indeed has "beautiful feet". Rom. 10:17 Scripturally, knowing the messenger is a vital criteria in judging one's authenticity. "By their fruits...."

Diane

**Re: Listening to Paul Washer forbidden by a Church leader. , on: 2011/4/20 9:15**

I wouldn't recommend listening to him either. His lordship salvation gospel is an overcorrection to the antinomianism of our age and instead of directing one onto the road it merely puts one into the "other" ditch. I could not recommend listening to him either, not because his message is too strong, but because it is too false.

OJ

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/4/20 9:43**

Old\_Joe

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Uh oh.

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/4/20 10:03**

To me there are a few reasons why some "Christians" today hate Paul Washers preaching. First, he brings to light the biblical doctrine of true and false conversions. Contrary to Scriptural admonitions, many don't want to be challenged as to the validity of their faith. Secondly, he exposes the golden calf of the "sinners prayer". Many "Christian" workers refuse to let it go because it gives them instant results that they can point to and brag about. It allows them to say, "This many got saved at the event, this many accepted Christ into their heart," all the while completely ignoring the fact that the vast majority of their "converts" are not genuinely born again. These are the same reasons many today hate Ray Comforts teaching on evangelism.

Even though I do not hold all of his 5 point theology, I whole-heartedly amen most of Washer's preaching and praise God for him. And I do not see that as a main concern for many of his objectors, though it may play a part.

**Re: Listening to Paul Washer forbidden by a Church leader., on: 2011/4/20 10:17**

Greetings Diane,

I hope you are well.

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To some extent this is true, but... I do believe that if the message brings the word of God Himself to the listener, then the messenger's appearance is overlooked, and that wonderful metaphor about 'beautiful feet' is given its full meaning. Washer's addresses to Christian groups are somewhat different from his gospel presentations to the unsaved, but he specially wants the hearer to feel isolated from God, in need of the Saviour, and ready to draw closer to Him. Mrs Washer's testimony is a great example of how near and yet how far a church person can be from truly BEING saved.

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Where does it say we need to 'know the messenger'?

Isn't that 'by their fruits' thing, to do with observing how God uses them to bring about genuinely changed lives - or not?

**Re: , on: 2011/4/20 10:56**

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Care to elaborate a bit more? I'm curious about the exacts of your statement. (Totally friendly question by the way. I'm not trying to bait you out so I can disagree with you or anything like that. I'm purely curious.)

**Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2011/4/20 12:49**

Quote by Alive-to-God: There are plenty of Q&A sessions where these details are revealed, if people want to get to know the messenger better.

You know, a while ago I decided to take an adventure and explore the ministry and person of Paul Washer. I downloaded everything I could get for my mp3 player to hear when I was driving. I watched private dialogues and public addresses. Even at that I would be a fool to say I knew Washer well.

I was indisputably blessed by his testimony. I also learned something about his way of thinking and his particular theological focus.

But surely we can't expect everyone to take that time, or even have discretionary tools. Here's where we need graciousness (something I particularly need). It doesn't seem charitable to judge those who are offended by someone's message (as they perceive it) and assume that these people are shaking their fist at God.

Perhaps it is more effective to work towards learning others' perspective and draw them towards gospel realities through charitable engagement than through merely trying to "set them straight" on an issue (or person). That's beautiful "feet" isn't it?

Question asked: Where does it say we need to 'know the messenger'?

This is a great question. Considering that the biblical world had no concept of mass media tools as we have, or even mass publishing.

I think the apostle Paul put a lot of emphasis on relationship and used that to defend his authenticity.

1 Thess. 2:8 "We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only our gospel of God, but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us."

I see this quality as true for Paul Washer - to the best of his ability as a finite person. We just have to recognize the limitations of our mass media tools.

Diane

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**Re: - posted by Renoncer, on: 2011/4/20 12:50**

EverestoSama,

If you want a good understanding of the debate between Lordship Salvation and Non-Lordship Salvation, you should read John MacArthur's book entitled "The Gospel According to Jesus" or his new book entitled "Slave".

Briefly, Non-Lordship Salvation means that Jesus can be your Savior without being your Lord. It is a rejection of the doctrine of regeneration. It means that you can be saved and yet never truly transformed by God. According to this understanding, you can be saved and yet live like a devil until you die, but still go to heaven. This is so because salvation doesn't have any effect in delivering the sinner from the power of sin (it only has effect to deliver you from the condemnation of sin). Grace becomes a license to sin if you so desire, since the heart has not truly been changed by the power of God.

On the other hand, Lordship Salvation means that those whom God saves are set free from slavery to sin and become slaves of Christ. Thus, if we belong to Him, He is our Lord. It is aligned with the doctrine of regeneration, which teaches that we are saved by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit, who makes us new creatures in Christ Jesus (not just in theory, but also in practice). Thus, salvation means that we are set free from the power and condemnation of sin. It doesn't mean that we don't sin anymore; it means that sin shall no longer have mastery over us. Lordship Salvation is embedded in the fact that a true believer is one who is being conformed to the image of Jesus Christ and disciplined by the Father. If there is no transformation in the person's life, then it shows that the person has not truly been born again, for all those whom God accepts as his children are disciplined by Him.

I hope this clarifies the difference between Lordship Salvation and Non-Lordship Salvation.

Renoncer

**Re: , on: 2011/4/20 13:02**

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How about gospel salvation? Where does that fit in?

**Re: Evangelicals and Catholics Together, on: 2011/4/20 13:37**

Paul,

During the ECT (Evangelicals and Catholics Together) Conference in 1997 between Evangelicals and Catholics, there was a mutual agreement to STOP evangelizing each other. One of the countries that this would have a big effect in would be Catholic populated Phillipines. Just something to think about. I don't know what your minister's reasons are but evangelizing catholics is now frowned upon by the "NEW" Evangelicals and some Christians may be feeling "pressure" to not do this and in most cases may not understand why.

If you are not acquainted with ECT, here is a synopsis and the Protestant signers at the bottom.

[www.firstthings.com/article/2007/01/evangelicals--catholics-together-the-christian-mission-in-the-third-millennium-2](http://www.firstthings.com/article/2007/01/evangelicals--catholics-together-the-christian-mission-in-the-third-millennium-2)

Most would read this and say, "That sounds real good". But, it is extremely deceptive. Here, Richard Bennett, exposes exactly what is being conveyed. He is an ex-Dominican Priest who has bravely stood up to the machinations of the RCC for many years. His website is [www.bereanbeacon.org](http://www.bereanbeacon.org)

Richard Bennett - Evangelicals and Catholics Together  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=AuiJrhMxxJg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AuiJrhMxxJg)

Who were the signers?

Why did Charles Colson, Bill Bright, Pat Robertson, J. I. Packer, Max Lucado, T. M. Moore, Timothy George, and others sign the document. Why did Charles Colson, Bill Bright, Pat Robertson, J. I. Packer, Max Lucado, T. M. Moore, Timothy George, and others sign the document Evangelicals and Catholics Together in 1997?

Complete list of signers: (# sign, is those who have since removed their names).

Professor Peter Kreeft (Roman Catholic);  
Rev. Matthew Lamb (Roman Catholic);  
Dr. Richard Land # ( Southern Baptist);  
Dr. Larry Lewis # (Southern Baptist);  
Mr. Ralph Martin ( Roman Catholic); See: CNP's Robert Weiner & Maranatha; Shepherding Movement Connections; General Council Meeting of the Ft. Lauderdale Elders  
Dr. Jesse Miranda (Assemblies of God, PK);  
Dr. Richard Mouw (Fuller Seminary); Topic: Organizational Paths  
Msgr. William Murphy (Roman Catholic);  
Rev. Richard Neuhaus (Roman Catholic);  
Dr. Mark Noll (Wheaton College);  
Mr. Michael Novak; See: CNP Joint Projects : A-D; CNP's Alan P. Dye, Alan Keyes  
Mr. Brian O'Connell (World Evangelical Fellowship);  
John Cardinal O'Connor (Roman Catholic);  
Dr. Thomas Oden (Methodist);  
Professor J.I. Packer (Anglican); See: Institute for Global Engagement & Eastern College; Jay Grimstead  
The Rev. Pat Robertson; (PK) See: CNP's Dr. "M.G." Pat Robertson

Dr. John Rodgers (Episcopalian);  
Mr. Herbert Schossberg; See: CNP's Howard Ahmanson, Jr  
Bishop Carlos Sevilla, S.J. (Roman Catholic);  
Archbishop Francis Stafford (Roman Catholic);  
Mr. George Weigel; CNP Joint Projects : E-J  
Dr. John White #.

This may explain some things. If not, at least you and others will be aware of this. The next big thing that the NEW Evangelicals and Catholics signed together was called the "Manhattan Declaration".

Catholic Agenda Embedded in the Manhattan Declaration

By Richard Bennett

[www.bereanbeacon.org/articles/Catholic\\_Agenda\\_Embedded\\_in\\_the\\_Manhattan\\_Declaration.pdf](http://www.bereanbeacon.org/articles/Catholic_Agenda_Embedded_in_the_Manhattan_Declaration.pdf)

This should bring you up to date with what is going on.

A777

**Re: Listening to Paul Washer forbidden by a Church leader. , on: 2011/4/20 14:24**

Now that this topic is still bubbling here, I think I remember Paul Washer referring to a time at least 20 years ago when he was only 23, when the Lord came down mightily where he had been speaking, somewhere in that region. I don't want to say for sure it was the Philippines, but it could have been.

Diane, thanks for your reply.

I think your Thessalonian verse is interesting, but would point out it is preceded by a time when the Thessalonians were hearing the gospel as idolaters, but on hearing the gospel they turned to the living God.

1 Thess 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. 6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

Perhaps you have in mind 'as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake', which is indeed intriguing.

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/4/20 14:27**

Renouncer

Quote:

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Amen! great explanation.



**Re: , on: 2011/4/20 15:00**

I think that we can over complicate things in our drive to explain everything. Paul Washer made such a stir because he stood up and challenged a bunch of kids who had undoubtedly come forward in their young lives and "signed on the dotted line."

He was basically saying that many in the room were not saved at all. It was not because of "propitiation," or any other theological term, oh how men love to use big words. It had nothing to do with his particular theology either. A man or a woman is either saved or is not. You have either met Jesus and been transformed into a new creature or you have not. You either "know Him and are known by Him," or you do not.

Men always want to give the glory to a theology, it is nothing more than sophistry. Genuine salvation is simply that. Most of the people that I know who were genuinely saved and radically transformed as adults, knew absolutely nothing of theology prior to being saved. May the Lord save us from Scribes.....brother Frank

**Re: , on: 2011/4/20 21:07**

Sure ETS

I wrote this a while back on the topic.

The Husbandship of Christ

There are always two ditches on the side of the road that the driver ought to be aware of, and likewise there are multiple sets of opposing ditches within professing Christendom. One set of ditches that I would like to address today is the ditch of antinomianism and the opposing ditch of legalism. Today they have popped up with new names, and often go under the headings of 'easy believism' and 'lordship salvation', each one being an over-correction in an attempt to prevent heading into the opposing ditch. The ditch of choice being most loudly promoted today is that of lordship salvation, so it is that ditch which I will attempt to deal with.

'Submitting to Christ as Lord', or 'making Christ Lord of all your life' are common terms within the lordship group, but what exactly are these terms trying to invoke? I believe the answer lies in this direction. The better part of restraining grace being absent from them, lordship salvation proponents must take it upon themselves to invent one. What they refer to as 'submitting to Christ as Lord', is their effort of hanging fruit on a dead tree to give the appearance of life. Oh foolish trees.....who prefer slavery to husbandry, who would rather be Hagar's than Sarah's, who would rather have duties than desires! They know not that 'thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is his name'.

The submission to a Lord is very different than to that of a husband, which is why many will submit to Christ as Lord (Matt 7:21), who have yet to receive Him as husband (Rev 21:9). The former is similar to the submission of Islam or Romanism, the latter is that of the Bride of Christ. In life many people call me by my name, and some will even submit to the tasks I require of them, yet it is only my wife who can claim me as 'husband'. The former may attempt duties out of obligation, or in hopes of a favour returned, yet they never reach the intimacy of the marriage relationship. This is to show that others may 'submit to me as lord', or call me lord, or some other such thing, but ONLY my bride can claim me as her husband. Are our wills perfectly aligned? No! Do we always agree? No! Does she always do my will? No! Does that make her any less my wife? No! The difference is that whether or not the ability to perform the things is there, the desire for that most intimate of communion is there! This desire for the very person of Christ is love, and it covers a multitude of sins. To stop at a Lordship type of salvation, leaves one terribly short of the husbandship of Christ (1 Cor 16:22). Stay on the road!"

Hosea 2:16 And it shall be at that day, saith the Lord, that thou shalt call me Ishi (my husband); and shalt call me no more Baali (my Lord).

Part II

Having addressed one ditch, the other ditch of harlotry AKA easy-believeism, antinomianism etc. should be mentioned as well. Lordship lacking the love that comes with husbandship, this group loves them all, or so they think. As a spiritual harlot, they try to take Christ plus anything or sometimes plus everything. They cannot be content with one husband but must have many, as dictated by their love of the world. For these, syncretism becomes the order of the day, a mingling of two or more things that are entirely inconsistent. They think they can have Christ AND whatever comes to the imagination



on of their heart. They are not a devoted spouse but have multiple lovers (can be self, worldliness, licentiousness, purpose-driven etc) hence the term harlot.

This group does seem to be by far the larger of the two at present, and will make up a very important part of the anything-goes harlot in Rev 17. They simply love not Christ, for they know not what love is. Love ultimately places the object loved at the foremost pre-eminence! The spiritual harlot having devoted themselves to worship after their own imaginations, this love they have reserved for themselves rather than for Christ as husband.

[http://www.theinvisiblechurch.ca/edify/What\\_is\\_Love.html](http://www.theinvisiblechurch.ca/edify/What_is_Love.html)

For the path to be narrow, there has to be something on the left and the right of it. If you find yourself aware of or guarding against only one of the ditches, most often you are in the other one.

The whole issue can be summed up as "Love your Husband, and He alone."

**Re: , on: 2011/4/20 21:10**

Notdarkyet

Gospel salvation is on the road in between the two ditches. It takes Christ and only Christ, as Husband. You could call it "husbandship salvation".

OJ

**Re: , on: 2011/4/20 21:17**

Additional light reading on the subject.

<http://indefenseofthegospel.blogspot.com/2011/04/what-is-lordship-salvation-and-why-does.html>

OJ

**Re: - posted by Renoncer, on: 2011/4/20 21:55**

Jesus Himself time and time again warned us not to be deceived. Someone who is truly saved cannot help but bear good fruit, because He has been born of God! (1John 3:9-10)

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

(Matthew 7:13-23)

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

(Matthew 12:33-37)

Jesus Himself said that those who do not bear good fruit will be cast into the fire of hell. Of course, because they were never truly regenerated (i.e., born again)! Beware of those who have a form of godliness but deny its power (2Timothy 3:5). Take heed to this warning.

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Thank you Alive for this verse. It reminds me that conviction and salvation is the work of the Spirit and a broken and contrite servant - a human vessel willing to love. It is the power of God - nor merely "in word" - or even having all the "right" theology. Paul Washer doesn't claim to be a theologian, and maybe he hasn't got it all "right" - but he has left me with one thing above all else: a desire to have even a fraction of the capacity to love as he does.

Diane

**Re: The Lordship of Christ clearly proclaimed in Scripture - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/4/20 22:48**

"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say? Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great." (Luke 6:46-49)

part of Matthew Henry's comments on that passage:

"It is not enough to hear the sayings of Christ, but we must do them; not enough to profess relation to him, as his servant, but we must make conscience of obeying him.

1. It is putting an affront upon him to call him Lord, Lord, as if we were wholly at his command, and had devoted ourselves to his service, if we do not make conscience of conforming to his will and serving the interests of his kingdom. We do but mock Christ, as they that in scorn said, Hail, King of the Jews, if we call him ever so often Lord, Lord, and yet walk in the way of our own hearts and in the sight of our own eyes. Why do we call him Lord, Lord, in prayer (compare Matthew 7:21, 22), if we do not

obey his commands? He that turns away his ear from hearing the law, his prayer shall be an abomination. 2. It is putting a cheat upon ourselves if we think that a bare profession of religion will save us, that hearing the sayings of Christ will bring us to heaven, without doing them. This he illustrates by a similitude (v. 47-49),

which shows, (1.) That those only make sure work for their souls and eternity, and take the course that will stand them in stead in a trying time, who do not only come to Christ as his scholars, and hear his sayings but do them,..."

**Re: - posted by PaulFaculin, on: 2011/4/21 1:00**

Quote:

-----Paul, During the ECT (Evangelicals and Catholics Together) Conference in 1997 between Evangelicals and Catholics, there was a mutual agreement to STOP evangelizing each other. One of the countries that this would have a big effect in would be Catholic populated Philippines. Just something to think about. I don't know what your minister's reasons are but evangelizing Catholics is now frowned upon by the "NEW" Evangelicals and some Christians may be feeling "pressure" to not do this and in most cases may not understand why. If you are not acquainted with ECT, here is a synopsis and the Protestant signers at the bottom.

That's true Brother. But ecumenism hasn't become a major problem now with most evangelicals here, because many have rejected it already. There's a lot more deception now in the so called gospel's among the evangelicals now here. Anyway, last year's controversy in the Body here also involves ecumenism, politics and false prophecies but God has been strengthening things up.:

Quote:

-----Now that this topic is still bubbling here, I think I remember Paul Washer referring to a time at least 20 years ago when he was only 23, when the Lord came down mightily where he had been speaking, somewhere in that region. I don't want to say for sure it was the Philippines, but it could have been.

Alive,

O yes someone also told about that. Where God had met Washer wonderfully in a personal way, but I'm not yet sure about that. Also, Before a friend of mine from Georgia who is also a Pastor here was working with a Revivalist/worship leader named David (Not sure with his surname but some of his sermons were here on SI) They were thinking of bringing Washer here. I believe that it would be a great idea, because even though Washer is not yet that accepted in the Body here, he's kind of known now and have been impacting some ministries and ministers that I know even they were not Calvinist. And maybe a conference of him here might have added to the awakened Ministers here.:)

**Re: , on: 2011/4/21 1:03**

Hi Paul,

That's good that you still have freedom to evangelize.

If you have not already, when you get some time you may want to listen to Richard. Really sharpens your discernment regarding the RCC tactics.

A777

**Re: - posted by PaulFaculin, on: 2011/4/21 1:09**

O thank you so much brother for that information! I think I have been visiting Berean Beacons site and YouTube's channel (not sure if it is the same). And I think they have a good info's out there. You know what, this night here in the Philippines I'll be preaching and evangelizing with some brethren here on a great pilgrim walk of Catholics to worship Mary there outside Metro Manila, this walk would attract almost a million Catholics who haven't understood yet the true gospel of Christ.

**Re: , on: 2011/4/21 1:21**

That's wonderful. I will pray for you Paul. I love talking with Catholics. We aren't anti-Catholic, just anti-Catholic doctrine.

A777

**Re: , on: 2011/4/21 1:32**

Hi Joe,

Thanks for those insights.

I think we need ALL of Jesus. Savior, Lord and Beloved.

As Oracio said, "Why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not do as I say".

How is our love measured by the Lord? We do what He says.

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Quote:  
-----Hosea 2:16 And it shall be at that day, saith the Lord, that thou shalt call me Ishi (my husband); and shalt call me no more Baali (my Lord).  
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If we don't have an intimate relationship of love with the Lord then the Christian walk will be a drudgery at best.

I wonder if this is why many today continually confess that they are always falling into sin and having recurring bouts with doubt? They are walking more of a "works based" walk.

It seems that this level of relationship is what is missing today in the church. The pure devotion and love to Christ as a wife to her husband.

A777

**Re: - posted by Christisking (), on: 2011/4/21 2:10**

Hey Old Joe - I like and understand what you are saying - it can be very tricky staying on the road and not going into the ditch on either side. Certainly everything boils down to love - like Oracio quoted "why do you say you love me and do not obey me" is like a husband saying "why do you say you love me and go out sleeping with other guys" Of course, obedience is the fruit and result of salvation not salvation is the fruit and result of obedience.

With that being said I do have a question - how would you answer someone who said to you "What must I do to be saved" or how would instruct or give a call to salvation to someone you were witnessing or preaching to?

God bless,

Patrick

**A777, on: 2011/4/21 19:34**

i'm just going to let ole Ian Paisley speak for me in what i want to say in this whole Washer business:

"Fundamentalism Versus Apostasy"

Ian says it much better than me!

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

**Re: , on: 2011/4/21 22:21**

Patrick

To the question, "What must I do to be saved" I would answer as the Bible answers, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved", WITHOUT adding, "and then continually look for evidence and fruit to make sure that you are saved". The former causes one to look to Christ, the latter causes one to look away from Him.

OJ

**Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2011/4/21 22:30**

Quote:  
-----These critics likely know little about his life, ministry, spiritual journey, or his suffering. They do not know the bigger picture. That is a  
lways a risk with disseminating recorded messages.  
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I think you are right on here, there is a brokenness and a deep understanding of the love of God in Paul Washer that few men have. These things become apparent in a broad listening to his recorded sermons, not just the messages with the t  
abloidish titles.

The deep work of the cross in this man is apparent, it is this work that qualifies him to speak boldly in love.

In Christ,

Ron

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/4/21 23:00**

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hrist, the latter causes one to look away from Him.  
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What about, "repent and believe the gospel"? What about all the verses that exhort believers to examine themselves an  
d to be doers of the Word and not just hearers? I'm sorry but the above quote gives an incomplete gospel or message. It  
is a subtle ommision of repentance and fruit as evidence of saving faith.

I say this somewhat sternly because you seem to have studied this issue out quite a bit and seem to refuse to accept th  
e clear teaching of Scripture regarding this crucial subject.

**Re: anathema Romanism - posted by savannah, on: 2011/4/21 23:16**

The following anathemas of Rome have much in common with this thread as many who'd professedly be anti-Romanism  
yet believe the Jesuit- Roman Catholic View of Free Will

The Roman Catholic Council of Trent, The Sixth Session: Justification says,

Canon IV. If any one saith, that man's free will moved and excited by God, by assenting to God exciting and calling, no-  
wise co-operates towards disposing and preparing itself for obtaining the grace of Justification; that it cannot refuse its c  
onsent, if it would, but that, as something inanimate, it does nothing whatever and is merely passive; let him be anathem  
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Canon V. If any one saith, that, since Adam's sin, the free will of man is lost and extinguished; or, that it is a thing with on  
ly a name, yea a name without a reality, a figment, in fine, introduced into the Church by Satan; let him be anathema.

Some may not see the connection here, nor believe this post to be applicable, seeing the direction(Lordship Controversy  
)the thread has taken. But I tell you, hidden behind all the error is that hideous head free will.

Worship God.

**Re: ALL the COUNSEL of GOD, on: 2011/4/21 23:24**

I think the scriptures teach that we need THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD.

We don't just need James, but we need Galatians, too.

Saved by faith, but walking in truth and good works.

3Jn 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

2Jn 1:6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

1Jn 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

I can post so many more, but the point is that we cannot isolate truths at the expense of other truths.

The Christian needs ALL the TRUTHS of GOD in His life.

my 2 cents.

A777

Act 20:27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

**Re: , on: 2011/4/22 0:40**

Oracio

'What about, "repent and believe the gospel"?'

I will deal with this one first, because if the pieces don't fall into place here, going into the other ones will be of no use.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" IS repentance! All of us are born unbelieving and to be saved need to change our mind about ourselves, about Christ, and believe on Christ alone for our salvation, THAT is repentance! The turning from sin that follows can happen in lesser or greater measures, but that turning from sin is not repentance, it is part of sanctification that follows repentance, sometimes known as "fruits meet for repentance".

The Christian does not turn from sin to be a better Christian, or gives more fruit or evidence of salvation; the Christian turns from sin because it pains him to see even more of his sin heaped upon Christ; the Christian turns from sin because he knows there is a wedding coming and he wants to be dressed in his best garments so as not to bring shame upon the Groom. It has NOTHING to do with showing off fruit!

There is a big difference between 'have to', 'ought to', and 'free to', when it comes to turning from sin. As you progress up the line there is a higher motive for turning from sin. LS preachers like PW, preach 'have to', here is a direct quote:

"To come to Christ you will have to give up your sins like I had to give up mine"

I am sure you can appreciate that this is terrible theology on many fronts. First of all he has you put the cart before the horse, you don't give up your sins to come to Christ, you come to Christ in your sins and He washes you anyway, and then He takes you as his own. Secondly, there is an allusion to some sort of elevated sinless status that he himself has achieved. If his 'had' was a 'have' implying a daily giving up, it would be better, but if instead of have or had to, he was 'free to', that is the best theology.

Contrary to public belief, as stern or as stiff as it sounds Washer like other LS advocates preaches a false gospel, and does not point one to Christ alone for salvation.

It is best to answer this question for yourself, "Are you ungodly?" Washer answers no, but the repentant can answer yes, and say amen to it, and the evidence then that they are saved is that they trust the promise that "Christ died for the ungodly".

dly...and was raised again for our (not someone else's) justification"

If you remember nothing else about LS, remember this, "There is NONE righteous, no not one" many are COUNTED righteous for Christ's sake through the righteousness of faith, but there are none righteous, no not one!

OJ

**Re: - posted by Christisking (), on: 2011/4/22 0:45**

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That brings up a lot of questions, such as, what is true belief, what is saving faith, what about God's answer to that question through Peter when he said repent and be baptized. Also, what do we do about the fact that we are justified by works and not by faith alone???

James 2:24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

I think I agree more with Oracio's answer - why should we not add to it when Jesus added to it many times in His call to salvation and certainly the whole council of God and the rest of the New Testament adds to it?

With that being said I do agree that there is a danger in Lordship salvation being legalistic and preaching that salvation is the fruit of obedience. In actuality the way the whole council of God teaches it this way -

Obedience is the fruit of salvation AND salvation is the fruit of obedience working together at the same time - like two sides of the same coin. They can not be separated - isn't that the way we should teach it???

**Re: anathema Romanism - posted by savannah, on: 2011/4/22 0:52**

In my last post I showed who The Roman Catholic Council of Trent(ca. 1545)anathematized.

Now compare what the Council of Orange(529 AD), which preceded Trent by over 1000 years, had to say.

The Council of Orange was an outgrowth of the controversy between Augustine and Pelagius. This controversy had to do with degree to which a human being is responsible for his or her own salvation, and the role of the grace of God in bringing about salvation. The Pelagians held that human beings are born in a state of innocence, i.e., that there is no such thing as a sinful nature or original sin.

As a result of this view, they held that a state of sinless perfection was achievable in this life. The Council of Orange dealt with the Semi-Pelagian doctrine that the human race, though fallen and possessed of a sinful nature, is still "good" enough to be able to lay hold of the grace of God through an act of unredeemed human will.

CANON 6. If anyone says that God has mercy upon us when, apart from his grace, we believe, will, desire, strive, labor, pray, watch, study, seek, ask, or knock, but does not confess that it is by the infusion and inspiration of the Holy Spirit within us that we have the faith, the will, or the strength to do all these things as we ought; or if anyone makes the assistance of grace depend on the humility or obedience of man and does not agree that it is a gift of grace itself that we are obedient and humble, he contradicts the Apostle who says, "What have you that you did not receive?" (1 Cor. 4:7), and, "But by the grace of God I am what I am" (1 Cor. 15:10).

CANON 7. If anyone affirms that we can form any right opinion or make any right choice which relates to the salvation of eternal life, as is expedient for us, or that we can be saved, that is, assent to the preaching of the gospel through our nature,



atural powers without the illumination and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, who makes all men gladly assent to and believe in the truth, he is led astray by a heretical spirit, and does not understand the voice of God who says in the Gospel, "For apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5), and the word of the Apostle, "Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God" (2 Cor. 3:5).

**CANON 8.** If anyone maintains that some are able to come to the grace of baptism by mercy but others through free will, which has manifestly been corrupted in all those who have been born after the transgression of the first man, it is proof that he has no place in the true faith. For he denies that the free will of all men has been weakened through the sin of the first man, or at least holds that it has been affected in such a way that they have still the ability to seek the mystery of eternal salvation by themselves without the revelation of God. The Lord himself shows how contradictory this is by declaring that no one is able to come to him "unless the Father who sent me draws him" (John 6:44), as he also says to Peter, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 16:17), and as the Apostle says, "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:3).

**CONCLUSION.** And thus according to the passages of holy scripture quoted above or the interpretations of the ancient Fathers we must, under the blessing of God, preach and believe as follows. The sin of the first man has so impaired and weakened free will that no one thereafter can either love God as he ought or believe in God or do good for God's sake, unless the grace of divine mercy has preceded him. We therefore believe that the glorious faith which was given to Abel the righteous, and Noah, and Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and to all the saints of old, and which the Apostle Paul commends in extolling them (Heb. 11), was not given through natural goodness as it was before to Adam, but was bestowed by the grace of God. And we know and also believe that even after the coming of our Lord this grace is not to be found in the free will of all who desire to be baptized, but is bestowed by the kindness of Christ, as has already been frequently stated and as the Apostle Paul declares, "For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake" (Phil. 1:29). And again, "He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6). And again, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and it is not your own doing, it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8). And as the Apostle says of himself, "I have obtained mercy to be faithful" (1 Cor. 7:25; cf. 1 Tim. 1:13). He did not say, "because I was faithful," but "to be faithful." And again, "What have you that you did not receive?" (1 Cor. 4:7). And again, "Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights" (Jas. 1:17). And again, "No one can receive anything except what is given him from heaven" (John 3:27). There are innumerable passages of holy scripture which can be quoted to prove the case for grace, but they have been omitted for the sake of brevity, because further examples will not really be of use where few are deemed sufficient. (The Canons of the Council of Orange - 529 AD)

**Re: , on: 2011/4/22 0:57**

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Joe,

You have a point, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ is actually the **WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD**. It covers it all. When you have truly Believed on the Lord Jesus and are sealed with the Spirit of Promise, He has written His law on your heart.

Example:

When I got saved, before I ever read a Bible, (and I did not get saved in a religious setting), I knew in my deepest being, that I wanted to make restitution to about 3 different people. I had this overwhelming desire to make right what I could, to throw away everything that I owned that was dirty and disgusting, to tell my buddies what had happened to me because it was important that they know that I could not "run" with them anymore, but more importantly, I wanted them to have what I now had, to know **WHO** I knew. I did not do any of this out of obligation or works. I did all of it out of Love for my Savior. On a couple of things that I made restitution, I could have gone to jail, but the Lord told me not to fear. Everything turned out good and I was able to give my testimony about the Lord each of the 3 times I made restitution. These events involved large amounts of money. And many more things the Spirit of God led me to do that were later confirmed by His Word.

I remember reading the Bible for the first time and how it confirmed all these things that I was already feeling in my heart .

I appreciate your posts. I am being reminded of things.

A777

Jer 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**Re: , on: 2011/4/22 1:07**

CIK

"Obedience is the fruit of salvation AND salvation is the fruit of obedience working together at the same time - like two sides of the same coin. They can not be separated - isn't that the way we should teach it????"

Nope.

King Saul had a partial obedience, Ananias and Sapphira had a partial obedience, Judas had a partial obedience, all were lost. And yet unless you believe in sinless perfection, the best any Christian can attain is also a partial obedience, so then what maketh these to differ? Is it the level of obedience? That would be works salvation.

Obedience can be a fruit of salvation, but as both Jonah and Solomon shows, disobedience does not prove there is no salvation.

One ought to preach like this to the saved, "You are saved for a higher calling, walk worthy of that calling, yet if you fail to walk worthy of your calling, your calling will not fail you, so go forth in the beautiful name of Him who washed you in His own blood."

Reminded of a story here, and will try to keep it short:

A young man walked into a new railroad station done up about 80 years ago, and noticed a sign that said "No spitting". And around that sign all he saw was spit, and even inadvertently spit there himself. He later walked into the beautiful house of a retired widow, who kept her house spotless and offered him the best chair and something to drink. He looked around the house and noticed that no one had spit in it and neither did he have the urge to so he looked for the sign that said "no spitting". He couldn't find one and then later thought, why had people spit where the sign said "no spitting" and not spit where there was no sign. It was then that he understood the difference between law and grace.

OJ

**Re: , on: 2011/4/22 1:12**

A777

That is exactly it!!!!

OJ

**Re: - posted by Christisking (), on: 2011/4/22 2:26**

Just a few questions OldJoe,

1. So what about James 2:24?
2. Also, what about Jesus' encounter with the rich young ruler when He told him he had to sell everything he had and give it to the poor to be saved, as well as the other times Jesus gave similar conditions to salvation?
3. Also, what about what God said through Peter "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins"
4. What in your opinion would be Biblical evidence of salvation and Biblical evidence of someone not being saved?

5. In your opinion is belief an intellectual assent to the fact that Jesus is the Son of God and was raised from the dead? If not what in your opinion constitutes belief?

6. My own testimony is the very similar to A777 and I understand what you are saying. Not try to be argumentative just try to put what you are saying in perspective of the whole council of God. Do you think there is a possibility that you are still very close to the ditch on one side of the road and not still yet in the middle?

Quote:  
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I do think many who preach what you would refer to as "lordship salvation" do it inadvertently in a legalistic way. Just trying to follow the Biblical road and path to salvation as laid out in the Scriptures it just comes out wrong. Obedience out of love is always a fruit of salvation - does that mean we are ALWAYS perfect and never fail or fall short? Of course not. Living a life style of disobedience and falling short or failing at times are two drastically different things and is clearly where we make the distinction. There is certainly a difference between willful and unwillful sin. And there is a difference between a repentant heart after sin or not, for instance Peter and Judas, who both denied Jesus. A lifestyle of disobedience, willful sin, and/or an unrepentant heart is most certainly evidence of no salvation. And a lifestyle of obedience can be evidence of salvation if it is birthed out of true salvation and a love for God and not as a legalistic motive to work your way to heaven - right?

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/4/22 2:38**

Christisking

Quote:  
-----Obedience is the fruit of salvation AND salvation is the fruit of obedience working together at the same time - like two sides of the same coin. They can not be separated - isn't that the way we should teach it????  
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I agree. Some scriptures that come to mind are these,

"and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not OBEY the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2Thess.1:7-8

"And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" Hebrews 5:9

And the one in James which you (Patrick) pointed out is also a vital one. (BTW, great to see you online here brother, been praying for the Skid Row ministry).

Salvation and obedience to Christ clearly go hand in hand.

There are many other Scriptures that others have already pointed out. To deny this and preach something else is to preach a false gospel that tickles ears but has no saving power from God. We're not talking sinless perfection, but a growing in holiness without which no man shall see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14).

a777 I agree with your first post on the whole council of God. We cannot pick and choose which parts of the gospel we like and which ones we don't. That is a recipe for damnable heresies.

Quote:  
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er measures, but that turning from sin is not repentance, it is part of sanctification that follows repentance, sometimes known as "fruits meet for repentance".

That is where you err gravely sir. true repentance is not just a change of mind about being self-righteous and trying to earn salvation without trusting wholly in Christ, although that is a crucial part of true repentance. It is also a godly sorrow over sin and a turning from it with disgust because of how it offends God. This is crystal clear in numerous Scriptures which I would be glad to point out if requested.

I do agree that belief in Christ is the whole gospel and that repentance is included in genuine faith. However, many unregenerate people have a misunderstanding as to what saving faith is and are oblivious to the fact that it must include true repentance. Many unsaved people see faith in Christ as a mere mental assent to His work on the cross and resurrection, largely due to much watered down preaching. And gain, true repentance is a turning from sin to God, as well as a turning from self-righteousness to belief in Christ alone.

Quote:

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Obedience will and must be a fruit of salvation, or else your faith is dead. Your theology purposely omits all the exhortations to walk in the fear of the Lord, to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. I agree there must be a balance of also having assurance because of the finished work of Christ. But to do away with all the clear admonitions to obey Christ is a serious error and a false message. You will lead unbelievers astray. That kind of message is why we have so many false converts in the churches today.

One more Scripture that comes to mind is Eph.5:6-7 "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them."

## Re: Listening to Paul Washer forbidden by a Church leader. , on: 2011/4/22 6:44

Hi to Old\_Joe,

Quote:

-----"To come to Christ you will have to give up your sins like I had to give up mine"

I am sure you can appreciate that this is terrible theology on many fronts. First of all he has you put the cart before the horse, you don't give up your sins to come to Christ, you come to Christ in your sins and He washes you anyway, and then takes you as his own. Secondly, there is an allusion to some sort of elevated sinless status that he himself has achieved. If his 'had' was a 'have' implying a daily giving up, it would be better, but if instead of have or had to, he was 'free to', that is the best theology.

I feel you have taken this sort of statement out of context. Paul Washer is not a walking theology book - I don't agree with all of his 'theology' either, but at least he thinks about it and has moved his position considerably over the years - he's a preacher.

The statement you quote is a warning, not a statement of theological stance. He is preparing his listeners for what it means to come to Christ. He's saying, you can't come to Christ unless you're prepared to ALSO have a changed relationship with SIN - AFTERWARDS. Nowhere have I ever heard him suggest that a person can give up sin before they come to Christ.

But, he IS challenging those who thought they had come to Christ in a 'sinner's prayer', without showing any signs of having seen Him (1 John 3:6), without going on to study God's attributes, neither taking any account of the meaning of Christ's cross, nor what it means to follow Him.

Incidentally, he's not claiming to be sinless or elevating himself above others. You should listen to the various fifteen mi

nute interviews with him to hear him out on his testimony. Some are more detailed than others.

**Re: Listening to Paul Washer forbidden by a Church leader. , on: 2011/4/22 6:47**

Christisking said

Quote:  
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I like it!

First of all though, we have to bend our stubborn will to come to Him. Conviction of sin is supposed to make this easy, like a drop of oil on a rusty hinge.

**Re: Listening to Paul Washer forbidden by a Church leader. , on: 2011/4/22 6:51**

Hi savannah, I have a brief question.

Quote:  
-----Now compare what the Council of Orange(529 AD), which preceded Trent by over 1000 years, had to say.  
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Was the Council of Orange also of Roman origin?

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/4/22 11:12**

appolus

Quote:  
-----I think that we can over complicate things in our drive to explain everything. Paul Washer made such a stir because he stood up and challenged a bunch of kids who had undoubtedly come forward in their young lives and "signed on the dotted line."  
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Quote:  
-----He was basically saying that many in the room were not saved at all. It was not because of "propitiation," or any other theological term, oh how men love to use big words. It had nothing to do with his particular theology either. A man or a woman is either saved or is not. You have either met Jesus and been transformed into a new creature or you have not. You either "know Him and are known by Him," or you do not.  
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Quote:  
-----Men always want to give the glory to a theology, it is nothing more than sophistry. Genuine salvation is simply that. Most of the people that I know who were genuinely saved and radically transformed as adults, knew absolutely nothing of theology prior to being saved. May the Lord save us from Scribes.....brother Frank  
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Yes. Paul Washer's shocking youth message was basically challenging the hearers to examine their walk with the Lord to see if it was genuine or false, just like many Scriptures do. He was convinced that many there were false converts who were deceived into thinking they can have Christ and sin and the world at the same time. He came and rained on their parade and shook things up for the glory of God. Oh that God would continue to raise up more who would not be afraid to shake things up for His kingdom.

Re: , on: 2011/4/22 11:37

CIK

Quote:

-----Just a few question OldJoe,

1. So what about James 2:24?

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Ok, do you realize there is a man being justified before God, and also a man justifying God before men? A man is justified in claiming God before men by what he does, and therefore justifies the power of God before men. Go back to verse 18, to see who is showing who what. Men show each other their faith by what they do (Â'shew meÂ...and I will shew thee Â'), men do not show God their faith by what they do, because God knows the secret places of the heart, and need not see a deed done to know that one is justified before Him (hence opening the door of salvation to children and the infirm). The problem with LS is it overemphasizes men justifying themselves before men by what they do, and through that become of the unwise Â'comparing themselves among themselvesÂ'.

Quote:

-----2. Also, what about Jesus' encounter with the rich young ruler when He told him he had to sell everything he had and give it to the poor to be saved, as well as the other times Jesus gave similar conditions to salvation?

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That was simply about showing the rich young ruler what it was that he trusted. You like me, are typing on a computer, neither of us have sold everything we have to give to the poor. Therefore it was not a condition, it was an object lesson.

Quote:

-----3. Also, what about what God said through Peter "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins"

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Sure, repent, change your mind about who you are, and about Christ, that will be what justifies you before God.

Quote:

-----4. What in your opinion would be Biblical evidence of salvation and Biblical evidence of someone not being saved?

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For the most part I answered that here.

<http://blogspot.theinvisiblechurch.ca/2009/08/11/the-discernment-of-saints-part-ii/>

Quote:

-----5. In your opinion is belief an intellectual assent to the fact that Jesus is the Son of God and was raised from the dead? If not what in your opinion constitutes belief?

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Saving faith is comprised of all of the following: 1) Knowledge 2) Belief 3) Trust. 1) You must know of Christ and His plan of salvation as revealed in the Bible, 2) You must believe it to be true (this is mere mental assent) 3) You must trust that it is true in your own case.

Quote:

-----6. My own testimony is the very similar to A777 and I understand what you are saying. Not try to be argumentative just try to put what you are saying in perspective of the whole council of God. Do you think there is a possibility that you are still very close to the ditch on one side of the road and not still yet in the middle?

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I have personally spent time in both ditches and recognize what they look like enough to know where my present position is.

Now I have a question for you.

We know that Â'Christ died for the ungodlyÂ', are you ungodly?

OJ

**Re: , on: 2011/4/22 11:43**

ATG

As a preacher Paul Washer is not to lay impossible conditions of salvation before those he is preaching to.

I have heard a lot of Paul Washer, I know his theology well, he does not preach a saving gospel.

OJ

**Re: , on: 2011/4/22 11:47**

Oracio

Quote:  
-----That is where you err gravely sir. true repentance is not just a change of mind about being self-righteous and trying to earn salvation without trusting wholly in Christ, although that is a crucial part of true repentance. It is also a godly sorrow over sin and a turning from it with disgust because of how it offends God.  
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Tell me then, do you have enough godly sorrow over sin to ensure you are saved? You obviously haven't turned from all sin, but have you turned from enough sin to know you are saved? What exactly is the level one should look for?

OJ

**Re: 'to be conformed to the image of His Son' - posted by savannah, on: 2011/4/22 11:54**

OJ,

Would you please comment upon the following verses as they relate one to another within the scheme of your 'no-lordship'.

Romans 8:29,30 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

John 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

Has He predestinated and called us 'to be conformed to the image of His Son' in our glorification only, that is in our glorified bodies in the glorified state when mortality puts on immortality, or is it to be here and now through His sanctification of us, Him working in us to will and to do of His good pleasure?

Thanks.

Worship God.

**Re: , on: 2011/4/22 11:56**

I just want to say that this is a great thread. I look forward to reading the new posts each day.

I appreciate each and everyone's questions and challenges. I have not read savannah's posts completely and wanted to let him know that I will get around to it. Did not want savannah to feel ignored.

Everyone have a blessed day and weekend.

A777



P.S. It would be great if we were all in one living room because this medium is so limiting and I think we would progress much quicker if we were face to face. We would probably find a lot of common beliefs, chief of which is Love for Jesus Christ. Patience with each other is the key.

I am blessed!

**Re: , on: 2011/4/22 12:01**

Savannah

Sure I will comment if you will tell me that you 'do ALWAYS those things that please Him'. It will help me to know how conformed to his image you are, and whether what you believe has been put into practice in your life.

OJ

**Re: Listening to Paul Washer forbidden by a Church leader., on: 2011/4/22 12:15**

savannah said,

Quote:

-----But I tell you, hidden behind all the error is that hideous head free will.

Don't you think by the Council of Trent Rome was trying to bolster it's opposition to Calvinistic Christianity, because 'the sovereignty of God', cuts across some of the powers Rome takes to herself - such as 'the right to depose princes'.

Where better to make the point than while on British soil at the tail end of the reign of Elizabeth 1 of England, whose father, Henry VIII had been excommunicated over his propensity to dispose of wives?

**Re: Listening to Paul Washer forbidden by a Church leader., on: 2011/4/22 12:17**

Quote:

-----Sure I will comment if you will tell me that you 'do ALWAYS those things that please Him'. It will help me to know how conformed to his image you are, and whether what you believe has been put into practice in your life.

Old\_Joe, you're a scream, as we say here. :)

What man can answer this question, and where do you get the right to judge?

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/4/22 12:40**

Quote:

-----Tell me then, do you have enough godly sorrow over sin to ensure you are saved? You obviously haven't turned from all sin, but have you turned from enough sin to know you are saved? What exactly is the level one should look for?

By God's grace I can look back and see the regenerating work He has wrought in me. Ever since I was born again by His Spirit I began to have a new love for Him and a hatred for those things that grieve and offend Him, though I have stumbled into sin and needed to repent. He has given me new desires to obey Him, though I have not been perfect. I can see a continual growth in His grace and knowledge and holiness unto Him.

This goes back to the whole issue of fruit, the fruit of the Spirit(see Galatians 5:22). If one does not see that kind of fruit as a normal part of their life it is reasonable and biblical to question one's faith.

This is not about boasting in one's self efforts or trusting in one's self. It is about praising God for His saving grace which teaches us to deny ungodliness and live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age (Titus 2:12)

The grace and salvation of God through Christ by His Spirit are transforming. He will give you a new heart that loves righteousness and hates unrighteousness. You will not be the same as before. You will continually grow in holiness though you will stumble and need to repent throughout your walk here on earth. The change will be crystal clear and evident as night and day. If you do not have that change of heart the Bible commands you to repent of your sins and surrender to Christ. If you still have a love for sin as always and live a sinful lifestyle characterized by the works of the flesh you are a stranger to the new birth and will not see God's kingdom if you die that way (Galatians 5:19-21; 1Cor.6:9-10).

If we follow your teaching we will have to do away with almost the entire book of 1 John and many other passages of Scripture. I would exhort you and challenge you to consider seriously and prayerfully the passages shared with you and examine yourself to see if you are in the faith.

"If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." (1John1:6-7) (NKJV)

"Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked." (1John2:3-6) (NKJV)

"He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. 10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes." (1John2:9-10-11) (NKJV)

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (1John2:15) (NKJV)

"If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him." (1John2:29) (NKJV)

"Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. 8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God." (1John3:6-9) (NKJV)

That last passage is not referring to sinless perfection, but a life in which we do not "practice" "habitual" "unrepentant" sin.

**Re: - posted by Madefree (), on: 2011/4/22 13:41**

Well, I'm not going to get into debate here, (but I am on the repent/Lordship side) I just want to say that I really appreciate Paul Washer's preaching. He has been a tremendous blessing to me personally and I love to hear the truth that he presents. He has been a source of conviction, encouragement, and learning since I started listening to him.

I go to a church that would probably not like me listening to someone like him, but he says more in ten minutes than most people do in forty-five minutes, while I don't always agree with him, I know God is with him--that's good enough for me.

**Re: , on: 2011/4/22 14:07**

When I was in Bible school, we would have weekly guest speakers. Some were good and some were not so good. When I was there I used to wonder why some of them were not "screened" better. But then, I realized that the school wanted to cultivate in us an attitude of "readiness to receive" and then a discipline to search the scriptures to "see if these things were so".

I think in retrospect, I learned a lot more that way, because it did make me search the scriptures (because I did not want to be deceived) and ultimately, help sharpen my discernment.

I have heard Paul Washer only once and he dealt pretty much with church history, which I am pretty well acquainted with. It seemed ok to me.

I will hear some more from him, I'm sure and will be interested in listening very close to him. In the one audio that I did listen to, I could not help but love his heart and passion for the Lord.

A777

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/4/22 14:22**

A777 this is the sermon that has caused the most stir from him:

Modern American Christianity(AKA "Shocking Youth Message")  
<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=12827>

I did not know if that's the one you listened to so I thought I'd share it in case.

**Re: , on: 2011/4/22 14:28**

Thanks Oracio. Much appreciated. This is not the one I heard, and thankful for the link. Now, I can come up to speed with you guys/gals.

**Re: - posted by Madefree (), on: 2011/4/22 15:33**

Also listen to the Ten Indictments and the Crushing of Christ. Those really show what he is about. If you look around at some of his videos online you'll see a lot more of him too.

Those are my recommendations in addition to the "Shocking Youth Message".

**Re: , on: 2011/4/22 16:06**

Thanks MadeFree.

I appreciate the links as it will save me time.

A777

**Re: Loved,Redeemed,Adopted - posted by savannah, on: 2011/4/22 17:23**

Thanks for replying to me OJ.

Thanks as well for your patience with me and the others on this forum as you've been bombarded with questions.

Re: "...if you will tell me that you 'do ALWAYS those things that please Him'. It will help me to know how conformed to his image you are, and whether what you believe has been put into practice in your life."

I'd be glad to entreat you, as I attempt to answer your query, although you've not commented upon the two verses quoted in my prior post, but you stated that you intend to do so, and I have no reason to doubt you.

My following confession is an experiential fact. That being, that I DO NOT 'do ALWAYS those things that please Him'. Neither in word, deed, thought or attitude.

This being so makes me no less loved, redeemed, adopted, or predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in Christ, by God the Father's distinguishing predestinating grace.

Eternally loved in Christ before time began.  
Redeemed and adopted in time.

Redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, He owns me. He is my LORD. Adopted into His family as a son He disciplines me as it seems best to Him. Being judiciously justified by grace through faith, I am being relationally sanctified by that same grace through that same faith.

Hebrews 12:5-11 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 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.

Your error is in equating that any or all who are His 'do ALWAYS those things that please Him', with Lordship Salvation, as it has been called.

As a result of the view of semi-pelagianism which was/is held by many, many concluded that a state of sinless perfection was achievable in this life. Such is not the case, nor do any I know of who teach what is called 'Lordship Salvation' believe this to be so. But rather believe that Salvation is of the LORD, as well as sanctification and preservation.

Lordship Salvation as it is called, is nothing less than a Biblical conversion of a sinner made a saint. Lordship Salvation as it is called, rejects both semi-pelagianism and sinless perfection.

To further answer your question, I am being conformed to His image by His grace, putting into practice what I believe in my day to day life by His grace, even as the Hebrews passages I quoted above make it abundantly clear.

I've answered to the best of my tainted ability. I hope I've clarified it somewhat for you that you may now be better prepared to give an answer to those verses I mentioned. And now if you would, please include how the Hebrews verses would relate as well.

1 Cor. 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace which was toward me has not been without fruit, but I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Thanks again.

Worship God.

**Re: , on: 2011/4/22 18:29**

Oracio

LS fails at its denial of the two natures of a regenerate man, and propogates the one nature heresy entirely denying that the old nature of man still exists in the regenerate. If the old nature is missing, whence cometh this war in our souls?

Solomon was saved from his youth, and yet fell into idolatry of the worst kind towards the end of his life, but this man was chosen to pen several books of the Bible. There is no such thing as loss of salvation, yet the life of Solomon blows up the doctrine of Lordship Salvation.

The new nature is imparted, yet the old nature remains. The new nature is owned by Christ, the old nature is all that I can claim that I am, all new is of Christ. This is why it is important to see that we are ungodly, that is all that we can claim of ourselves. The Christian is counted righteous for Christ's sake, and is counted godly for Christ's sake, but these things belong to Christ and are merely imputed to us by faith.

The importance of the need of seeing ourselves as ungodly is that we see ourselves for what we really are, and all glory is given to Christ.

So I ask, since "Christ died for the ungodly", are you ungodly?

OJ

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2011/4/22 18:35**

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