

**General Topics :: "Christians" cussing****"Christians" cussing, on: 2011/9/13 7:39**

I've noticed a disturbing trend among some of those among believers who make use of cuss words, course language, et c. Granted, they tend to be very careful not to use God or His name as a cuss word... but other than that, not much different than the world.

Has anyone else noticed that?

What is going on in the church today that we feel like we have to do this? Especially among men. There is a movement (which I think is good) for Christian men to stop being wimps and stand up and be men... however, along with this has come "course jesting", vulgarity and cussing.

I hate it. The Lord spent a loooong time cleaning up my mouth and my mind... and now I hear this in the church these days. Ugh!

Krispy

Re: "Christians" cussing - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2011/9/13 7:47

My speech changed instantly upon conversion. Old things passed away, all things became new! that is upon having a good conscience toward God. Can i ask ever so politely (and to use your word) why did it take so "looonng" for God to clean up your speech? May i ask? Just Curious?

Re: "Christians" cussing - posted by enid, on: 2011/9/13 8:07

Where is the virtue in foul language? And if that is what is coming out of the mouth, what is going on in the mind?

Doesn't it tell us in James 3 about the tongue?

For someone who professes Christ as Lord, and uses speech that satan would be proud of, questions need to be asked.

Re: , on: 2011/9/13 8:09

Because apparently God works at a different pace in different people. My mouth cleaned up a lot faster than my mind.

I think part of the reason is because I was in churches that were "seeker sensitive" for awhile... trying to be like the world to win the world. The Bible was not being taught.

I could probably write a book about it, but thats not really the point of this thread. I'm speaking about people who have been in the church and claim to have been saved for years... some even hold positions of authority in the churches in which they belong... and I notice it more and more.

Even among pastors.

Krispy

Re: - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2011/9/13 8:13

Allow me to go further. Jews under Law, and knowing the Law, And without the power of the cross or the power of the holy ghost didn't have (major) issues with cussing, dirty speech, dirty language, vulgar talk, Etc. Yes even under law! And those found guilty of blaspheming God (under law) faced the judges - and could be stoned under law (worthy of death) So therefore Christians with the the HOLY Ghost should be all the more... advantaged being cleansed "with-in" BOOM BOOM

Re: - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2011/9/13 8:17

I actually don't buy that argument! Sorry. But i just don't buy it krisp. Im not asking for perfection. But cussing went really really quick with me. It just did maybe the fear of God kicked in quick with me too...

Re: - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2011/9/13 8:21

So does gambling, fornication, alcohol abuse, smoking take time too? or do you Know Upon conversion ...certain things are (automatically wrong) considering yes you are just a "babe in Christ. But yes ... a babe with a conscience TOWARD GOD (NOW)? fair question. No?

Re: , on: 2011/9/13 8:22

It doesnt matter how quickly God dealt with me about that, the fact is it was a long time ago and in the past. I've seen people get saved and drop alcohol and tobacco that very day by the power of God... and I've seen people get saved and struggle with it for awhile before finally getting victory over it by the same power of God.

Just because that was your experience doesnt mean it's everyone's.

Either way, this isnt about me. This is about a growing trend in the church that I am seeing. It's not people trying to clean up their language and thought life... it's people glorying in it and actually encouraging it.

Try to stick to the topic, if you dont mind.

Krispy

Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2011/9/13 8:23

I find words fascinating, they can have different meanings with different intentions. I remember listen to one preacher say the intentions of the words used are always important to look at. Are they being said with malicious intent? I agree with this to an extent but I still find basically zero use for the words since there are usually far better words to use to better express yourself with.

May I ask about the substitution of words? Like when the Lord began to clean up my language I would replace the vulgarity with different words like if I accidently hurt myself or was startled I was say Fiddlesticks.

This I would imagine could be a very long thread if we wish to explore every possibility of words.

Re: , on: 2011/9/13 8:24

You've missed the topic of the thread, my brother. Can we focus on what I wish to discuss here please?

To clarify... I wish to discuss the growing trend within the church to actually ENCOURAGE coarse language, cussing (even from the pulpit), etc.

This is NOT about people struggling with sin, this is about people GLORYING in their sin.

Krispy

PS that was for sonofthunder, not you MG

Re: - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2011/9/13 8:27

And Not that i was "holier-than-thou" Krisp, but i got to say - that i personally hated being around them that cussed and used vulgar speech. (period/full stop) that was the way i instantly felt and furthermore i wanted to remove myself away from it as far as i possibly could (YUK) (yuk) (yuk)

Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2011/9/13 8:27

Thanks for the clarity on that confused me there for a bit ;)

Re: , on: 2011/9/13 8:28

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I did too... but foul language was such 2nd nature for me, it was a struggle to clean it up for awhile.

Krispy

Re: - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2011/9/13 8:31

Don'y worry krisp i haven't!!! okay i haven't. But i think the new testament Christian has advantages that even the old tes tament (Jews) didn't have. And He is called the Holy ghost. Dissect it anyway you want. But I would say the comforter wi thin is a huge advantage! Don't you?

Re: - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2011/9/13 8:33

I guess that's where we might differ in belief persuasion. Old nature or New nature... (as a born again christian) yes?no ?

Re: "Christians" cussing - posted by enid, on: 2011/9/13 8:39

Might I make a slight suggestion? It can be ignored.

Maybe, Krispy, if you edit the line that seems to have become the focus of the thread, we might get back on track.

Also, since it is that how much change takes place in a person upon salvation has surfaced, let's look at this scripture in Acts 8v18.

'And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money '
'.

Was Simon now a Christian or not?

But, that is not the topic in question. The topic is the vulgar and foul language used in churches today, even by pastors and other leaders. And it is becoming an acceptable trend.

God help us.

Re: - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2011/9/13 8:41

Let me say this also krisp! And being someone that has done the hard yards. I.e Street witnessing for years and years a nd getting down in the gutters with people hurting (And with no direction in life) Etc So i am no arm chair advice giver at this point! But people transformed granted might have an occasional slip-of-the-tongue. Okay granted, okay! But langua gue punctuated and proliferated with the constant "f" word (etc)Yeah sorry. But i have an issue with that. I do!!

Re: - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2011/9/13 8:45

All's im gonna say is ... 2nd natures ...become new natures in christ (i thought) you are saying (teaching) there is a delay process - whilst we catch up. But that seems to contradict the term (conversion) or am i missing something here? please explain?

Re: - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2011/9/13 9:02

This actually raises another very interesting question: Oh you say? Well if one is born again by the spirit of God and has absolutely No knowledge of doctrine or scripture whatsoever doesn't he or she still(know) somethings are right and wrong? and isn't the whole point of water baptism a public acknowledgement that - that old man is both dead and buried? i.e Roman chapter six? correct me if im wrong - someone please? Where is understanding on these issues? and happy to be told i am wrong if this is the case. As i am here to learn.! sincerely, son of thunder...

Re: - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2011/9/13 9:09

Can i ask, When you were still cussing as a christian how did that make you feel? remorseful? did you loathe it? did your conscience burn? did your conscience give you no rest? Did you say wait a minute these "f" words are just wroonngggg?

Re: - posted by enid, on: 2011/9/13 9:12

sonofthunder,

It's obvious something has hit a raw nerve in you, because you just can't leave it. What's the problem? What has been said has been said. You seem to be making a big deal over the wrong topic.

Instead of constantly posting, why not just edit a thread?

Just a thought.

By the way, who mentioned the 'f' word?

Re: , on: 2011/9/13 9:42

Seriously, my goodness, lay off the guy. Unless you haven't struggled with any sin whatsoever since the time of conversion, now isn't the time to be picking up stones.

Re: - posted by Solomon101, on: 2011/9/13 10:14

I remember Keith Green speaking on this topic one time "back in the day".

He had a great insight on this it seemed. He asked why we felt God thought it was wrong to use a "cuss word". However, we often also felt God would be fine with us using a different word in the same context. For example...if I were to get mad at someone and call them a (censored..beep censored bleep) why would it be any different if I called them a "dirty low down egg sucking dog" if I did it with exactly the same malice, anger and hatred in my heart. There really was no difference. The key line he then asked was this , Do you really think God is concerned with the order of vowels and consonants in your words? Do you really think he thinks that to use an "a" in place of and "i" in a word changes things? He is looking at your heart... what is your heart toward the person or situation."

Now, lest I, or Keith, be misunderstood. He was in no way endorsing "cussing"... cussing is for the most part a purely cultural event. Outside of the culture that understands what a word or phrase means it would not be considered vulgar.

In conclusion I believe the issue is this...it's not about cussing..its about cursing. Not cursing as equivalent to cussing. Cursing as in the desire for someone to be cursed, or bad to be brought upon them. If we check our hearts toward others and God it seems apparent that we will neither be cussing or cursing our fellow man. We will be blessing them.

Along that line..blessings to all you SI readers and posters. I pray you have a day marked with peace and joy.

Solomon101

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Re: , on: 2011/9/13 10:29

Good word, Solomon.

What I think I am addressing is this movement in the church for men to be MEN. And I am down with that. We should be MEN. But... along with it I see a lot of worldliness, as if our model for what a man's man is comes from the world. From Hollywood.

And I see in particular foul language. As if a real man cusses... but that's not what the Bible says.

I see it as a sell out.

Krispy

Re: , on: 2011/9/13 12:09

I'll agree with you Krispy, and I think those are really good points. I think one of the main problem is that most of these "men" who are toting this "Man's Christianity" bit aren't really all that masculine themselves.

Most of them seem to suffer from severe short-man's syndrome, and confuse testosterone with masculinity. King David was a man. Paul was a man. Most of these new "tough guy" foul-mouthed dudes resemble neither of those two. They just represent insecurity repackaged for the modern day equally confused Christian man.

I don't think name dropping is necessary, but I figure you know the sorts I'm referring to.

Re: , on: 2011/9/13 12:26

Yea, no need to name drop... John MacArthur (a real man, in my opinion) has already call a number of them out publicly

Krispy

Re: , on: 2011/9/13 12:30

KK, are you sure this is a national trend in the church? Maybe it's just those Blue Ridge Mountain hillbillies doing it? Ha ha. Man I've heard stories about small town NC churches from home group pastors here in Ft. Worth who used to pastor out there.

Anyway, I think it is amazing how certain sins just fall off of us when we get saved. Like the 2nd poster said, cursing just fell off me when I became a Christian. But in your case, it is something you struggled with. I hate profanity, and I especially hate profane jokes--no matter how innocent they may seem. But other things we have to struggle with to get free of. Why is this? Only the Lord knows for sure, but in the words of Jack Hayford maybe because "He's buidling sons and daughters". What didn't just go away when I got saved? Yep, the sexual stuff. What a nightmare of a battle that has been in my life. I made a lot of bad decisions which didn't help either.

Re: , on: 2011/9/13 13:14

That's the thing about this part of NC... you have some backwoods fire breathing fundamentalists, contemporary charismatics, seeker sensitive churches, mega-churches, etc etc... we got everything.

You can be in downtown Asheville with all the gays and liberals banging on a drum at the park and singing praises to communism... and 15 minutes later lost on a single lane dirt road in the mountains wondering if you're going to see a still.

Cant judge people on where they are from.

Krispy

Re: What saith the the word, on: 2011/9/13 13:26

Eph.4:29-30

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Eph.5:4

Nor should there be OBSCENITY, foolish talk, or coarse joking which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

Col.4:6

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Luke 6:45

The good man brings things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

Seems like the scriptures are quite clear on the issue of 'cussing' among God's people. I heard somewhere that cussing is the inability of a weak mind to express itself strongly.

May our prayer be that of the psalmist when he said

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight,
O LORD, my Rock and my Redeem

Blaine

Re: , on: 2011/9/13 13:52

Amen, Blaine!

Krispy

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2011/9/13 14:05

Good points.

I think that I react differently when I hear a member of the world say a "cuss" word. Since they don't know the Lord, I almost expect their words to be mingled with such coarse, ungodly language.

It is much more shocking to hear such language come from believers. I am shocked by those who share their faith...and mingle their testimony with such language.

Quote:
-----10 After Jesus called the crowd to Him, He said to them, "Hear and understand. 11 It is not what enters into the mouth that defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man."

Matthew 15:10-11 NASB

I have spoken with people in the past who pointed out believers who publicly use such language as an example of hypocrisy. This served as a stumbling block to their receptivity to the Gospel.

Now, I do know that some people are unaware that certain words are considered "cuss" words. In THE CROSS AND THE SWITCHBLADE, David Wilkerson recounts the moment that he learned that gang leader Nicky Cruz had given his life to Jesus. Brother Wilkerson stood there...shocked...almost unbelieving that Nicky had actually converted to Christ. Ni

cky Cruz reiterated it to Brother Wilkerson by including an expletive.

I attended a meeting as a teenager where a young man shared his testimony. He was a recent convert to Christ and was sharing his story. During his testimony, he unwittingly inserted a cuss word...and was immediately embarrassed. The preacher that day kindly encouraged him...and joked to the congregation, "He's saved, Church...but he isn't totally sanctified yet."

Quote:

22 "But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca,' shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, 'Thou fool,' shall be in danger of hell fire."

Matthew 5:22 KJV

There are different modes of such language. Like music (a language of itself) our speech can be a beautiful melody, a weapon or convoluted by needless (or harmful) notes. While most believers will refrain from certain words, I have heard professing believers use coarse language in their everyday speech that is quite shocking.

Quote:

15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, 16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil. 17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; 20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; 21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

Ephesians 5:15-21

I have heard believers -- especially youth -- beginning to incorporate language in their conversations that is unbecoming of the Bride of Christ. I have spoken to one person (who noticed the look on my face) and she even defended it because she "is under grace." Now, this isn't the "F" word (or obvious "evil" expletives). This is words like saying that a pair of shoes "were bad" (inserting a cuss word), using "Hell" loosely ("What the...") and describing a mood ("... off"). I even heard a youth leader utter the word "damn" by itself just because of something he saw.

Quote:

15 Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes.

Song of Solomon 2:15 KJV

15 "Catch the foxes for us,
The little foxes that are ruining the vineyards,
While our vineyards are in blossom."

Song of Solomon 2:15 NASB

One thing that I have noticed is that such language seems to be used by people who might be pushing the limits when it comes to worldliness. From my perspective and experience, many of these individuals also push other limits of decency -- such as the way they dress, their habits, or the things that they do or participate in.

The girl that I mentioned who was defending her choice of language as being "under grace" was also wearing a pair of shorts that revealed 80% (or more) of her legs. The youth minister who uttered that word is one who goes out of his way to be appealing to youth in the way he speaks, dresses and does other things. So, it could be that such language is a reflection of a heart where certain aspects of "self" and "ego" haven't been surrendered to the Lord.

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Quote:

1 Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment. 2 For we all stumble in many ways. If any one does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

3 Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well. 4 Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires. 5 So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things.

See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!

6 And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell. 7 For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race.

8 But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; 10 from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing.

My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

11 Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh.

James 3:1-12

I suppose that it is akin to people who fancy themselves to be ministers of the Gospel -- or even pastors and prophets -- but who also gossip or lack love within their words when speaking with others. As Paul said, the result is "as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal" (I Corinthians 13:1).

The language that we use is something that reflects our hearts. When we incorporate coarse or questionable language, the result is a question about the condition of our hearts. Continuing with James 3...

Quote:

13 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.

15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. 18 And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

James 3:13-18

May God help us to be pure in our hearts...thoughts...and words!

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2011/9/13 14:11

I went to a seeker sensitive church for along time and not only was swearing pretty common but sadly there were many of the other moms that would take Gods name in vain and not even think about it. I was really shocked by this. Of course most times when these things happen if you attempt to share with the person they become defensive and tell you not to judge.

Edit: I decided to edit this because I realize it might cause others to go off topic and I wanted to be mindful of Krispy's intent when he created this thread.

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God bless
maryjane

Re: - posted by Renoncer, on: 2011/9/13 14:32

ccchhrrriiiss,

You pretty much summarized the biblical teachings on the matter. In relation to this, you might want to listen to this sermon:

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/playpopup.asp?SID=79077113>

It's worth the time.

In Christ Jesus,
Renoncer

Re: - posted by Pandarus (), on: 2011/9/13 16:20

Cussing? What is that? I take it you mean swearing?

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2011/9/13 16:42

Quote:

Cussing? What is that? I take it you mean swearing?

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/cuss>

Re: "Christians" cussing - posted by DEADn (), on: 2011/9/13 16:44

All I can say is WOW on this topic. It is a pet peeve of mine. I actually posted this on a secular site dealing with politics and religion. There is one person on that site who tries his best to debate athiests but he does it with cussing so I sent him a PM on it. His reponse was essentially that it is better to get the truth out even if there is some cussing then if you don't speak the truth at all.

In my view a person who can't keep his tongue has a character issue, as a christian. But then it goes beyond the cussing factor, that can go to spreading rumors as well but for the purposes of this post I stay with cussing.

What reasons do christians have to allowing foul language out of their mouths? What is a cuss word in english may not be in say, spsnish but in english it exists and is reality.

Re: Christians Cussing - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/9/13 16:56

A Christian should turn away from the pattern of the world and should be confined to the pattern of God (Romans 14). If world considers a particular words as cuss then let is not come from my mouth so that I stand apart from its pattern. We should also be careful in not judging those who still using such words thinking that it is cool because the world things such words are cool. Because I know that such words show me worldly but there might be many other things in me in which I am still worldly. The same God who freed me from this will also free me from rest of them.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2011/9/13 18:24

Did not ever have a cussing problem here, my Dad would have slapped my head in a circle, that's is what he used to tell us if we ever cussed, "I'll slap your head in a circle" I never wanted to find out how that felt, so even up into today, no cussing issue's here.

Confronting bad language - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/9/13 18:44

We were gone for a few days and when we came home I found this thread...just want to let you brothers know your convictions on this issue encourage me.

Now I do have a question: it seems as though people in the deep south are more prone to profanity then the north, regardless of 'faith' and a person gets used to hearing it! Dreadful! Don't like it, but it no longer shocks...SIGH Anyhow, what is the best way to confront someone who used bad language?

Re: Confronting bad language - posted by ccchhhrrriiss (), on: 2011/9/13 19:48

Hi Sister Ginnyrose,

Quote:

Anyhow, what is the best way to confront someone who used bad language?

I directly asked a guy in our Christian student organization about his choice of language. He did the same thing...playing the victim about his "freedom" to use such language and how only "religious" people (as if the "religious" word were a negative and condescending as in "religious spirit") would have a problem with it.

I simply reminded him that there are still standards in this world. I asked him if he would picture Jesus using such language.

His response: "I'm not Jesus."

I told him, "But you are! You are the ambassador of Christ to the people of this lost world! You are also part of the BODY of Christ! Who would want Christ's body to be engaged in sin? Who would want the Body of our Savior to use cuss words like this?"

I explained that the "religious spirit" nonsense that is sputtered by many post-modern (aka WORLDLY) churches could be used to defend ANY type of behavior! It has been used to defend sexual immorality -- and even homosexuality!

I told him that there is still a standard called "holy" that the Lord kept when He walked this world. And He still holds us to that standard. The Lord Himself said, "Be ye holy for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16). However, I reminded him that holiness is a condition of the heart...that is reflected by our thoughts, actions, conduct and, yes, mouth. A "dirty mouth" is even identified by the world as behind such.

He knew that I was serious...but also sincere, gentle and looking out for him. He apologized and asked me to pray for him. He also admitted that his walk with Christ was not what he was trying to make it out to be...and that he was struggling with many sins. I think that the language that he was using was just all of that worldliness on the inside making its way out.

Thankfully, this young man made things right with God.

:~)

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/9/13 22:16

Thank-you so very much for your response, Chris. You made a lot of important points that one would do well to meditate upon, e.g., "I asked him if he would picture Jesus using such language."

God bless...

Re: - posted by InLove, on: 2011/9/13 22:44

Blessings all,

I don't want to change the subject because i disagree with it at all, because i don't, but we are seeing an external problem that has a HUGE meaning if we look deeper.

The question should not be about cussing in the church, but why is the church willingly conforming to sin? We see this in things that can be "justified". Music, movies, lust thats not seen, just anything really. I think the problem rests in that people are fine with the way they are and are not willing to go deeper with Christ or go with Him at all. We need to talk about how to change this HUGE fact.

This is where the true MEN of God step in. Its not about the vain image of doing right, but the heart of just wanting God in all things. Failure will happen, but defeat must not be allowed.

In Love,
Joe

Edit: We must forget about the image of church and find the foundation of it once again.

Re: "Christians" cussing - posted by Trekker, on: 2011/9/14 4:26

The Lord has been working on me with this too. I began to notice how horrible certain words sounded coming out of OTHER people's mouths and wondered, 'Is that how bad it sounds coming out of mine?' I also knew that when i or others swear it is really rooted in deep-seated anger, which i have always struggled with. But it did not help any that a Lutheran pastor had told me that using the F-word is NOT a sin. So confused at the time i kept on using it when angry because he said it was ok. It was only after a long term of listening to very unprofessional, non-Christian coworkers that i realized how awful those words sounded to me when it came from THEM and i began to really rethink things...

Re: - posted by Trekker, on: 2011/9/14 4:35

I agree, Krispy. There is the notion out there that EVERY Christian instantly becomes PERFECT the day of their conversion but that is just not so. I aint never met one perfect Christian ANYWHERE, in ANY church. And anyone who thinks he /she has no sin is proud and deceives themselves; no one is perfect in all their thoughts, etc. However, i do realize that the other posters on here are talking about a pattern of on-going sin as opposed to occasional fall. It is just that God works slower in some. For me, my sins fell away more gradually, as i repented of one after another as God gave me light and understanding. You can only respond to the light that you have.

Re: - posted by Trekker, on: 2011/9/14 4:40

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Says who? Peter said, "Depart from me Lord for i am a sinful man" and there was also one of the prophets who i cant remember right now who was ashamed of his sinful lips while being given great revelation so the angel cleansed his mouth with coal. Where is your support and proof for your claim? And what is the definition of "major" vs. "minor"? And does it matter? They would not have gotten away with blasphemy but that is different. My KJB says that after the maid repeatedly accused Peter of being with Jesus he "cursed".

Re: Confronting bad language, on: 2011/9/14 7:10

Quote:
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I don't know about that... ever been to NYC?

Krispy

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/9/14 10:57

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No.

You suggesting it is worse there than in the South? What makes things so bad here in the south is you have Calvinism gone to seed. People think 'once saved, always saved' and the flesh can still do whatever wherever and it will not impact one's eternal destiny. And this is how they live and you cannot convince them otherwise. The irony of it all is that the young, the ignorant, know better. It is the ones who are 'well informed' that teach otherwise and they are powerful. Rabbit trails...

Anyhow, what is your point about NYC?

Re: - posted by Renoncer, on: 2011/9/14 11:57

Ginnyrose,

I would say the real problem is "cheap grace", a "grace" that is powerless and ineffectual against the power of sin. Americans want to believe that they are safe eternally, regardless of what reality screams at them. We have detached the afterlife from the reality of the moment. But, if we do not see any indication of the effect of the grace of God RIGHT NOW, what makes us think that the grace of God will have any effect on Judgment Day?

The truth is that if you are REALLY under grace, sin does NOT have DOMINION over you anymore (Romans 6:14).

As Leonard Ravenhill would say, "You're saved from sin? Okay, what are you saved from? Are you saved from bitterness? Are you saved from lust? Are you saved from cussing? Come on! What are you saved from?"

In his book entitled "God has a wonderful plan for your life: The myth of the modern message", Ray Comfort shows the problem of trying to conduct evangelism without first making people tremble before the Law of God. It's a must read.

Praise God for the upcoming conference, "Has the Church lost the fear of the Lord?" We do need to tremble before God, so that by faith we might hold on to His wonderful and effectual grace. Christ did not come to set us free from hell; He came to set us free from sin, the power and the condemnation thereof.

In Christ Jesus,
Renoncer

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Re: , on: 2011/9/14 12:13

Ginny... anyone who really thinks that that is the teaching of historical Calvinism doesn't understand Calvinism. To be honest with you, it's not Calvinism... it's the whole "me & Jesus got it all worked out" mentality that you see in the south.

The thinking that going to church is all it takes is the problem here in the south. It's a form of godliness but it denies the power.

You can't drag Calvinism into this discussion because I don't think there is a connection. If anything it's Palageanism that is the problem. People go forward, and before there can ever be any fruit the preacher calls them saved and turns them out. When they doubt whether they are saved they are told to look at the sticker inside the front cover of their Bible and remind themselves of the date that they prayed the magic words.

It's called "easy believe-ism".

That's hardly Reformed Theology! lol... in fact, Reformed preachers are leading the fight AGAINST that type of thing in the church.

As far as NYC is concerned... walk the streets of Brooklyn sometime, or take a taxi into Manhattan. You'll hear cuss words you never knew existed. My experience (and I have plenty!) is that cussing and taking the Lord's name in vain is MUCH worse in the Northeast.

Krispy

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2011/9/14 13:09

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Good point! In Biblical times, it may be known as "unclean lips."

Quote:

5 Then said I, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged."

Isaiah 6:5-7

Perhaps all believers need a "live coal" from the Lord to touch our consciences so that we see the purity and holiness of God? Such a vision of God's holiness should cause any person to be broken over our sinfulness...and cry out that we are a "sinful man" (Luke 5:8).

In the Jesus Film Project, I think that this was one of my favorite scenes. The look on Peter's face when he realizes who is standing in the boat with him is quite moving.

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<http://tinyurl.com/sinfulmanpeter>

Re: Krisy , on: 2011/9/14 15:17

Brother that may be true. There may be more foul language used in the northeast than in other parts of the country. But even in Ark. where I live more inappropriate language is seeping into places where it was never uttered before. It's coming into the church as mentioned. But also into professional meetings. I work as a part time meeting coordinator setting up professional meetings for attorneys and other groups. Amazing when one puts on a coat and tie or power suit what comes out of their mouths.

The sad thing is the media such as television uses profanity even on so called family programs. But when the saints of God use this type of language and call it being real I shake my head. What I am saying its becoming a wide spread problem.

Just my 2 cents.

Blaine

Re: , on: 2011/9/14 15:34

Probably has a lot to do with the fact that Christians spend more time in front of the TV than they would ever dream of spending in the Bible!

Garbage in... garbage out.

Krispy

Re: , on: 2011/9/14 17:45

Excellent point. I have heard that the average person spends anywhere from 3 to 5 hours in front of the TV on a daily basis. What would happen if one would spend that much time in the word.

Blaine

Re: - posted by Veronica226 (), on: 2011/9/14 23:09

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I'm going to have to disagree with you and agree with Renouncer and Krispy. Calvinism isn't the issue. Here's why: I live in Montana. The middle of Montana, the middle of nowhere. About as far away from the Bible belt as you can get. In the particular town where I live over 90% of the churches are NOT Reformed or Calvinistic. 4 years ago we when were looking for a church we went to 12 different churches in one summer. As far as I can remember not one of them was Reformed or Calvinistic. And do you know what I saw? The exact same thing that people are describing here. Filthy language, immodest dress, unholy lives. Things that should not be seen in the church.

The church we ended up going was was very much NOT reformed. In fact they constantly FOUGHT with one lady over "once saved, always saved" and she left the church. Why? Because the church didn't believe that AT ALL. And yet I have never seen so much worldliness in so-called believers before. There wasn't cussing in church, but one time with the teens they ALL admitted they REGULARLY dropped f-bombs in school. !!! And EVERY middle-aged person in that church couldn't imagine living without cable, internet, cellphones and video games or making less than \$35,000 a year. This was NOT a "once saved, always saved" church and yet here is the same problem. So again I say, Calvinism is NOT the issue.

And as Paul Washer said in his sermon "10 Indictments":

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"Calvinism isn't the issue. The issue is regeneration."

The problem is we've forgotten the doctrine of regeneration. The problem is easy-believism. The problem is cheap grace . The problem is a lack of the fear of GOD. Calvinism may exacerbate these problems, but it is not the cause of them. I speak this from experience.

Moving on...

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-----The sad thing is the media such as television uses profanity even on so called family programs.

I made this observation this week. My dad had the TV on (he's not saved and TV is his life) and was watching some sitcom or something and they said a cuss word. I was shocked to hear the one they used and all I could was "They would have never said that on prime time TV 5 or 10 years ago!" I can't even imagine how bad it will be in 5 years. Maybe even less.

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And what's even sadder is that if you DON'T spend time in front of the TV and you DO read/study your Bible for more than an hour, you are deemed as weird, fanatical, or crazy by people in the church! My sisters family-in-law, who are all atheists, respected my desire to not watch TV and instead study my Bible waaaaaay more than the people in my church did. I felt more comfortable and accepted around the atheists than the church people! It is a sad day in which we live...

Back on topic...

I absolutely HATE cussing. ESPECIALLY in guys. It makes me afraid of the guy and I don't really want to be around him if he does that.

It doesn't bother me quite as much with unbelievers, but it still intimidates me a little. I don't know why. It's not like I haven't heard it (my dad cussed a lot when I was growing up and I still usually hear something out of his mouth once a day) and I used to cuss like a sailor, if you can believe it.

I just think it's a really filthy habit. It IS really sad that this is infiltrating the "church". Especially under the guise of a "masculinity movement." True masculinity isn't about cursing or belching or video games, it's about sacrificially laying down your life for someone else. Not that you will have to literally die for them, but that you put their desires ahead of your own.

Unfortunately it seems like it's getting harder and harder (in the U.S. anyway) to find examples of sacrificial love. In men OR women.

Re: - posted by ArtB (), on: 2011/9/15 0:34

I was never one to curse, it just was not something in my spirit to do, with the exception of one word.

I know that I was a Christian when I was 4. I lived in the Bronx and many around me did curse. One kid spoke the 'F' word a few times in every sentence he spoke. Some of my friends only cursed when they were mad. Cursing was a lot less back then than now.

After college, I became a Construction Project Manager in NYC area, and eventually had my own Construction Company. This led to my constantly being around Blue Collar workers. For most of them, cursing was a second language. Say the right curse word, and the other guy understands what his fellow worker wants, immediately. The cursing never bothered me, I did not let it bother me, though I never took part in it. I had a job to do and my focus was on the work.

They knew I was a Christian, and for my benefit they never used Jesus name in vain, and many saw themselves as Christians.

I never judged them for their cursing, and I did share the gospel message and other topics from the bible, over time.

I recall what Jesus said:

Mk 3:28-29 " Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter; but wh

oever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" NASU

I will not judge a man as being a non-Christian or some kind of inferior Christian, because he curses, though I have no delight in hearing curse words, they are unpleasant to my ears. And I did show them respect and gave them credit when they did a job well done and I let others know it.

Then there is a disease of the mind that is called Tourette's Syndrome, where people who do not want to curse but can not stop themselves from speaking out many profanities simply because of a brain defect. Which is another reason why I refuse to judge people who curse. If Jesus can forgive them of cursing including using His name, I can forgive them for the cursing too.

I'm glad that I have attended Church's where no one curses, and I certainly do not want our Pastor cursing from the pulpit. Cursing is not a good thing.

As for the one curse word that I can not permanently stop myself from saying even though I wish I could, which comes out of my mouth when I suddenly get in a very unexpected awful moment is 'Shit'. I hate saying it, but it comes out automatically when I bang my thumb with a hammer, or see another car crashing into my car, or I theirs, or when I show up at Yankee Stadium with tickets for great box seats and suddenly discover they were for yesterday's game. etc. etc. I hate saying it, wish I didn't, but it remains automatic in sudden shockingly bad circumstances.

Re: Veronica, on: 2011/9/15 0:43

In some ways the athiest and nonbelievers are more respectful of sacred things than the so called believers. I hear nonbelievers are more polite than Christians are. Sure makes one woner?

Blaine

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Actually Reformed/Calvinism theology (the terms mean the same exact thing) teach regeneration. Reformed theology does NOT teach "easy believism", and in fact fights against such a thing.

Reformed theology teaches the fear of God and the lowliness of man. It does not exacerbate the problems described in this thread at all. In fact it offers the only solution... the Biblical solution. Regeneration thru Christ, and not thru man or any right decision made by man or some formula prayer man can say.

It's all of God, every bit of it.

True reformed teaching fights AGAINST cheap grace.

Worldliness can certainly be found in reformed circles, no one is immune. But most of the churches that we here on SI complain about as being too worldly... are not reformed, but the exact opposite.

Joel Osteen... not reformed... at all. Rick Warren... not even close to being reformed. Benny Hinn... probably has never even heard of reformed theology. etc etc...

Who were reformed? Great revival leaders such as George Whitefield, Charles Spurgeon, Jonathon Edwards... great pr

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eachers/theologians such as AW Pink, Martyn Lloyd-Jones, John MacArthur, etc etc.

I'm not trying to spark the debate, just stating the fact that TRUE reformed theology (Calvinism) fights against cheap grace and easy believism.

Krispy