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Truth about Gifts of Holy Spirit - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 2:09

Mathew 15 -

Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

As I was reading these verses today, God directed me to share these words with you. There has been so much thoughts and fights over gifts of the holy spirit. And people saying gifts are important to know that you are filled with Holy Spirit there by forcing others who have not received gifts to doubt their infilling of Holy spirit. Also there are frequent posters here who claim to speak in tongues when they pray for others and are proud about it.

But listen to what Jesus has said here. The mark of a Godly man is not in the gifts he received, but it is in the fruit of the spirit that you see in him. If you see even one thorn in them like lack of love or peace or kindness in words etc then they do not have the fruits and they are not men of God.

In verse 22 Jesus says that these people who do not enter the kingdom say that they did prophesy in Jesus name, drove demons and performed many miracles. Which means they had the gifts to prophesy, gifts to drive demons and then gifts of doing miracles in Jesus name. Still they were cast out of Kingdom of God, why? Because they did not have the fruits of spirit and were evil doers.

So before fighting on the gifts that you now possess first examine your own life to see whether you have the fruits in you. If there is no fruit then the gifts are useless and will not get you into kingdom of God.

So gifts are just a sign that God gives to some to believe that they received Holy spirit. Not everyone is given a gift to believe, because they already have faith to believe that God has filled them with Holy Spirit based on the change in their life style.

To summarize- I want people not to be proud of their gifts because it means nothing to God when it comes to letting you into kingdom. And do not lose heart if you do not have gifts but you see a change in your life. All that is important is a new creation (Galatians 6).

Re: Truth about Gifts of Holy Spirit - posted by jimp, on: 2011/11/3 5:36

hi, please do not go where you just went...the gifts are of the Spirit as the fruit also. this which you wrote refers to people who never got saved(never knew you) and are mockers of gifts. the fruit comes from resting in the finished work of Jesus and walking in the spirit. the gifts are for today's are the fruit.

- posted by beekpr, on: 2011/11/3 7:58

Hello,

I am severely disturbed by what I see in the contemporary "evangelical" world. I have spent a lifetime reading the Scripture, but have given only a passing glance at "theology". At the moment I am reading the first epistle of St. John and am finding what I see in all the rest of the Word-that the marks of a true child of God are an aversion to sin and faith in the Son of God. The idea that one can be "saved" and be deliberately walking in ways of sin is one that I find in a particularly popular school of theological thought, but see absolutely no support for it in either the epistles or in the words of Jesus.

Regarding the gifts of the Spirit-the Scriptures tell us that they are for the building up of the Church. What I am seeing too much of today is "gifts" that seem to be an end in themselves rather than for the glory of God and the benefit of His people. If we truly belong to God, I believe that our first ambition will be to delight Him by loving obedience (the "sign" which St. John speaks of in his epistle). When our hearts are thus in tune with Him, then alone are we ready to receive His gifts for His use. God has shown me on several occasions that what people thought were gifts of the Spirit were actual counterfeits of the same. We place ourselves wide open to spiritual deception when we knowingly allow sin in our lives. "

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness!"

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 8:15

Actually... I think that was a great word for everyone. Be more concerned about manifesting the fruits of the Spirit, and not so hung up on gifts.

This is Biblical. You can display every gift listed in the Bible, but if you do not have love for your brother you have nothing.

Like I've said before, some folks want to tell us all about their experiences and their giftings of tongues and prophecy. Just once I'd love to see someone come here and tell us about their experiences with the gift of hospitality. (it's a much GREATER gift than tongues or prophecy, according to Paul)

Krispy

Re: Truth about Gifts of Holy Spirit, on: 2011/11/3 8:50

"Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you workers of iniquity'".

THEY said that they prophesied in His name, THEY said that they cast out demons, THEY said they performed wonders.

They did nothing from His Holy Spirit, He did not give them any gifts to perform anything, they did it through their own deceiving spirit. They are deceivers, workers of iniquity, beguiling others and beguiling themselves. They believed they were prophesying in His name but they were deceived because they have no love for the truth.

Jesus said, "Luke 11:20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you."

That should have been true for those children of iniquity as well IF they were truly casting out devils.

As Jim said, you can't have the fruit without the gifts or vice versa, they all proceed from the same source.

1 Corinthians 12:31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

What is the excellent way?

We skim over verses and think that Paul dropped off the gifts of the Spirit after he said, COVET EARNESTLY, and then went on to Charity. But he wasn't saying that we should expel the gifts for the sake of Charity, nay, he was lifting them up further by saying that if you want to covet earnestly the best gifts follow after Charity (or sacrificial love).

1 Corinthians 14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

As for becoming proud of a gift. Some Christians may get proud over a gift, but that is few and far between. Most people that have a gift of the Spirit they generally shy away because they don't want the limelight of people looking at them as if they are some great Oracle. And if they do become proud, God who is their Father will knock that pride out of them.

1 Corinthians 1:8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

When you read this first chapter we see that we are no different than those early birds, they too were squabbling about what each one believed and Paul was pleading with them to stop causing divisions amongst themselves and to live in peace with one another speaking the same things.

Yet when we see what was going on then is going on today, Paul goes unto say,

1 Corinthians 1:30 But of him are YOU(we) in Christ Jesus,.....

What family doesn't have it's ups and downs?

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 8:52

Quote:

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Brother please answer these questions. I am writing this with love and respect for your soul.

1. 'never knew you' - the knowing referred here is an in depth and intimate knowing of a person. It is not a physical knowing. If it is physical knowing then God knows everyone of his creation, how can he lie?

The knowing here is same as the one in Genesis 4 -1:-

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD." 2

So though they were saved and gifted with gifts of spirit they never worked on their salvation to know Jesus fully.

2. The gifts of Holy Spirit are not given to unbelievers. if they are unbelievers as proclaimed by you then how were they able to drive demons? Jesus himself said demons cannot be driven by the power of demons. Where then they got their power from? May be they were lying but if they did then why did Jesus mention about a lie?

3. I agree with you that fruits come by perseverance and working with Spirit continuously but gifts are given to SOME as a token immediately when they are baptized in Holy spirit. All I want to convey here is the presence of Gift will not take you into the kingdom of God. Only the presence of Fruit. So let us continue walking with Holy spirit to bear fruits instead of fighting and boasting over the gifts.

4. If you still want to believe that a person with just gifts can enter the kingdom of God then please proceed. But I don't want your blood in my hands so I told you the truth here. Also please do not take others blood in your hand by spreading such faulty beliefs.

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 9:09

"So though they were saved and gifted with gifts of spirit they never worked on their salvation to know Jesus fully."

Your adding to the script that they were saved. There is no indication anywhere that they were.

Here is an example of non Christians trying to cast out devils by the name of Jesus.

Acts 19:13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

Acts 19:14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

Acts 19:15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

But who are you?

The devils didn't see any Holy Spirit in them that they should be cast out, no authority, I don't have to vamoose.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/11/3 9:21

my dear sree, i will state that the two most important things in my life is knowing Jesus in an intimate way and being known of Him who died for me and knew me before the earth was formed. i am amazed at how wonderful the post of are you casting nets or casting stones is and i recommend it as far as our attitudes in ministry need work.

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2011/11/3 9:30

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Praise God for bringing in the proper balance to this discussion on the gifts and the fruit, for God is concerned about both. Christ lives in us and we are in Him, and as we abide in Him the result will be "much fruit". The baptism of the Holy Spirit has been poured out to enable believers to do the work of the ministry. Every believer has been given a gift or gifts for ministry, and all of these gifts are to be operated in the love of God to the building up of the Body of Christ.

Mike

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 9:31

Quote:

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Good point... if you're saved you are saved. Period. And if you are saved you will manifest both the gifts of the Spirit AND the fruits of the Spirit. If you do not, then you are not saved. Period. We do not do these things on our own, God enables us to do these things... this is called Grace.

Not everyone gets the same gift, or all the gifts. Clearly the Bible teaches not all will teach or prophecy or speak in tongues (1 Corinthians 12:30 in context)... but all will demonstrate the fruits of the Spirit if they are saved.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 9:33

Quote:

-----"So though they were saved and gifted with gifts of spirit they never worked on their salvation to know Jesus fully."

May be saved is not the right word as many believe getting saved mean entering heaven. Though i believe saved is saving from past Sins by the blood of Jesus and only sanctification by walking with holy spirit can only save one from power of Sin. Please do not argue on the definition of saved alone as of now.

what I wanted to convey here that these people were believers and that is why they called Jesus as lord.

1 Corinthians 12 - 3 :- No one can say Jesus is lord except by the Holy Spirit.

How did these people then call Jesus Lord?

Again you may say these people were mocking Jesus by calling him Lord.

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Acts 19:15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

I just don't understand what you are trying to prove here. I originally wanted to share with you this scripture from Acts to prove that one cannot drive demon except through the gift of driving demon that they received from Holy Spirit. That is why the 7 sons of Sceva were kicked out by Demon when they tried to drive them. These evil doers were given the gift and that is why they say to God they drove demons, not just they tried to (like Sons of Sceva) but the infact did with success. But when they backslide God did not take the gifts from them like how we do not take the marriage gifts that we give others when they divorce one another.

So the point I am trying to make is, a person cannot be called a man of God just by the presence of Gifts. Do you find the fruits of Spirit in him? If not he is not a man of God.

If you want me to explain you the scriptures I can do it all day but I don't have time to argue any more. What I shared is directly a revelation from holy spirit. Let those who have ears hear.

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 9:37

If they were turned away by Jesus to everlasting damnation then they were never saved to begin with. It would be an impossibility. To say they never "worked on their salvation" and were therefore turned away is to say we earn our salvation for ourselves... and Jesus sacrifice was a waste and meant nothing.

Be careful because some of what is being said here is really close to being unorthodox.

Some of what is being said here is what Ellen G White of the Seventh Day Adventist Church taught.

Krispy

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/11/3 9:45

hi, my sheep know my voice... these are not my sheep.

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 9:51

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Dear Krispy,

That is why I clearly said that I do not want to argue on the definition of Saved. Because it itself a big thing to explain and not everyone understands it.

But to answer your question. why then did Paul say that work of your salvation with fear and trembling.

By work I don't mean you need to do everything. But you need to make sure you listen to Holy Spirit. A small human element is always involved in Salvation. This is proved in all the miracles that Jesus did. Even in raising Lazerus he asked the people to move the rock. If they did not move the rock Jesus won't have raised Lazerus. So raising the dead which is a tough task will be done by God but the easy one like moving the stone will be done by us.

Instead of challenging me in the definition of saved why dont you challenge me in other things that I quoted? I know people

ple here have different definitions of saved and I don't believe it is wrong.

God cannot be contained in one definition. When I speak to someone I speak of the human element involved in salvation but when I speak to God I say it is by his work I am saved. I don't want any soul to be lost because it was not told of that small human element.

if you do not agree with what I said then please hear brother Keith Daniel's sermon on the fear of God in recently concluded conference.

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 9:58

Quote:

hi, my sheep know my voice... these are not my sheep.

Dear brother, with all respect for your soul, why don't you try to answer the questions I posted to you instead of just taking and posting scriptures out of context. If you want me to explain these scriptures then I can but I cannot argue anymore.

I remember you talked about a brother who posted something on Home church saying he ran away when people opposed his post. Why do you shy away now without answering me?

You who judge others are you not doing the same thing here? It requires a great heart to correct oneself when proved wrong not everyone has it. I am not here to prove you wrong but I am just concerned about wrong teachings spreading among Christians due to some immature posts.

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 10:04

Quote:

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Actually it's quite simple: Repent and put your faith in the Saviour and you will be saved.

God then changes your heart and your desires, and He enables you to live out your salvation. (Paul did NOT say "work off your salvation", as you misquoted him as saying. He said work out your salvation... in other words, live it out... not to earn it, but because you have been bought with a price. You are a slave.)

That's what all that means. If you are not enabled, and have no desire to live as He commands... you are NOT saved.

No more difficult than that. If you need to write post after post trying to explain what it means... then I have to wonder (without judging) if you understand it yourself.

What is actually being stated here by some is exactly what the heretic Ellen G White taught, and is still what the SDA and the JW's and the Mormons all teach. Jesus made a down payment for our salvation, and now we must earn it from the re.

I'll call it what it is. False... heretical and it's a lie from hell.

When Jesus reaches down and saves a man or woman He saves them to the uttermost!! His Grace is sufficient, AMEN.

The evidence of having been saved is a changed heart and a desire to obey His commands and a hatred of sin... and a desire to no longer live according to the flesh.

This is why Jesus told them "depart from Me...".

Krispy

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/11/3 10:11

hi sree, after being in the ministry for 48 years and ministering with folks like len ravenhill and danny ost and a e eccols e tc. after bible col. and some seminary and seeing thousands added to the kingdom i would love to sit and talk with you for hours pouring over the scriptures. i live in baton rouge at the old dorms of jsm.and do this all the time with the students here. it has become the highlight of my ministry and brings great joy to me.love you.jimp

Re: - posted by dietolive, on: 2011/11/3 10:22

Dear Krispy,

You wrote:

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Now my dear Brother, those of us who hold to the "conditional security" understanding; comparing Scripture with Scripture and taking them all at face-value, (our security is in-Christ, but not outside of Him), are used to being calling heretics by you.

Our sweet brothers who hold to an opposing system of theology may continue to rail against us, and "poison the well" by mixing us in with supposed false teachers, (as they have been doing for the past 500 years or so), but we will still love them anyway. :O)

God bless you Brother, as well as all others who yet disagree.

Sincerely,
Doug

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 10:29

Playing the victim card doesn't change that the truth of scripture is just that... truth.

Salvation can not be conditional upon anything that we do. If so then salvation is not of Grace, and man gets glory. That's a fact.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 10:30

Great testimony. I truly appreciate you and always have respect for every soul created by God.

I am just an unworthy slave who just do what God ordered me to do. I don't have any ministry other than a body of Christ that God has gifted me.

Brother can you please answer all the questions that I have posted in this thread as a reply to your post? Please do not answer my scripture with another and there by extending the argument.

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 10:38

Dear brother Krispy or Jimp,

Can you please answer these questions plainly with quoting another scripture as an answer? the reason I don't want another scripture is, again there will be a misquoting resulting in only arguments.

1. These evildoers called Jesus Lord. But 1 Corinthians 12-3 says :- no one says Jesus is lord except through the power of Holy Spirit. So why are these people who experienced the power of Holy spirit are called evil doers?

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Re: , on: 2011/11/3 10:53

Quote:

-----Can you please answer these questions plainly with quoting another scripture as an answer?

I'm assuming you meant "withOUT quoting another scripture".

No, homey dont play that game. The Word of God is all we have, and if I do not answer with scripture then all you're getting is my opinion.

All I have to offer you are the very words of God, and they are plain and not that hard to understand when proper hermeneutics and exegesis are applied.

So no, I will not set aside the Word of God especially when discussing matters of such theological significance as what's being discussed here.

If God saves us based not on our merit... then how can our merit keep us saved? It's just common sense.

Krispy

PS: I've seen your name (Sree) in other discussion on this board, and as I recall you were stirring up other obscure and unorthodox doctrines on those threads as well. It's interesting that you ask us to set our Bibles aside when what I think you need MOST is to be grounded in your Bible!

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 11:05

I am just asking you to answer me by quoting your understanding of the scripture that I have mentioned here. I do not want you to come out of scripture.

The problem with you is you believe in doctrines and God cannot be contained in Doctrines. I don't believe that either conditional or unconditional is the perfect doctrine. There are scriptures that support both in Bible. So when I quote these scriptures you might ask me another question by quoting another scripture. Then who will give us the answers? Please answer my questions other wise stop spreading such false teachings.

The whole thread is not about the definition of getting saved it is about the meaning of gifts and then their purpose in our life.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/11/3 11:06

hi, it is very difficult to answer questions in the bible without stating what the bible also says. i will start with knowing Jesus... you are correct that this is the same word that adam knew eve and it produced a son... the answer is when one has the same knowledge with Jesus it produces the new life that we are born from above by the Holy Spirit... if you have not and do not have this intimacy with Him, you are not His.... there have been many charlatans who have called Jesus Lord as a act to gain personal gain that never called Him Lord with their lives.... they simply gave lip service to him.... there is no evidence that these folks actually cast out any devils or healed any sick for this is a work of the Holy Spirit and not of man... years ago when i moved in these same gifts in a mighty way i got puffed up in the flesh and lost the power to heal a gnats wing. God will not share His glory with any man..... it is also true that to move in this realm you must be baptized in the Holy Ghost for it is the Holy Ghost that does the work and not the man... the man is like a hose linked to the source (Holy Spirit) and benefiting the dry ground (those who get healed or delivered) i hope this helps you understand now where i am coming from...jimp

Re: Krispy - posted by dietolive, on: 2011/11/3 11:06

Oh Brother Krispy,

If you keep erecting "straw men" to knock down, you'll win every time.

We don't merit any part of salvation. The law of Faith excludes all boasting. We know every good thing comes from the Father of Lights and that the Son draws all men to himself.

I understand you are convinced otherwise, so say or quote whatever you like.

In the meantime,

God bless you Brother!
Doug

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 11:17

Quote:
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If that's what you think I believe then you clearly understand nothing about me.

Krispy

Re: Krispy - posted by dietolive, on: 2011/11/3 11:19

"If that's what you think I believe then you clearly understand nothing about me."

Whatever you choose to say must be fine with me. I will love you regardless.

Be well my Brother,
Doug

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 11:20

Quote:

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Odd, dont ya think, that Paul taught DOCTRINES... and he encouraged men like Timothy and Titus to hold fast to DOCTRINE...

Take something like salvation, whatever you believe about it... it's a doctrine. It's like people who say they hate theology, they just love Jesus because Jesus is love. Well... that IS theology.

Now, sree.. you asked about how could those people call Jesus "lord" and not be saved based upon the verse you quoted. I ask you: JW's call Jesus Lord, as do Mormons. Are they saved?

Krispy

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 11:22

Quote:

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Good.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 11:23

Quote:

years ago when i moved in these same gifts in a mighty way i got puffed up in the flesh and lost the power to heal a gnats wing. God will not share His glory with any man.....i

Thanks a lot brother, your testimony just answers it. You were able to exhibit the gifts but when pride came in you lost the anointing. This is what I said, if some young believer who saw your gifts earlier try to follow you when you were in those moments of pride then he would have been lost.

This is what I am trying to say here, a presence of Gift is not a mark of a man being holy. If you do not have the fruits of spirit which is humility in this case then you were not a man of God to follow.

Quote:

there is no evidence that these folks actually cast out any devils or healed any sick for this is a work of the Holy Spirit

Jesus himself says that they did drive demon in his name. What more proof do you need?

To summarize once saved is saved for ever is not true, even in your case you lost it by your pride. It can happen to anyone, even to me.

Believers please think, which is profitable to christians - to say that they are saved when they are not? or to say that they

need to work on their salvation by obeying the holy spirit and their gifts will not save them?

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 11:33

Sree said: "I just don't understand what you are trying to prove here."

Oh dear.

Sree said: "These evil doer were given the gift and that is why they say to God they drove demons, not just they tried to (like Sons of Sceva) but the infact did with success."

You claim they were given the gift, but where is your proof?

Because THEY SAY they did?

They are workers of iniquity, they are liars, there is no truth in them.

Sree said: "Do you find the fruits of Spirit in him? If not he is not a man of God."

My dear brother, think about your words carefully.

Take a deep breath, another breath, ahhh, and another.

John 3:2 Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Did you know that in order for faith to operate you have to have at least one fruit ingredient, And in other cases several operating at the same time?

Love!

You and I can't just turn on the gift whenever we want. That would be nice, but who's Will are we operating by, ours or Gods?

In order for you and I to operate faith we need to turn to God and obey Him and in obeying Him we love Him. Do you remember what Jesus said to whom you love the most you will obey?

If we don't love God, we will not obey Him, thus faith cannot operate.

Matthew 13:58 And He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

He did some, but not many because they did not believe that Jesus was sent from God.

The woman who had the demon possessed daughter loved God so much that she was willing to endure the mockery of being called a dog. Her faith for her daughter stretched beyond the borders into Israel to touch God. She knew that Jesus was from God. The Roman Soldier knew that Jesus was from God when he asked to heal his servant by just speaking the word. "Speak the word and I will know that he is healed".

That is love.

Faith worketh by love.

Your idea that these workers of iniquity were saved and operating in the gifts without fruit is absurd.

Sree said: "What I shared is directly a revelation from holy spirit."

The Holy Spirit that I have differs from whatever spirit that you have.

Now humble yourself brother, don't kick and scream, just accept the fact that your information is not correct.

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 11:40

Approved... excellent word. Well done, and I agree 100%.

(I hope my agreeing with you does not bring unnecessary fire upon your head from others on here! lol)

Krispy

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 11:44

"years ago when i moved in these same gifts in a mighty way i got puffed up in the flesh and lost the power to heal a gnats wing."

Jim if this true of yourself, you have not lost that gift. It's still there, you will need to stir it up. And because you have learnt your lesson, you will be careful about glorying in the gift but you'll give praise to God. Such men like you are needed in this hour because you will not take the glory.

But you are far from the workers of iniquity, in fact you were not even amongst that crowd. Pride will take hold of any man of God that starts out with a new gift, who hasn't?

What man is there that hasn't got his first car and got real cocky?

Yes I am likening the gifts of God to a car because Jesus did with His parables. He took natural instances to show a spiritual principle.

But we all knew that when we drove the chevy to the levy, the law was on our tail to beat us down to submit to the laws of the road. That is called chastening, but in our vernacular..a speeding ticket.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/11/3 11:50

dear sree, i never lost my salvation or the my relationship with Christ and you are jumping to conclusions that confuse my kindness for weakness. your pride is over whelming in trying to say that my Redeemers blood is not strong enough to keep me as He promised. if you think that seeing miracle after miracle in ones ministry as a young man is not infectious and dangerous then you dont know jack about why the jews waited for men to reach 30 to begin to voice any ministry or why mooses could not deliver until 80. i will no longer cast my pearls before someone who will speak to an elder as you have. Jesus did not come to cover sin. He came to take the full wrath of the Father on Himself for the sin of mankind and He did not come to Condemn the world but to save it. i had a wonderful relationship with Jesus during this whole phase of my life and it was a wonderful lesson and many were saved during that season. who are you to krino me (judge) or anyone else for that matter . do not be so easily linked with the accuser of the brethren. jimp it is hard for an old man to deal with someone who has all the answers before the questions are asked

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 11:51

Quote:

-----What man is there that hasn't got his first car and got real cocky?

I wasn't cocky... my first car was a 1981 Ford Escort. It was a piece of junk even in 1985.

Krispy

Re: - posted by dietolive, on: 2011/11/3 11:58

It seems that every one of us has something to contribute and also much that we can learn from one another.

Even in our "error"; even when we disagree with each other.

Love to all in Christ,
Doug

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 12:02

Quote:

You and I can't just turn on the gift whenever we want. That would be nice, but whose Will are we operating by, ours or God's?

In order for you and I to operate faith we need to turn to God and obey Him and in obeying Him we love Him. Do you remember what Jesus said to whom you love the most you will obey?

If we don't love God, we will not obey Him, thus faith cannot operate.

I agree, this is what even I am saying. We cannot turn off God's gift. And by obedient alone we can operate in faith. I agree with you so where is that disagreeing Holy spirit between us that you talk?

So only thing we disagree is on the evil doers, I believe they were people who accepted Jesus and later stopped obeying him and started walking in their own way. That is all. If you do not agree this then that does not mean I am wrong.

Quote:

John 3:2 Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Did you know that in order for faith to operate you have to have at least one fruit ingredient, And in other cases several operating at the same time?

Love!

True, I never said faith will operate only when you have fruits. I said fruits are the sign of a man of God whom you can trust and follow. I honestly do not have all the fruits but I am praying and purifying myself (1John3) everyday.

Brother please do not advise believers to follow people who commit signs without seeing their fruits. Assuming that I am wrong can you please explain me. I believe as a brother in Christ it is your responsibility to correct me if I am wrong.

Mathew 24 -24:-

For false Christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

Please explain me so that I can learn from you how to identify such false prophets if they also commit signs? So based on what you told false prophets will not commit signs but how are they doing it?

My dear brother, please do not look for signs and gifts when looking for a Godly man to follow. You will be deceived. Look for God in his heart and actions.

For Jesus said many will ask for signs but only sign that will be given is that of Jonah. In case of Jonah no sign was given.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/11/3 12:13

sree, where did you see me when i ever brought any reproach on the ministry ... how do you know the fruit of people without getting to know them and watching them and loving them. i have known many a man scorned by the church brought before councils and belittled who had great fruit and no scandals. of course you must bare fruit but the bible also say that these signs shall follow them that believe. have a great day.

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 12:16

Brother Jimp. I am sorry if I have offended you. I have always started all my post with a clear word of respect for you. I believe that when pride comes into a man no matter how big he is (how many he saved) he is not in Christ anymore until he repents. If you do not believe in this then I am sorry for sharing the truth with you. I cannot think of my savior who washed the feet of even his betrayer walking in pride and then saying he did the will of God all his life.

That is just me, I take sin too serious even if it is just pride.

I believe in the blood of Jesus and it cleanses all my past sins no matter how bad it is. Infact the word you used is covering which is an old testament word. Cleanse is the new testament. Cleanse means not even seeing us as a sinner, truly justified.

Since you get offended it is better for us not to discuss this. Please forgive me.

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 12:21

sree... question for you, are you the person who posted about a month or so about how Jesus came back to earth a month or so ago and healed every sickness??

I went looking for the thread about that but cant seem to find it.

Can you confirm that that was you, or was not you?

Krispy

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 12:24

Dear brother, No i never posted it. I don't believe anyone knows the date and time of Jesus second coming. Including Jesus himself when he was on the earth and was filled with holy spirit. Then forget about a mortal man knowing it!!! God bless you.

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 12:26

Forgive me!! My mistake...

Krispy

PS: I just found it, I was looking in the wrong category.

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 12:47

Brother Krispy, Just in lighter note. I am so interested in knowing the preachers whom you listen too. Because your belief is against most of them whom I listen.

What is your view on Brother Zac? he is a man of God whom I have personally know for sometime and seen the fruits of spirit in him and his life. I also got a chance recently to spend sometime with Keith and David Ravenhill. They all believe and preach things against your belief.

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 13:16

Sure... R.W. Glenn, John MacArthur, Art Azurdia, Paul Washer, CJ Mahaney, John Piper, etc.

That's a few of them. It's not some new doctrine! Read the reformers... read the puritans... it's always been here... it's what they taught!

Here's my history tho... just after being saved got caught up in the Word of Faith movement... thought Good Morning Holy Spirit by Benny Hinn was awesome (I threw that book in the landfill where it belongs a long time ago!)... went to a church that had some crazy services... was prayed & "prophecied" over by John Kilpatrick (of the Brownsville "revival") once. .. was prophecied over by Bob Jones (Todd Bentley's mentor) once... etc etc etc... was involved in a church that is part of Morning Star in Charlotte (where Todd Bentley is from... altho at that time he was not yet "preaching").

Then I began to read my Bible instead of books available at Christian bookstores. Started seeing that most what I believed and had been taught was not true.

Flipped to the other side of the coin and started attending a fundamental church, but found the legalism unbearable... so we got involved in the house church movement.

House church for a long time, but as I grew in the Lord (and He did a real shaking in my life over a year ago) I saw the pride, rebellion and haughtiness in the house church movement (at least the ones we were involved in) and we left.

About the time we left I began to read men like A.W. Pink and Charles Spurgeon... and found what they taught to be exactly in line with scripture. It's called Reformed Theology... systematic theology.

We are now in a wonderful church that's not perfect, but it's home and it's where God put us.

At this point I am teaching in our church, and seeking the Lord about whether or not He has called me to preach.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 14:13

Brother Krispy,

I have heard Paul Washer before. He has always spoken against -once saved is saved for ever. In all his teachings he has said that just because you said a prayer once that Jesus to come into my heart does not mean you are saved. Also he has acknowledged many times that he is not perfect. He even acknowledged that he needs to stay on alert with women when he goes for mission work. If he believed in what you said that 'a man once saved cannot fall' then how is that he said these things?

So if it is possible for him to fall then how will he be reconciled with God if he does not repent? If he feels secured about his 'once saved' doctrine then where is the need for him to repent again?

What is your interpretation of Hebrews 6-4:

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, **to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.**

The verse clearly indicates that a partaker of Holy Spirit can fall away.

I am asking these questions to learn. I still cannot understand how one can effectively put God inside doctrines.

Please forgive me if I have hurt you by these questions.

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 14:54

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Wow... you have grossly misunderstood what brother Paul Washer has taught. Not only that, but you are saying that I have said things that I have never said, nor believe!

Therefore, I will not continue this conversation with you. I don't know if English is not your first language and there is some kind of barrier there or what. That may be it. Either way, I can't spend time explaining myself over and over... sorry.

The things you just said I believe... I certainly do not believe. And your understanding of "once saved always saved" is grossly incorrect. I don't know anyone who teaches what you say I believe. Some of that I have never even heard of before. I am in awe of how you arrived there based on ANYTHING I have ever said on this forum.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 15:02

I am sorry if I have misunderstood you but you could have said that in a polite way. Anyways, I thought you believed in a saved man cannot lose his salvation. And there is no human element in Salvation.
If anyone pointed anything wrong in what I said I will first check my post to see whether I was misleading and then clarify instead of getting offended. But that is just me.
As stated earlier my post was not to prove you wrong, it was intended to get more clarity. If you think what you believe is right then you should be able to explain the verse I have quoted from Hebrews 6-4.

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 15:18

Quote:

Good point... if you're saved you are saved. Period. And if you are saved you will manifest both the gifts of the Spirit AND the fruits of the Spirit. If you do not, then you are not saved. Period. We do not do these things on our own, God enables us to do these things... this is called Grace.

I don't know how else I can interpret this. You said if a person is saved then he is saved for ever.
How do you want me to interpret this? That is why I quoted the words of Paul Washer on believers falling for sin.

I accept English is not my prime language but I read Bible in English and God helps me interpret it. I never shy away from explaining any verse.

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 15:21

So everytime you sin you believe you lose your salvation?

If that's the case then I lose my salvation multiple times a day! That's like saving a drowning victim and throwing back in the lake and then saving him again... and then throwing him back in the lake... and then saving him again.

Krispy

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 15:24

And YES... you have greatly misunderstood not just Paul Washer, but also my words. But I dont have time to go over this stuff again.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 15:30

Quote:

So everytime you sin you believe you lose your salvation?

You still then explain me Hebrews 6-4. Are you challenge what Paul wrote? :)

No I don't mean to say that you lose salvation. You lose salvation if you do not repent after you fall. Now you have misquoted me by saying that a person loses salvation when falls. But I won't get offended!!(lighter note :)).

And based on your 'once saved is saved for ever Period' theology, why should such a fallen brother repent if he is already saved? He can enjoy in Sin. Bible says there is a passing pleasure in Sin. This pleasure is same for both saved and unsaved.

Bringing to repentance after fall is very important and Paul here says it is impossible for a person who is in height of salvation after falling to repent. Which means repentance is expected in everyone who sins, but when you fall from that high your damages are so heavy that you cannot even repent.

I didn't say this, Paul says it.

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 15:52

Quote:

And YES... you have greatly misunderstood not just Paul Washer, but also my words. But I dont have time to go over this stuff again.

There is nothing to misunderstand you. You have said and I pasted exactly what you said. I don't know whether you follow any different dictionary.

1. You have not explained any of the scriptures I have quoted so far to support your so called belief.

2. You get offended, when I ask you a question assuming that your theology is right. When Jesus was surrounded and questioned by Pharisees on his teachings, he answered them patiently. I cannot think of Jesus getting offended, saying you people won't understand so I won't explain you.

Mark of a man filled with Spirit is to be like Jesus also to even speak in a home Church he needs to have desire to be more like Jesus. I am sorry if I have hurt you but this is plain truth.

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 15:53

Quote:

-----No I don't mean to say that you lose salvation. You lose salvation if you do not repent after you fall.

The error in this thinking is that staying saved is entirely up to you and your efforts. You get the glory.

You are taking one verse (out of context) and ignoring EVERYTHING else that Paul wrote, especially Romans.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 16:00

Quote:

You are taking one verse (out of context) and ignoring EVERYTHING else that Paul wrote, especially Romans.

So please explain in what context Paul actually wrote Hebrews 6-4.
If anyone in your church asks you the meaning of this verse will you tell him not to read it?

Quote:

The error in this thinking is that staying saved is entirely up to you

Again am telling you, just because a person has to repent does not mean we say God does nothing. You always go to extremes when I prove you wrong. Please stay within your topic first. Lets discuss God's role latter. I never mentioned that salvation is entirely human. I never said that. You now misunderstood me and I seriously doubt your English now :). I already spoke to you about the small human element in salvation, I never said it is everything. Please do not misquote me like this.

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 16:11

Ugh... I'm not going any further with you on this. As I said about 5 posts before... I DO NOT HAVE TIME.

Sorry, just because we disagree on something does not mean I have all day to sit here and debate with you. We can not have this discussion because YOU have misunderstood what I believe on some very basic issues. Therefore ANY debate on this is pointless.

If you wish to claim victory because I am not going to debate with you, have at it. You win.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 16:20

Quote:

Ugh... I'm not going any further with you on this. As I said about 5 posts before... I DO NOT HAVE TIME.

I perfectly respect your time. But if I was you I will not answer any other posters in SI forum until I get time to explain the verse for which I had no answers . Just for the sake of not spreading wrong teachings.
Brothers I know these words of mine are harsh but it is better for you to take this pill rather than many innocent believers struggling with Sin due to your theology.
I pray that God will show you the answers. The mistake with you is you rely so much on the theology of Men instead of Bible.

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 16:29

Oh please... give me a break. lol

Krispy

Re: , on: 2011/11/3 16:59

Quote:

-----You always go to extremes when I prove you wrong.

And that right there shows what you are all about...

Like I said, you dont understand even the basics of what I am saying or what I believe. Therefore continuing this discuss is pointless.

Claim victory, it does not matter to me. Obviously it matters to you. You win.

We lose our salvation if we dont repent each time we sin. One moment we are saved... the next we may not be.

What can seperate us from the love of God? According you... a bunch of things.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/3 20:02

Forgive me brother for making you feel it like a battle. I came to you with scripture and not with any carefully designed theology. If you feel you lost, may it be to bible and scripture.

Re: - posted by GlorytoGod34, on: 2011/11/3 21:44

John 15:12 This is my commandment, that you love one another as i have loved you.

also titus 3:9 but avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.

what is all this fighting among brothers.

and Its not what we think it is what the bible says.

so many christians major in the minors.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/11/3 22:41

well glory to God, very well stated...jimp

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2011/11/4 1:49

paul washer is a full calvinist who full believes in the persaverance of the saints

he just doesnt believe that every one who prays the prayer will be come saved ,,,,,,

Re: , on: 2011/11/4 2:20

Mat 7:22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Mat 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

These folks were merely "gift chasers" and were 'never' saved. Jesus says to them, "I NEVER KNEW you."

These wanted the 'power-gifts' without the TRUE Giver of the gifts.

They're out there and they're a very freaky bunch.

Many have come in His Name - saying that He is Christ - but their source is not the true power of His Spirit of Truth and Holiness. Sort of like the rebuke to those who followed that Jezebel, written in the Revelation. The women that went after the true prophet because he shamed her false prophets and her counterfeit god.

I don't think we need to fight a Calvinism vs Arminism fight over this group. There's other groups referenced to in The Word that we could debate that issue over, but this one is not worth the argument.

"I NEVER knew you" is pretty clear, coming from The LORD's mouth, Himself.

I think it's important to take note of 'what' they said to The LORD to 'prove' their salvation ... nothing but some displays of what they saw was 'power'. Hmm?!

Notice His Words just prior to these two verses above ...

Mat 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Mat 7:16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Mat 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Mat 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Mat 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Mat 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;

but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

And adding the verses that follow the two verses surrounding this thread topic.

It appears as one reads that Chpt that these verses should not be pulled from Jesus' whole dialogue in this chpt.

Mat 7:24 *Therefore* whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

Mat 7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Mat 7:26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, *and doeth them not*, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

Mat 7:27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Re: , on: 2011/11/4 5:28

Quote:

-----he just doesnt believe that every one who prays the prayer will be come saved ,,,,,,

Exactly... and thats the absolute truth of the matter. It's not that people lose their salvation: they may have never been saved to begin with.

There is also a big difference between calling Jesus "Lord" and Jesus actually being your Lord. These people who called Him "Lord" but were cast aside were NEVER saved to begin with. He was NEVER their Lord. And the "gifts" they demonstrated were not from God, they were counterfeit. These people were deceived.

Sree... I do not feel in any way that I "lost" anything... this is NOT a contest. This is life and death of souls. As I have stated over and over I simply do not think that you understand what you are talking about. You certainly have not shaken my faith or the doctrines I believe in. Far from it. Some of what you said is a shining example of how absurd some of these doctrines you espouse really are.

I recently led a man to Christ (about a month ago) who told me when we first met "Yes, I've been saved six times. I keep losing it. I'm hopeless."

What a cruel idea someone planted in his head. I told him, "No, the trouble is you have not even been truly saved once!"

He is now, praise God! And bearing fruits of repentance and a new life in Christ.

You have taken 1 passage out of Hebrews and are ignoring the rest of scripture and you simply can not do that without getting into error...which is what you have done. You are ignoring the entire first 11 chapters of Romans, the book of Ephesians, the books of 1&2 Timothy and Titus.

You need to pick up a book on Hermeneutics, tho I am sure you will scoff and mock me for suggesting such a thing.

It's not that Hebrews doesn't say what it says... the question is: what does it mean in light of ALL the rest of scripture? It certainly does not mean that if I sin and I do not go and ask God to forgive me for every single sin I am no longer saved! We sin daily... sins of omission and sins of commission. There are times that you sin and you don't even KNOW you sin! What do you do about that? You may sin and not realize it's sin until you mature as a Christian...what if you die before then? You go to hell??

You can not give me an explanation for THAT without getting outside of scripture. Either ALL your sins were paid for at the cross, or only a down payment was made and the rest is up to you to keep working as hard as you can... and if that's what you believe... pick a cult and join their "church" because there are at least 3 that teach that... JW's, Mormons and SDA.

You do not understand Grace. God does not hold an axe over the necks of His children saying: If you sin you are no longer mine!! Arrr!!!

Where is the Grace in that? There is none! Everything is dependent on YOUR merit. Glory to you.

My kids sin against me all the time... and yet, I love them and they are still my kids. Nothing can change that. SO IT IS WITH GOD!! And the book of Romans bears that out.

Parenthood is a picture of God's relationship with His children. Adoption is even a greater picture. Read about adoption in Romans. Once a child is adopted they have all the rights and privileges of the natural children. The parents can not simply cast them aside.

You have a man-centered salvation, it's up to YOU to stay saved. That is error. It is rooted in pride, and your pride is very plainly evident to all who read this discussion simply in the way that you keep telling me that I feel like I lost to you or that you won the discussion.

What utter and absolute nonsense that is.

I do agree with you on one thing you said... you said you have not come to me with some well designed theology... and I agree with you 100%!! You certainly have not.

And it's amazing to me when people say foolish things like that... as if ignorance is something to be cherished, and serious study of the Word of God and understanding of theology is folly and a thing to be mocked.

How utterly backwards is that? That certainly is not what the Bible teaches.... and in fact, all throughout the Bible that is called "FOOLISHNESS".

This is my last post on this particular thread. You are not interested in discussing, and you certainly are not teachable. As you have mentioned over and over on here you are only interested in winning a debate.

I would ask that you not post anything in response to me or to this post on this thread until such time as this does not become some sort of "you lose I win" thing.

I hope you remembered to repent of that before you went to bed last night... I would hate to see you wake up this morning unsaved again.

In a funny way your theology kind of reminds me of that movie "Groundhogs Day".

Moving on to other topics now...

Krispy

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/4 8:41

Quote:

These folks were merely "gift chasers" and were 'never' saved. Jesus says to them, "I NEVER KNEW you."

These wanted the 'power-gifts' without the TRUE Giver of the gifts.

The spirit of the thread is not to believe godly men based on their gifts. To believe them based on their fruits. We may differ on how they got their gifts. That is not the point here. The point is to save believer who want to see gifts in speakers and preachers instead of seeing fruits. I did not want the believers in SI to be misled.

I believe that even with gifts a believer can fall and lose in salvation, and I have seen this happen where great men of God fall. This helps me to be careful about my christian life. If you do not believe in this and still remain true to Christ, you will still be saved. Our Judge is God, not theologians. All that matters is Christ likeness. Glory be to God.

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/11/4 8:56

dear sree,our father is God... He has already poured out judgement and wrath on His Son at the cross. you do not understand the gospel or grace... also have fruit not fruits... the facts are that you and most do not understand greek but you are not up on english either.please stop writing things that stir up strife and discord and allow others to be left to the mercies of God for they are new every morning.have a good day.jimp

Re: , on: 2011/11/4 8:56

indeed, one of a long line in very very edifying threads on this forum.

i hope my sarcasm is obvious. you know, early this morning i came on to the forum, i was the only registered guest, and there SIXTY THREE 'visitors'! stumble ONE of them, and Jesus told YOU what would happen.

Re: , on: 2011/11/4 9:24

Neil... I will contend earnestly for the faith and for sound doctrine, just as we are commanded to do.

Forgive me if my flesh gets riled in the process. I dont want it to, but there are times it does. Also, people sometimes read an "attitude" into what I say that simply is not there. I cant do anything about that.

Krispy

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2011/11/4 9:38

Quote:

-----people sometimes read an "attitude" into what I say that simply is not there. I cant do anything about that.

Krispy

I have this problem all the time in some things I post on forums. It's just the way we are, the way we come across, it's the way we have been since we were born. This is why I totally understand you in all your posts, even though we may not always agree, I understand you, to where I don't take it personal. I even come across like this in person, it's just my nature, the way God made me, and all my friends know this and never take it personal. I just call it sarcasm with a touch of humor, we can't all be timid, thank God!

Re: , on: 2011/11/4 9:46

Love ya Bill!!

Krispy

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/4 10:01

Quote:

you do not understand the gospel or grace... also have fruit not fruits...

God bless you brother. If getting offended, talking dirty about others, Judgmental attitude, pride about language, pride about gifts above all having pride about one's work is all the salvation that Jesus got for you. Then I don't need it.

If you read your post clearly you can find all that I quoted.

I love you and will pray earnestly that the doctrines that blinded your eyes from seeing the truth of Gospel will be removed. If you restrict the Holy Spirit to speak within human doctrines then you will never hear it.

God is all mighty; we cannot restrict him in human doctrines and theologies.

When one gets offended when people quote revelation that is against their doctrine is a clearly proof of Worldliness.

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/4 10:10

Quote:

Sree... I do not feel in any way that I "lost" anything... this is NOT a contest.

Dear Krispy,

You said I win, and the holy spirit clearly convicted me that a brother of mine has something against me. So I asked for forgiveness openly. Please forgive me, I did not intend to fight with you and am not eligible to. I love you in Christ.

Quote:

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After reading this I cannot read rest of your post. I am sorry. I believe everything written in Bible is a true word of God. I have told you many times, I do not belong to any theology or doctrine. So I can accept all the word of God fully in my life.

Re: Brother Sree - posted by dietolive, on: 2011/11/4 10:49

Dear Brother Sree,

Leonard Ravenhill once said something to the effect "One day, someone is going to read the Bible and actually BELIEVE IT, and the rest of us will be completely embarrassed..." Not an exact quote, but that was the general idea.

Brother Sree... You write as though the Scriptures actually mean what they say, and I truly appreciate you taking the time to point out that gifts are no ultimate proof of salvation; but rather, as our Lord has warned us, "you will know them by their FRUIT."

You write as though you are completely unaware of Calvinism and their systematic doctrines of grace, known by the acronym "TULIP", or those who still hold to at least to one tenant of it: "Once saved, always saved", or "OSAS".) If that is truly the case, I can see why you would write the way you do; the meaning of the Scriptures, taken at "face-value are so "plain" to you; "how is it possible that someone could seriously deny them...?"

Regarding the defense raised by some against some of what you have said, I feel it would be beneficial, not only for them, but also for all other sincere readers to understand what kind of sin we are talking about. Let us go to the account of Jesus with the adulterous woman in John 8. Jesus, by direct inference, defines the kind of sin we are speaking of:

Jesus told the woman: "Go, and SIN no more." Was our Lord then, requiring the impossible? Was He saying in essence "Go, and be PERFECT"? No my brothers, it ought to be clear that our Lord and Master understood what "sin" was and what He requires from us regarding it.

Obviously, He could not have been referring to the "incidental", "unforeseen", or "unknowable" sins, (as many who hold to "TULIP" or "OSAS" believe), but rather to "willful", "deliberate", and "rebellious" sinning against the law of God. "Go", says our Lord, "and do not rebel against what you know to be God's commands again."

Here we see both the goodness, as well as the severity of God toward us. Goodness, towards those who will repent, but severity towards those individuals who will not.

In the light of all this, I for one thank God from the bottom of my heart for His Amazing Grace, which is "new every morning..." I rejoice with all the family of God, that all our imperfections are under the blood of Christ, and that, more amazing still, the rebellious evil of the deliberate sinner, can yet be forgiven, and he himself restored by repentance

toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the perfect atonement that His shed blood makes for all sin!

Would to God that Augustine, (that late fourth century genius of a man), had never unleashed his peculiar interpretations of "individual election" upon the Church, or that he had never changed his brilliant mind from agreeing with the early church on their view of "conditional security only in Christ" to his new "reactionary" view of "Unconditional Security for the individual elect", in his polemical writings against the teachings of Pelagius...

For all who may be interested and missed it, come and read what the earliest Christians after the time of the apostles believed about Salvation, and our life of Faith in the Son of God:

Early Church Views On Salvation:

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=41193&forum=40&1

For all who may not be interested, that is fine too. If you love the Lord in truth, and trust only in His shed blood as we do, we accept you wholeheartedly in the beloved.

Therefore, let us not be enemies because we disagree on some point, and let there no longer be name-calling, or "straw-men" building, "poisoning the well", or other logical fallacies thrown at us, but rather, peace.

Let the disputer come, if he must, in peace, armed with the facts of History, and the Scriptures, and with his mind enlightened and his heart filled with the fruit of the Spirit: then we can discuss the matter in love.

Our readers are many; many are sincere and do love God, and want His Truth at all costs, and with all their heart. Our Great and Majestic God too, is our Holy Auditor as well.

Let us therefore "do that which is good, and shall have praise of the same."

Be well Brother, and all who may read these words, God bless you!
Doug

Re: , on: 2011/11/4 11:02

Of course I forgive you, sree. I have nothing but compassion for you. Forgive me for getting so fired up. It comes from a passion for God's Word.

I still think you are wrong on these things... but I love and forgive you for whatever it is that happened here yesterday.

Krispy

Re: , on: 2011/11/4 11:05

dietolive...

Nice jabs. Not even going to bother responding.

Krispy

Re: - posted by njhoover, on: 2011/11/4 11:30

Krisp I hardly think he was "jabbing." I think everyone in here is going back and forth with this kind of attitude:

YOU ARE WRONG. I'M GOING TO THROW THIS DOCTRINAL SPEAR RIGHT IN YOUR FACE.

WHAT? HOW CAN YOU POSSIBLY DISAGREE WITH ME? I READ THE SCRIPTURES! I AM DEEPLY OFFENDED YOU WOULD SAY THAT.

NOT GONNA ANSWER YOU AND BY NOT ANSWERING I WIN! NA NA NA NA NA.

Guys, this is ridiculous. Stop the pity party. This is scripture. Can we talk about this like brothers instead of enemies? Take a lesson from the Jerusalem Council why don't you?

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/4 11:37

There some great truth in what you said. I learnt a lot.

Quote:

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Actually I am not what I am now. I believed in John Wesley's doctrines. And tried to restrict God within it. But after hearing Keith Daniel on 'War of Saints' in recently concluded conference on 'Fear of Lord' in which he gave an unbiased view of all doctrines, my heart changed and I truly accepted God for what he is, instead of restricting him to one doctrine. Now I do not believe that Calvinism is wrong, no it is right but not complete and neither is Arminianism wrong, but not complete either. Once I opened my heart for truth, God showed me new meaning to scriptures, like John 3 -18:- He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already. Wow, He who said 'go sin no more' also says that believe in me and you will not be judged.

Quote:

In the light of all this, I for one thank God from the bottom of my heart for His Amazing Grace, which is "new every morning..."

This is exactly what I meant, you put it in right word. This is how we need to pray and submit everything under his feet. He gave us faith, he gave us strength to repent and we are just unworthy slaves. I am a Calvinists when i go to God.

Quote:

Jesus told the woman: "Go, and SIN no more." Was our Lord then, requiring the impossible? Was He saying in essence "Go, and be PERFECT"? No my brothers, it ought to be clear that our Lord and Master understood what "sin" was and what He requires from us regarding it.

Jesus did not ask her to be perfect. He asked her to be blameless. Noah was blameless in the eyes of Lord. Surely he was not perfect, but he had no known sin in his life. When God shows us a sin in our life (through Holy Spirit), in this case adultery, we need to repent and ask God for forgiveness. When one does that he is blameless in what sin he knows. Where does this repentance come from? Let us better not argue on this. I believe the interest to repent and strength to repent came from him I just accepted it. But that does not mean I did not repent nor that repentance is of least value.

Re: , on: 2011/11/4 12:17

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Guys, this is ridiculous. Stop the pity party. This is scripture. Can we talk about this like brothers instead of enemies? Take a lesson from the Jerusalem Council why don't you?

This is what I was saying about reading things into what I say. It's the great fallacy of forums where it's written words and not voices... I actually have had good conversations with die2live. We have a pretty good repore with each other... that you don't see.

You have not seen sree and myself ask and offer forgiveness and love to each other?

Your post is a day late and a dollar short, my friend.

sree.... what you just posted, while I may not agree with all you said, I can certainly accept your position. I'm with you on the main points. And as you know, brother, we have agreed on other issues on this forum.

Krispy

Re: Krispy - posted by dietolive, on: 2011/11/4 12:38

QUOTE: "I actually have had good conversations with die2live. We have a pretty good repore with each other..."

Thank you Brother. :O)

Re: , on: 2011/11/4 12:48

Sree, Happy to hear that you got so much out of Keith Daniel's message at the conference. Very happy that the bridge is being built between the two forever-warring parties. That was why he preached what he did and though his 'style' is 'different' than what most of us in America are used to - that bridge needs/needed to be built. Praise GOD.

Brother, I only posted once to this thread on pg 7 - only because Matthew chpt 15 regards those who were Never saved and "the fruit" that Jesus is referring to in that Chpt is not the "fruit of the Spirit" of Gal 5 that these people lacked, but "the fruit of obedience to His Word".

Not arguing in either of these two posts I'm leaving to you but this is an important chapter regarding "counterfeit gifts" that are coming from "unsaved people" that Jesus never knew and the reason He never knew them is because - reading the 'whole' of His Words in that one Chapter - they were indifferent to His commands/words. The fruit of 'obedience' to His Word was what they lacked and why He never knew them.

Shalom~Shalom, I pray!

Re: - posted by El-Bethel, on: 2011/11/4 14:18

Lots of sound theology/doctrine in this thread. One thing was missing-the Spirit of Christ.

29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. 30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,

If what we speak or write does not give grace to those who hear or does not edify, it'll surely grieve the Holy Spirit of God.

One version says Do not smother the Holy Spirit.

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/4 14:24

Quote:
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Dear Brother Jesus-is-God,

I have clear respect for what you believe. In fact we both agree on the same thing but with very minor differences. Can you please post your reply after reading this post? I was actually waiting to hear more from you previously. I have never mentioned the word that these evil doers were saved in my original post. When people kept asking me, I had to let my view out. I know that my view is controversial. So I originally hid it not to provoke an upraise :)! But to clarify, I think you misunderstood my original post. I never said they had the fruit of the spirit. I said they had the gifts of the spirit. But never worked to get the fruit. Fruit and Gifts are two different things though they come from the same Holy Spirit. Gifts are given as a symbol of baptism in Holy Spirit, but fruits come by continuously walking with the Holy Spirit. Jesus compared the Kingdom of God to a seed which when grows becomes a tree and produces fruit. So it all starts with seed and not tree. God does not plant a tree in our heart, he only puts a seed. So these people were not obedient to his word and hence the tree never grew and bears fruit. But our righteous God did not take the gifts away from them though he knew that they are deceiving people with those gifts. Why did God then let these people be deceived by such teachers? Answer is in John 7 -17

Quote:

Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.

So those who wanted to do the will of God never got deceived from false teaching or teachers. The whole thread is to tell people to see the fruit of the spirit in Godly men and not signs and gifts. Even Brother Krispy agrees with it. As long as what I wanted to say reaches people I am not worried about the minor differences like whether they originally had the gift or not or who gave them the gift. I believe God gave them the gift but they turned away. I stand by it but not FORCE anyone to believe it.

Re: , on: 2011/11/4 15:04

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If what we speak or write does not give grace to those who hear or does not edify, it'll surely grieve the Holy Spirit of God. One version says Do not smother the Holy Spirit.

One thing I always find interesting... actually 2 things: we can have a discussion like this and others will respond "where is the spirit of Christ in this discussion" and others will respond "wow, it's good to see that two brothers can get heated over something like this and come out the other end loving on each other".

It's all perspective.

The 2nd thing I find interesting is those who want to chastise others for hotly debating a topic NEVER seem to notice or acknowledge the love and forgiveness that is extended.

Blows my mind.

Just for the record, and so everyone knows this... I love sree. We both asked each other for forgiveness and extended it.

Continuing to chastise he or me is beating a dead horse.

Krispy

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2011/11/4 16:59

this thread is still edafing ,,,,,tho it may have become heated ,,the forgiveness and being excepting is evident

and that in its self is the lesson to be learned

we may get heated and reactionary, but if we except one another ,and agree to disagree ,,then hallaliua ,to the lord ,who gives is spirit , so we may bond in peace

weasly said it in his sermon at whitfield's funeral

we should remain close to one another's doctrines and theology,, weather calvinist ,or arminian

tho weasly said that ,,,,,i feel whitfield would have agreed

let not wait till our funerals to as weasly said agree to disagree

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2011/11/4 17:18

whether these were true gifts of the spirit or weather they were false ,, is truly, not taught in scripture ,regarding when jesus said i never knew you ,,we can only give our opinions ,,and those opinions don't carry the same authority as scripture

i personally don't believe these people were born again ,that is why jesus said i never knew you depart from me you workers of iniquity

gifts of the spirit weather they be of the holy spirit ,or weather they be of demonic ,the prince of the power of the air ,the spirit which works in the children of disobedience ,,can look the same and sound the same ,so we should never use gifts as a rule to measure weather one is a disciple ,,but the fruit of these spirits ,are always different ,,and we can as jesus said no of which spirit a person is by the fruit of that spirit

now weather a true disciple can exhibit true gifts ,but never truly no jesus ,or better said , jesus not really doing them , proving that they never really had real fruit ,,,,,will come down to weather we lean towards a calvinistic ,or arminian view

and weather some one can have gifts of the spirit ,and at the same time not truly be born again

we can look at judas who obviously exercised gifts to cast out demons ,heal ,and prophecy god's message ,,

was he really born again ,,,,,i don't believe he was

lets agree to disagree about this non essential issue

and talk about how we came to understand what we did about ,,and lets think that there are others much wiser than they us ,who believed differently ,,

Re: gender please - posted by savannah, on: 2011/11/4 20:05

Sree,

I noted that several on this forum have addressed you as brother.

I am persuaded that you are a female.

Would you please clarify this for the record.

Thanks

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/4 22:04

Am he, you are right Sree is an Indian name for women though.
Are you by any chance a street preacher from Savannah?

Re: Indian name - posted by savannah, on: 2011/11/4 22:20

No, I'm not a street preacher from Savannah.

Do I understand you correctly now, that you're saying that you yourself are not a woman, but have chosen to use an Indian name for women on this forum?

Re: Heb. 6:4-6 - posted by savannah, on: 2011/11/5 0:19

Sree wrote,

"If you think what you believe is right then you should be able to explain the verse I have quoted from Hebrews 6-4."

Luke 7:35 Yet wisdom is justified by all her children.

Heb. 6:4-6 For it is impossible for those who have been once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit. And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again to repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

First thing to note is that, if one were to believe that these verses teach the loss of the salvation of a true believer, these verses would undeniably state with such clarity that it would be impossible for such a person as described here to repent and have his salvation restored to him once again.

Since these verses certainly do not teach the loss of the salvation of a true believer, let me go on to prove what they do teach.

There are no definitive terms used which uniquely describe salvation in the above verses (Heb. 6:4-6). In other words there are no terms that can only be used to describe a saved person, justification, sanctification, new birth, regeneration, new creature, in Christ, etc. Those above are not spoken of as born again, made holy or made righteous.

None of the descriptions of these persons above are ever used elsewhere in the NT as a definite synonym for a saved person! And this even includes "partakers of the Holy Spirit".

If it were "those who possess the seal of the Spirit" or "those who are indwelt by the Holy Spirit", etc, then we would know beyond a shadow of doubt that he was describing genuine believers.

In verses 7,8 the writer describes Rain, Ground and Growth.

The picture he presents is not that of a field that had life and vegetation and then lost it, but of two different kinds of fields, one fruitful and blessed contrasted with another which is barren and burned. If we have sat in the midst of the assembly and experienced light, the Word, the ministry of the Spirit and to some extent been shaped by that

environment and then turn away, we are like a field that never had vegetation and which comes into judgment. The rain produced no life.

Partakers of the Holy Spirit in this context does not signify that they had been born of the Spirit, sealed with the Spirit, indwelt by the Spirit, anointed with the Spirit, baptized by the Spirit into the Body of Christ, or filled with the Spirit. If the writer had qualified their "sharing" with any of these designations, then we would conclude they were genuine believers and would have to deal with that problem (in regard to those who fall away). But the writer does not qualify his statement regarding their sharing and neither should we.

"Those", "they", and "them" in verses 4-6 are contrasted with the "beloved" and the "you" in verse 9 below. Note also that he specifies salvation in verse 9 when he addresses the "beloved".

Heb 6:9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

So these in fact are truly saved and their vegetation will not be "forgotten" by God (vs.10). He believes "BETTER" things than fruitlessness & apostasy accompany salvation.

"...he was "persuaded better things" of them, than what he had said of others in Heb.6:4 even such as are expressed in Heb.6:10 he was persuaded they had the true grace of God; whereas the above mentioned persons had only gifts, when in the height of their profession; and the least degree of grace is better than the greatest gifts men can be possessed of: grace makes a man a good man, not gifts; a man may have great gifts and not be a good man; grace is useful to a man's self, gifts are chiefly useful to others; grace makes men fruitful, when gifts leave them barren in the knowledge of Christ; grace is lasting, when gifts fail, and cease and vanish away; grace will abide the fire of persecution, when gifts will not; grace is saving, gifts are not." JG

Eph 1:13-14 In whom ye also trusted, after ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, who is down payment of our inheritance, with respect to the redemption of His acquired possession, to the praise of His glory!

The Greek word translated down payment/deposit means "earnest money" and denotes a legally binding obligation to perform. Home buyers often write exception or weasel clauses like "subject to inspection" or "subject to obtaining reasonable financing" into their earnest money agreements so they can escape from their obligation to purchase if things don't work out. Notice that these words in Eph. 1:13-14 contain no such conditions.

The word translated "guarantee" needs no clarification. And for how long is the guarantee in force? "Until the redemption of those who are God's possession."

Heb 10:14-15 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Of this the Holy Spirit also is a witness to us.

Hebrews 10 actually explains the context of Hebrews 6:4-6.

The letter was written to Messianic Jews who had received the gospel but were now being counseled by false teachers (called "Judaizers") not to stop practicing their temple rituals. These Judaizers were trying to combine the practice of the Levitical system with the Gospel. To gentile believers they were teaching the need to first submit to the rituals of Judaism before embracing Christianity, and to Jewish believers they were teaching the need to stay in Judaism. The Holy Spirit's rebuttal for Gentiles is contained in Acts 15 as well as the letter to the Galatians, and for Jews He had this inspired Letter to the Hebrews delivered.

Re: Truth about Gifts of Holy Spirit - posted by Lysa (), on: 2011/11/5 0:36

Quote:
-----Sree wrote:
As I was reading these verses today, God directed me to share these words with you. There has been so much thoughts and fights over gifts of the holy spirit.
Â....
So before fighting on the gifts that you now possess first examine your own life to see whether you have the fruits in you. If there is no fruit then the gifts are useless and will not get you into kingdom of God.

Wow, IÂ've been gone over two days and there are nine pages on this thread already!! (huge grin)

Bro Sree, I believe you are talking about me specifically here (even though you donÂ't name me. Am I correct?), and I donÂ't remember arguing with you or anyone (or what you call Â'fightingÂ') over the gift of tongues or any gift for that matter. What exactly do you perceive to be a Â'fightÂ'? If you are talking about me, may I ask so I know what I did or said wrong for you to accuse me in front of God and everyone of not having any fruits of the Spirit?

Quote:
-----Sree wrote:
And people saying gifts are important to know that you are filled with Holy Spirit there by forcing others who have not received gifts to doubt their infilling of Holy spirit. Also there are frequent posters here who claim to speak in tongues when they pray for others and are proud about it.

I do believe that gifts are important for every child of God! But I do not believe that I stated you (or anyone else) NEED to have a gift in order to know that you were filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, I did say that I received the gift of tongues the same evening I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit but I did NOT say that everyone else had to receive the same way that I did. (That is, of course, if you were speaking about me.)

Quote:
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I donÂ't mean to be picky here but how can you complain in the first two paragraphs about someone (possibly me?) making you doubt youÂ're filled with the Holy Spirit because you donÂ't have any gifts and then accuse someone of being (a false prophet?) because they actually use the gift(s) God gave them when they pray for people? Brother, this makes no sense.

And brother, itÂ's very judgmental of you to imply someone is Â'proudÂ' when youÂ've not seen them operate in that gift AND not even personally acquainted with them to know something about them.

If this wasn't about me and my posts in the other thread about the gift of tongues, let me know!

God bless you brother,
Lisa

Re: , on: 2011/11/5 1:23

Hi Brother Sree. I'm only replying because you 'asked' me to.

I find your post very confusing.

Here is mine again from pg 8, that you are replying to on pg 9.

Quote:
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Here is the part where I find your answer to be confusing

Quote:
-----But to clarify, I think you misunderstood my original post. I never said they had the fruit of the spirit. I said they had the gifts of the spirit. But never worked to get the fruit.

As you see from my post - I didn't say that you had written that they 'did' have the fruit. Read my reply again, if you would - just for more understanding of what I was saying, as well.

But mainly - to the part that I've quoted of your post above here - How could those in Matthew 15, that you opened your first post with, have "the gifts of THE SPIRIT" and "work to get the fruit" if they Are Not Saved?

I think we're having a language/communication/comprehension problem on this thread that may be adding to the tension and misunderstandings.

I think maybe, we should All keep this in mind.

His Blessings to His Sheep!!

P.S. Brother Sree, I am a Sister in Christ

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/5 9:41

Dear Sister,

There is no language problem here, there is a plain misunderstanding. I thought your below quote is a reply to my original post, any one will think the same. I did not think it is your interpretation of Mathew 15. I am sorry. I just thought you are telling me that they did not have fruits because I said the reversal. So I explained to you that I said they only had the gifts and not fruits. Also I thought it was you who said in some post that gifts and fruits are same as they come from the same holy spirit. That is why I explained you the difference. It is not wrong to know the difference!! Anyway I understand the spirit in which you said. As long as you don't search for man of God with only GIFTS as the criteria, I made my point clear. Let Glory be to God.

Quote:

Matthew chpt 15 regards those who were Never saved and "the fruit" that Jesus is referring to in that Chpt is not the "fruit of the Spirit" of Gal 5 that these people lacked, but "the fruit of obedience to His Word".

I am sorry to call you brother.

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2011/11/5 10:03

Dear Sister Lisa,

Quote:

-----Sree wrote:

Also there are frequent posters here who claim to speak in tongues when they pray for others and are proud about it.

You are partially correct. Though I did not want to point fingers at you, I had you in my mind when I wrote this. I have to agree. I am sorry if I hurt you by this. But the other truth is I referred you only in these 2 lines and in nothing else. You were not even in my mind in rest of the lines.

I want to clarify,

1. I never thought you engaged in a fight on gift and never thought anyone in this forum engaged in fight. All I wanted to say that many posters encouraged the thread where a believer wanted to know whether a few men of God (that he listed) spoke in tongues or not.

Instead of encouraging such post we should told him to look for fruits like how Jesus directed us. That is my point.

I apologize for using the word fight, it was not the right word.

2. I never thought that you said gifts are the only sign of infilling of Holy Spirit. Infact you clarified a poster saying you did not mean it.

Now let me tell you what I felt not right about you. Since you shared about your gift of Tongues that you got during baptism openly to all. People started asking you questions whether it is essential for baptism. Though you did not mean to say this, you indirectly made them doubt their baptism of Holy Spirit. This is the reason Paul asked Corinthians not to speak in Tongues or show the gift in public (excluding the case of an interpreter). But that is just my belief I do not have any scripture to prove you wrong. Also you did not do any crime. I love you in Christ Jesus.

I remember when once our moderator Greg was in my home fellowship asked the question about who all speak in tongues. None of the elders answered the question, though I know very well that one of the brothers spoke in tongues in a prayer meeting and another elder interpreted it.

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2011/11/5 10:31

A kindly reminder to you all to play the ball and not the man (or woman). Speak things only that edify, build-up, bless. Refrain from criticizing other believers if you do not agree with them or think they are in error. Simply walk away if you are becoming flustered and are tempted to prove them wrong. These impulses do not come from the Holy Spirit (whom ironically this thread is about), but are seated in the flesh with pride.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

Re: , on: 2011/11/5 11:16

Hi again Brother Sree. I see that I made a mistake and put Matt 15 instead of '7' and yes, I can see that you misunderstood and we all do at times.

What came to my mind early this morning is that if we misunderstand Matt 7 and make "the fruit of the Spirit" our way of "testing gifts" instead of the "fruit of obedience" that Matt 7 says 'is' the test for false prophets, we may be deceived.

The Easiest thing to "fake" is the "fruit". I have met many in the ministry that can act "loving, kind, gentle, meek, and so forth" but their private lives are being lived in disobedience.

That's the message of Matt 7 starting basically with verse 13 to the ending and that message regards "obedience to His Word."

We know these people were 'never' saved in Matt 7 because of the context that starts approx in vs 13 and the verses in our topic is sandwiched with the verses that follow, onto the end of that chpt.

Another reason I think it's not Scriptural to use "loving, gentle, kind" in our discerning of a "prophet or preacher", is because everyone's definition of "gentle, loving & kind" differs. For example - Art Katz could be rather rash at times and some have not wanted him back to speak at their churches because of his bluntness. I'd rather have a very blunt and almost insulting prophet tell me the truth of what he discerns in my Church than for us to go merrily along in a counterfeit state of contentment.

I believe the test of the "gifts" comes only through His Word and His Spirit of Truth - both giving us true spiritual 'discernment' - without which - many will be deceived in the days ahead by signs and wonders, besides iniquity abounding, HE said.

Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Mar 13:22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

Your quote of Matt 7 in your opening post starts with this same warning in essence - about "False Prophets" and keeps on going from there.

The "Fruit" of Galatians 5 can be Faked.
True Holy Spirit "Discernment" of FAKES cannot be fooled.

Bless you and GOD Keep us all close to Himself and HIS Word.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2011/11/5 11:28

Quote:
----- PaulWest...A kindly reminder to you all to play the ball and not the man (or woman). Speak things only that edify, build-up, bless. Refrain from criticizing other believers if you do not agree with them or think they are in error. Simply walk away if you are becoming flustered and are tempted to prove them wrong. These impulses do not come from the Holy Spirit (whom ironically this thread is about), but are seated in the flesh with pride.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

Paul, I heard a Pastor say one time, "you have never been beat up until you have been beat up by a Christian" as we have seen in "some" of the posts here, it's sad but true.

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2011/11/5 11:46

Spiritual pride is an ugly thing, Bill. Remember, it was the religious crowd who called for Christ's death, not the heathen. Pilate and Herod couldn't care less what happened to him. When I look back on my own walk, the most hurtful, degrading things ever said to me were by religious people, ostensibly rebuking me in the name of God.

The atheists and irreligious will debate, but usually without resorting to the scathing ad hominem like the religious. Spiritual pride is a horrible thing.

Re: , on: 2011/11/5 12:20

Brother Sree, the reason I posted in the first place is because the latest throng of false prophets and "miracle workers" that we've seen come along in the last 20-30 yrs or so have one distinctive mark - How "loving" they are. They're so loving that The Word of GOD and obedience to It is not even on their lips. Only to give one of the many that are in this latest throng of "prophets" and "miracle workers" would be Todd Bentley and he's just one of a very many - the list being far too long to post - but most know about them all.

The Emergent-Church, which is as far from the real McCoy, specialize in being "loving" as well as the New Age 'miracle workers'. So that's why I felt it very important to have a clear understanding of Matt 7, because it's one of the most misu

sed Chpts that we've seen in this generation.

Even the first 5 verses of it are misused by counterfeits ...

Mat 7:1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

Mat 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

Mat 7:3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

Mat 7:4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?

Mat 7:5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

These false prophets and teachers are always saying that, we who judge their "gifts" and even their "fruit" as counterfeit, always pull the "don't judge" verses at us.

I was on another forum when Bentley and Co were very active and this one chpt was the most misused and the most applicable chpt that hit where these charlatans were operating from - from vs 12 on.

I am glad you brought this topic up because as those verses of warnings of "lying signs and wonders" and "false prophets and teachers" is the paramount thing that Jesus warned us of, in these days - this needs to be brought forward, every now and then.

"Be not deceived" is written so many times in His Word, that we can't miss what He's saying, of how to discern the counterfeit from the genuine.

P.S. - I didn't mind you calling me Brother - but I felt a bit hesitant to reply again because I am a sister and why I said that I only replied again because you asked me to.

Again to you & all ~ Shalom~Shalom.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2011/11/5 13:43

Quote:
-----Jesus-is-GOD....These false prophets and teachers are always saying that, we who judge their "gifts" and even their "fruit" as counterfeit, always pull the "don't judge" verses at us.

I just recently "past couple days" saw Benny at it again as I was flipping channels, it's almost sickening what some will do, and continue to do without ever even stopping long enough to evaluate their walk. It does bother me, because most of the world that don't know better, think all Christians are like that, and that is why some never consider Jesus, so what these false prophets are doing, it does reflect on us. Prayer is our only real hope for ever changing anything/anyone, we just need to keep these folks at the top of our Prayer list.

Re: , on: 2011/11/5 13:55

Agreed Brother Bill. What troubles me is that, how I'm reading Jesus' Words about those false prophets, teachers and signs & wonders workers that are Yet To Come, will be 100 times more deceptive and crafty and that the Movements that we see them coming out of - are "good works and love" movements. I mean - even "the false prophet" of the Revelation that we talk about, will do signs and wonders and the guy he promotes come preaching "peace" & flatters. I pray for His Sheep - not the tares anymore. We're not to try to pluck them out - His Angels will at the end - but, the Babes in Christ are the burden that most of us carry in our heart of hearts. Bless you!

Re: - posted by Joyful_Heart, on: 2011/11/5 14:01

Amen! Prayer is the key!

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2011/11/5 16:47

hi, it is very important to you and your walk to do a serious word study on this word judge...krino or 4 other variations of krino. we are never to krino but we always need to diakrino. both judge.

Re: , on: 2011/11/5 17:05

1 John 2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

But this is how you know that your one of His.

1 John 2:20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

Re: Sree - posted by Lysa (), on: 2011/11/5 21:29

Quote:
-----Sree wrote:
Since you shared about your gift of Tongues that you got during baptism openly to all. People started asking you questions whether it is essential for baptism. Though you did not mean to say this, you indirectly made them doubt their baptism of Holy Spirit.

I apologize for indirectly making you or anyone else feel that they have not been filled with the Spirit that was not my intention at all. My intention was to only encourage others to seek His precious Holy Spirit.

Quote:
-----Sree wrote:
This is the reason Paul asked Corinthians not to speak in Tongues or show the gift in public (excluding the case of an interpreter).

Paul may be misrepresented here, let's read 1 Corinthians 14 and see what Paul meant about 'public.' In that chapter Paul was talking about "in the church"...

We are allowed to follow the Spirit where He leads, His sheep know His voice! Many times He uses us outside of the church! Praise God for it!

God bless you,
Lisa