

**General Topics :: The change of language in the Church****The change of language in the Church - posted by Azulfire (), on: 2011/12/7 0:07**

I have been noticing a change in the language, That has seeped from TBN, into the churches, I would love help if someone could help me come up with a list of words that have been omitted in exchange for the new words.

New Words:

Acceleration

Joel's Army

New Reformation

Apostolic reformation

Latter Rain

Third Wave

Prophetic word for the year

Old words:

redemption

unction

repentance

sin

etc.

Re: The change of language in the Church - posted by Sidewalk (), on: 2011/12/7 0:24

Do you like, "Seeker Friendly?"

It replaces "Wide is the gate that leads to destruction," and "Unless you eat My flesh and drink My blood..."

Re: The change of language in the Church - posted by joliboy11, on: 2011/12/7 9:01

We're living in an unprecedented day (when) evil is no longer evil. We've changed the terminology-- iniquity is now infirmity; wickedness is now weakness; devilry is now deficiency.

-Leonard Ravenhill

I'm tired of hearing sin called sickness and alcoholism a disease. It is the only disease I know of that we're spending hundreds of millions of dollars a year to spread.

-Vance Havner

“Changes in language often reflect the changing values of a culture.”

― Ravi Zacharias

lot of language in the world that makes pornography>funny, sensuality>comedy, immorality>humor

Re: The change of language in the Church - posted by Lysa (), on: 2011/12/7 9:08

It doesn't matter, unsaved people don't understand Christianese, we lose them when we use words like unction.

New words, old words, it doesn't matter b/c we're preaching to the choir. We lose the very people we are trying to attract when we get all Christian on them by using 'holy' words.

Just my two cents worth!

God bless,

Lisa

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Re: - posted by Joyful_Heart, on: 2011/12/7 12:10

Amen Lysa, Amen!

This has happened recently to some I have been praying for and ministering to. I realized they don't understand at all our Christian language at all.

They just need to know who Jesus is in the Word and by asking the H.S. to teach them.

We do lose so many this way or confuse them. They need simply Jesus.

God help us to be sensitive to them and our testifying.

We pray for ears to hear You H.S. on when and what to speak and how. Forgive us for being so insensitive Lord as to turn anyone from You or to bring confusion.

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2011/12/7 14:20

Quote:

----- iniquity is now infirmity; wickedness is now weakness; devilry is now deficiency.

I'm afraid that using words like iniquity, wickedness, and devilry with the average person may do more harm than good, because for them these are either meaningless, or they make the speaker sound like he's in an ethereal existence all of his own.

What is more problematic is how our standard simple words take on new meanings simply by indiscriminate usage or cultural adaptation. Ex:

Faith, worship, Spirit, Christ, love, hope, unity, God, sin, save, heaven, heart, grace, preach, elder, etc.

Thankfully we don't have to depend on the words alone. Most of scripture is narrative, not creeds. The narratives preserve the true meaning of words by providing context.

It is said: "A text without a context is a pretext". Could we also not say: "A word without a narrative is meaningless"?

Diane

Re: - posted by Azulfire (), on: 2011/12/7 23:40

I Really don't know what the "seeker friendly" movement is about, But Have noticed That "trendy teachings" have overtaken Biblical teachings, That people can name the latest hot teaching, and/or Bible teachers, but not the disciples, or books of the bible. That giving your heart to Jesus without Godly sorrow, is the norm, you don't even need to change your life, That The "do not judge me" is an open door for tolerance, and When people say things like oh that is a "Religious spirit" or a "Jezebel Spirit" without accepting accountability, is nothing but a mask and a root of witchcraft, which is rebellion...self will, That self will of I want to worship God my way, I will repent my way, I will worship my way, etc I will start my own church, and interpret the bible my way. all from the root of rebellion, and I will change the language of the church, and remove the "Holy words" like Justice, and a Just God, Holiness, and Righteousness... And phrases like "come out of her" and set "yourself apart from the world" and trade them in for a metro sexual hip hop tattooed multi hair color, youth pastor That embraces the world.....yeah I can see how changing holy language would cause many to leave the church. it has nothing to do with the church but the very condition of there heart.

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Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/12/8 14:42

It is true that many Biblical terms seem archaic to the general unchurched public and to those caught in a cult. In my experience in witnessing to these people I will refrain from using these terms BUT I will use a modern term that is the equivalent of the one found in the KJV. The idea is perfectly preserved but using a word/words that communicate the original concept. Works real well.

Joliboy's post is valuable in that he makes some very good points that one needs to be aware of. Seems to me we are talking about two different issues here.

My understanding...