

**General Topics :: Who is Zac Poonen?**

**Who is Zac Poonen? - posted by zarqon, on: 2012/2/5 20:46**

I wonder...

**Re: Who is Zac Poonen? - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2012/2/5 20:57**

I welcome you to the SI forum albeit with a bit of trepidation due to the question that you ask and the reply to your own question. I hope my concerns are unfounded.

If you are here to bring a brother's perceived shortcomings to everyone's attention then I would ask you to reconsider, we have enough of that type here already and they bring no fruit to bear here.

But to answer your question, Zac Poonen is one of the best Bible teachers I have ever heard. He is what I would truly call a "teacher" and the Lord's anointing is clearly upon his ministry. I thank God for Zac Poonen.

In Christ,

Ron

**Re: Who is Zac Poonen? - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2012/2/5 20:58**

Zac Poonen has been involved in a church-planting ministry for about 40 years. He has written 25 books - mostly on the deeper Christian life. Many of these have been translated into a number of languages and have been circulated widely around the world. His wife, Annie, a medical doctor has also written a few books for young girls and mothers.

<http://www.cfcindia.com/web/mainpages/bookshelf.php>

Br. Zac Poonen was formerly an Indian Naval Officer who has been serving the Lord in India for the past 40 years as a Bible-teacher and elder having responsibility for a number of churches. He has written a number of books and articles in English which have been translated in other Indian languages as well.

His messages given in India and abroad are available on audio and video formats. Zac Poonen also supports himself and his family through "tent-making" and does not receive any salary for his services. He does not receive any royalty for any of his books, audio tapes, video tapes or CDs, published by Christian Fellowship Church.

<http://www.ravensministry.com/zac.html>

**About Zac Poonen:**

Zac Poonen was formerly an Indian Naval Officer who has been serving the Lord in India for nearly 50 years as a Bible-teacher. He has responsibility for a number of churches in India and abroad.

He has written more than 25 books and numerous articles in English - which have been translated into many Indian and foreign languages. His messages are available on audio CDs and video DVDs.

Like the other elders in CFC, Zac Poonen also supports himself and his family through "tent-making" and does not receive any salary for his services. He does not receive any royalty for any of his books, CDs or DVDs, that are published by Christian Fellowship Centre, Bangalore.

[http://www.cfcindia.com/web/mainpages/about\\_us.php#abtzac](http://www.cfcindia.com/web/mainpages/about_us.php#abtzac)

For Zac Poonen's personal testimony, go to the following links:

The Day Of Small Beginnings Vol.1 : The Preparation For A Ministry

[http://www.cfcindia.com/web/mainpages/book\\_window.php?book=the\\_day\\_of\\_small\\_beginnings\\_volume1](http://www.cfcindia.com/web/mainpages/book_window.php?book=the_day_of_small_beginnings_volume1)

The Day Of Small Beginnings Vol.2 : Building The Body Of Christ

[http://www.cfcindia.com/web/mainpages/book\\_window.php?book=the\\_day\\_of\\_small\\_beginnings\\_volume2](http://www.cfcindia.com/web/mainpages/book_window.php?book=the_day_of_small_beginnings_volume2)

**Re: , on: 2012/2/6 5:07**

Many thanks to Greg for posting this information about Zac Poonan. I was very interested to read his book and understand why he is so popular. Indeed it is good to hear about his integrity and witness in India and he is indeed a beacon and light upon a hill, having a spirit of humility and willingness to hear God. It is always good to hear about those who are preaching holiness but I have made a few observations over the years regarding those who have their roots in the Pentecostal movement even if they avoid the extremes and even don't see themselves as Pentecostals.

One important point which is always overlooked, is that Pentecostals in their beginnings were in dispute with Holiness people at that time, and the Holiness people would never share a platform with them because of the disagreement over what happens at the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Pentecostals said it brought power and the evidence of tongues, though Zac is more moderate like others in saying that the scriptures say that not all speak in tongues. Holiness people however, said that entire sanctification comes with the Baptism, it is a baptism in the HOLY Spirit and the rest follows on from being delivered from the sin nature. And they denied tongues.

Today many Pentecostals revere those holiness people and turn a blind eye to their stance over tongues. If they were here today they would not be fellowshiping with the tongue speakers without contention.

So how can they each say they received the baptism and disagree so much on what occurs? I believe we must look for the fruit. If a man says he has been baptised by the HOLY Spirit and still say he is seeking after holiness, then he needs to look more deeply into what the Holiness teachers of old said because they were the ones who bore the fruit whereas a demonstration of gifts was not the proof shown in scripture.

One important point, I feel is this, that although it is good to see the Promised Land and talk about it and encourage others to look over and see it too, we can spend a whole lifetime doing this and IT WILL NOT GET US THERE.

It is just not enough to see the truth and not appropriate it for ourselves no matter how sincere or earnest we are. There are many like Zac who know the truth but as they have not entered in themselves, they cannot lead others in - they must enter in first. Zac admits himself that he has not entered in even though he has seen a great deal of improvement in himself, he still cannot give the witness of living without sin. It is easy to talk about entering in, but another thing entirely to do it.

Now here is the most controversial thing I have to say. I know other charismatics who are doing the same as Zac but no matter how long they wait they do not enter in and the difference between them and the ones who did enter in, and who have written many books on it and testimonies, is the speaking of tongues.

It is my belief that this is stopping them but I do not know of one who is willing to test the spirits and stop in order to see if I am telling the truth or not.

They are not willing to see if the Holiness teachers of old were actually right on this one, and the evidence is that they do not have the witness of entering His rest and living without sin.

May the Lord reveal His truth.

**Re: Penticostal vs holiness - posted by jochbaptist (), on: 2012/2/6 11:11**

Dear Krautfrau

I find your observations very interesting, as it touches my life rather personally. I experienced freedom from sin, and it's power over me after my conversion, and for almost 6 months. Then gradually I started to fall into religiousness (too many church meetings, Bible school classes, following a Pastor etc, without spending time with Him alone) lukewarmness, and eventually into sin again.

To be totally honest, I desire a "deeper work of Grace", and I would love to know how to receive it. I have fasted, repented, confessed, gone for deliverance, you name it. I can not say that I am on the other side of the Jordan at the moment.

Blessings

**Re: , on: 2012/2/6 11:41**

Hello jochbaptist

If you have been speaking in tongues then the first thing I would say is stop. It is not being disobedient to test the spirits. When the many who witnessed to the holy life did not practice this, neither Wesley, nor Finney nor any of the others, then it is wise to seek whether one has been misled on this one. If one has then one could be saying words which stop the blessing.

Then I would advise you to read testimonies from the time of the Holiness Movement - those who witnessed to entire sanctification. There are testimonies on [enterhisrest.com](http://enterhisrest.com)

The Lord has promised this and all it takes is to have faith in it and to walk according to the light one already has and the Lord will do what He said but if there are any wrong attitudes or lack of sincerity then it will be revealed and anyway there will be a time of great testing.

I will pray for you.

**Re: - posted by mikey2, on: 2012/2/6 11:51**

zarqon or is it zarqun? I think you know more than you reveal.

Is this you? What is your game? Did you forget the Internet is public?

<http://forum.catholic.com/showthread.php?t=53001&page=2>

**Re: krautfrau - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/2/6 16:47**

I do not understand your post clearly. I know Brother Zac personally and I thank God everyday for his life witness. Zac speaks in tongues and he has accepted this. He does not do it in public. Once my church Elder asked Zac whether he has attained complete deliverance from Sin and he answered "close to attaining it". This is his personal answer and not something that he talks about in pulpit. Also I do not believe that one needs to become like Jesus to talk about Holiness. 1 John 3-9, clearly says that we will be like Jesus only when we see him face to face during his second coming. But till then our attitude should be to purify our self with this Hope. Even apostle Paul did not achieve it during his time of leadership.

Salvation has three parts and the first two parts that we experience on earth are Forgiveness and Freedom from sin. Jesus summed this up when he spoke to the Women caught in adultery (John 8) saying "Neither do I condemn you, Go Sin no more". Zac believes in leading people into this second part of salvation which is currently hidden by Babylonian Churches.

**Re: , on: 2012/2/6 17:22**

Thanks for that confirmation that Zac has not been delivered from sin by his own admission. Although by his words he has made it plain that he believes that he can be delivered from sin in this life and this is the doctrine that he is preaching. Most who do get deliverance testify to it and in fact the teaching is that one will lose the blessing if one does not testify. This is not to boast but to glorify God. Yet you do not accept the teaching yourself - well that is your choice.

We see Him as He is when He baptises us with the Holy Spirit and we become holy as He is holy.

One can preach the doctrine, and Zac is doing so like Wesley who sought advice on this matter, all well and good and it is better that it is preached than not, but it takes one who has actually entered in to lead others in.

Next time you see Zac tell him from me that he should test the spirits and stop the tongues then he might achieve his aim.

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/2/6 18:26**

Quote:

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With all respect for you. There are 2 kinds of sin, conscious and unconscious sin. Conscious sins are those that we know we are sinning and are still committing them. Unconscious sins are those that we are not aware of but we are made aware of by the Holy Spirit. When we become Christians we all struggle with Conscious sin (Romans 7) but when we start walking in Spirit, we get victory over them (Romans 8). Now we stop committing them in our day today life and hence we have clear conscience towards God. But that does not mean we became holy. Listen to what Paul is saying.

1 Corinthians 4-4:-

My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

Having a clear conscience towards God does not mean we became Holy. I am sure Brother Zac has a clear conscience like Paul. Even I achieve it many days. But that does not mean I am holy. There are so many Sins that I commit unconsciously. The Holy Spirit reveals them to us as we continue walking with Spirit. So once you have been revealed of a new sin you repent of it and then by the power of Holy Spirit you overcome it. So it is a continuous process of sanctification. It cannot be done in 1 day. It was same for Paul, John and everyone who is born of Flesh (initially). This is called Growth in Jesus. Anything else that you preach is not what the Bible tells us.

If Brother Zac starts sharing such sins that the Holy Spirit has revealed to him then we will all be so discouraged because we have been committing them unknowingly everyday and we are so far behind to reaching it. It will be like a PHD student sharing his question paper to a 3rd grade student. Even the men whom you think have had complete victory they will also be discouraged by Zac's standard.

For example once he said 'he considers even entertaining the thought that another woman cooks better than his wife is adultery'. How many of us have such a high standard? This is God's standard for us, and we will get there as long as we keep walking in the Spirit keeping a clear conscience.

What I am trying to say here is Zac is in the process of Sanctification like how Paul, John and other men of God were on this earth.

Speaking in Tongues is not wrong. Bible encourages us to do it. God gifts us. But it should be inspired by Holy Spirit. You cannot speak whenever and where ever you want. There are some conditions and restrictions. It is a Gift that we get from God same as other gifts like prophesying. Please give me a Bible Quote that saying speaking in tongues is Wrong?

**Re: - posted by pilgrim777, on: 2012/2/6 18:57**

Sree,

Do you think Holy means sinless?

2Pe 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

These men were not sinless.

Is Peter talking about the Church here or just a few select Christians?

1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

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Pilgrim

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/2/6 19:48**

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Dictionary meaning of Holy is -having a spiritually pure quality. There is no clear meaning to Holy. Bible uses it in most places as -'to be set apart, unique'. Which means we are not walking in the ways of the world but in the way of God(Romans 12-1). I have used it here as being Perfect. As long as you understand what I meant by holy, I am fine.

Quote:

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What is dangerous here? What makes you feel we are different from Paul? Paul and John are also sinners who were saved

ved by the grace of God. I did not compare anyone to Jesus. If I did you can accuse me.

Brother this is what I am trying to prove here, we can also be like any other men of New Testament. There is nothing preventing us other than our unbelief.

What I explained there is Paul's standard might be very higher than you, me and even Zac but that does not mean that we cannot reach that standard. If Paul can have clear conscience then why can't I have.

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Obviously Brother Zac does not want anyone to think highly of himself, just like any Christian should be. This does not mean that we should not look up to him. I look up to him. Paul said follow me as I follow Christ. So if you look up to Paul and share it with others, is it wrong? I know he (Zac) has higher standard based on what I witnessed in his life and in his teachings. I shared it here. I did not say that he became like Jesus or that he is the most perfect man in world etc. I just said his standard is much higher.

Again you may not agree with me and think that you have got all the answers. I have responded to every single thing that you posted. If you seriously have any questions to be answered then please post. If you think you already have an answer then I don't have time to argue. Thanks for your post.

**Re: - posted by pilgrim777, on: 2012/2/6 21:41**

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I can certainly see why many are in awe of Zac. I must admit that is quite a high standard. My cooking would definitely make others sin (hope it did not). Fortunately, my wife's cooking is very good or according to this standard I might be in serious trouble.

But then you say "this is God's standard for us". Is that true? I have never thought that if I considered another wife cooked better than my wife that it would be considered adultery.

Certainly, there must be a way to compliment the cooking of a brother's wife without going over the line. You can simply say, "Your lasagna was very good". And then your wife can always ask for the recipe.

When I think of the standard of Jesus, I think of grace through faith. I think of love, mercy, forgiveness, holiness, gentleness and meekness.

Your thoughts are most welcome, but the standard of Jesus seems more attainable to me, for I have already violated Zac's. I do know some women that cook better than my wife, even though her cooking is excellent.

Blessings,  
Pilgrim

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/2/6 23:05**

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Pilgrim, I hope you had nice fun.

The Pharisees might have laughed when Jesus said getting angry at your brother is equivalent to murdering your brother (Matthew 5). How else will these men who did not repent for killing Prophets will react to anger? But that does not mean what Jesus said is not truth.

Indeed it is God's standard and I am answering you assuming you want to know the answer. Jesus said if you lust after another woman you already committed adultery. So if you admire another woman's body you have already committed adultery. How different it is if you admire another woman's cooking skills and think it is better than what God has provided for you?

You are again agreeing on my point that there are unconscious sins in our life. The more we walk with Spirit we will get to know the unconscious sins in our life and become more like Jesus.

I am not here defending Zac, my point is that one does not need to be perfect to teach Holiness. We are all being perfected and will be perfect one day when Jesus returns. I want to end it here. Thanks for sharing your thoughts.

**Re: - posted by pilgrim777, on: 2012/2/6 23:24**

Thanks for sharing your thoughts, too.

Pilgrim

**Re: , on: 2012/2/7 9:16**

Sree

My version does not say that. Paul is merely saying that he is not just by his own judgement. That does not mean that he still sins, it means that God makes him just and pronounces it.

Saying we sin unconsciously is against the witness of the scripture which says that He keeps us from falling Jude 23. The Holy Spirit within enables us to avoid sin.

Zac Poonan does not preach gradual sanctification, he preaches the second blessing and if you who have heard him apparently on countless occasions, do not hear his message then it is pointless for me to get into a debate about holiness doctrine as your mind is obviously closed to it.

As Zac has not yet entered into the state of holiness, his understanding of it is rather coloured by his own thoughts. What he says sounds like a high standard but it is not - it is just silliness. He does not have to tell his wife though, but to deny a fact is lying. Why should his taste buds be the same as his wives?

Speaking in foreign languages was allowed and still is.

**Re: - posted by pilgrim777, on: 2012/2/7 9:20**

And if you admire someone else's cooking you are now accused of being discontented "with what God has provided you".

I did not know that "admiring" a quality or trait or gift in someone else was a sin?

**Re: Who is Zac Poonen? - posted by Theophila (), on: 2012/2/7 10:04**

Dear Father,

Thank you for the price that was necessary to purchase all of your children. From my human view, it wasn't easy, I do not fully understand it, but thank You!

Thank You, also, for raising up brother Zac Poonen to preach Your Word. Thank You for your faithful servants the world over. Please uphold them by Your victorious right hand. Please protect them from the strivings of men, from the scourge of the tongues of men. Encourage their hearts when the going gets tough.

Would You also open their eyes to spiritual reality as You see it?

Please Father, help all of us, Your children, to be about the things that really matter. L

Thank You, Father, I ask these things in the name of Jesus, of Nazareth. Amen.

**Re: - posted by sam09 (), on: 2012/2/7 10:24**

Amen to your prayer, Theophila.

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/2/7 10:35**

Quote:

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Zac Poonan does not preach gradual sanctification  
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I am not saying I have heard all his sermons. But based on what I have heard he teaches Gradual Sanctification. Please read his book on 'Good Foundation'. He explains the 3 steps in Salvation clearly. The example I quoted comparing the Grade of Student to Growth in Christ was actually taken from him. Even Paul agrees there are different standard among believers that is why he says some can take only Milk and some take solid food. The standard I quoted earlier is a solid food and it cannot be had by all.

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No it is not. Then 1 John 1-8 is also contradicting to Jude 24. 1 John 1-8 says that "If we (believers) claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us."

See Jude 24 talks about Stumbling. Stumbling is different from falling. Anyways Stumbling means committing a Sin that you know is a Sin which is Conscious sin. God protects us from that by the Power of Holy Spirit. John 1-8 talks about unconscious sin, though God protects us from conscious sin and helps us to have clear conscience towards him, it does not mean that we are sinless. We still need blood of Jesus for God not to look at our unconscious sin.

For example when I came to Christ from Hindu background I knew that talking low of someone is Pride. Once I overcame that by the power of Holy Spirit the Holy Spirit revealed to me that even if I entertain the thought that I am superior to another person in any area say education or athleticism, money, power etc, I have pride in my heart. Because Bible says that 'all I have is received from God'. Now I have to overcome that by his power. God gives power but I should be seeking his power to give up that attitude of Pride. This is growth in Christ. I am just giving you an example with Pride as sin. There are so many areas and we need to be Christlike in all these areas.

So when I stopped talking low of others my conscience might be clear that I have not sinned but that does not mean that



I became Perfect and sinless. I have sins but I am unaware of it. Once the Holy Spirit makes me aware of it I immediately seek to overcome that and repent as explained in 1 John 9.

See if you do not want to agree on unconscious sin then it is fine with me, you posted a question and I responded with a nother scripture and explained the answer. Lets stop here, I do not want to argue as I find Christ will never argue with so meone who believes he has all the answers. Jesus did not speak a word to Herod, because he knew that Herod was not truly seeking an answer.

**Re: Penticostal vs holiness - posted by jochbaptist (), on: 2012/2/7 10:40**

Dear Krautfrau

Thank you for your prayer, advice and references. I appreciate them all, and will look into them tonight/soon. I have one more question. How do you understand praying and singing in the Spirit.

Blessings  
Joch

**Re: , on: 2012/2/7 12:05**

I have looked through the sermons of Zac Poonan and you are right. He gives a different impression in his testimony. Th is is quite common. Some have read holiness writers in the past and some of what they say comes from them but when you get down to it there is that vital difference in what happens at Baptism of the Spirit. He is not a holiness teacher - he does not believe that we can be without sin in this life which is what holiness doctrine is. What he is saying is a sort of m odified Keswick version. Now I understand why holiness people dont stick around here.

Why do you think that God does not warn us before we sin (unconsciously)? He lights my path so that I do not have to b e ignorant of what displeases Him. It does not take long for us to learn what our marriage partner does not like.

I dont have all the answers but I do know what God did for me and many others who preached holiness in the Lord as th e result of the second blessing or baptism of the Spirit. Zac Poonan is not one of them and because he misses out the cr oss, he cannot include the crown.

**Re: , on: 2012/2/7 12:08**

Joch

I understand praying and singing in the Spirit to mean that one is being led entirely by the Holy Spirit in these exercises. When one is walking in the light then one can express oneself easily and clearly in ones praises. No need for indecipher able words that could easily be cursing.

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/2/7 12:34**

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Why do you think that God does not warn us before we sin (unconsciously)?  
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Good question. Sanctification is a gradual process. Taking my life example, when I as a believer was struggling with spe aking low of others, how will it benefit me if the Holy Spirit shows me that I should not even think low of others? Only wh en I overcome one I will be revealed next. It is like a Kid has to pass 1st grade for it to take the lessons of 2nd grade. Wh at will happen if we give the lessons from 1st to 10th Grade at a stretch and then expect the kid to pass all at 1 time? Th e kid will lose interest and will be heavily discouraged. It is like feeding solid food to a new born baby which will kill the b aby.

Also look into nature created by God, every growth happens progressively and that is why it is strong. For a plant grows slowly and it becomes tree and then bears fruits. If the seed becomes a tree with fruit directly then will the tree be strong ? will it not break? A strong foundation is made by digging deep with lots of effort.

God wants us all to be in the image of Jesus and it is his promise, we are all in this process including those who preach. But we might be in different stages in this process.

Now it is not wrong for a kid to be in 1st grade, but what if the kid sits in 1st grade for 40 years? will his father be happy with him? Same way more than 99% of Christians today have their christian life standstill because they do not know this truth. They are happy that they are in school but there is no improvement.

**Re: - posted by learjet, on: 2012/2/7 12:52**

Quote:  
-----They are not willing to see if the Holiness teachers of old were actually right on this one, and the evidence is that they do not have the witness of entering His rest and living without sin.  
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Hi krautfrau,

The doctrine that you are referring to here is the false teaching of sinless perfection. It was a major stumbling block to John Wesley, in fact it was the core of the falling out between George Whitfield and John & Charles. Later Charles was reconciled to George but he never was with John.

If you believe that you are without sin, you are deceiving yourself:

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." -1 John 1:8

No one has 'entered' this state, except Jesus himself. The 'holy people of old' never entered into this sinless state either because it's unattainable in the flesh. Furthermore these 'holy people of old' are not our examples, we have one example, His name is Jesus Christ.

The good news for us is that we all fall short of this and He is merciful.

**Re: Zac's own testimony - posted by spoonen (), on: 2012/2/7 18:48**

I'm not going to defend the man (for obvious reasons). But, I thought I'd share this ad lib interview of Zac recorded 3 years ago in which he speaks candidly on some of the very questions that are raised here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKMWj01nJG0>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNsCA-okdVk>

Here's a video snippet that helps me remember how much Jesus loves me:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kj2QIQNk4eY>

And then there is the testimony of having observed Zac's personal life closely for many years; but I won't speak on that.

**Re: - posted by learjet, on: 2012/2/7 19:03**

Hi Santosh,

I'm sure your dad is used to worse than this :-)

Quote:  
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Who else could attest better, save sister Annie? lol

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/2/7 22:57**

Hi SPOonen, Can't believe you are here. We have met in Bangalore Conference. I am from Atlanta CFC. Nice to see you here.

**Re: , on: 2012/2/8 3:50**

Hi learjet

With respect, this thread is about Zac Poonan, and I would like to concentrate on a discussion concerning this brother, and not have it railroaded by talking about me and my experience of life in the Spirit. If you wish to have a discussion about sinless perfection, than I suggest that you start a new thread, and it would be helpful if you specify exactly what you mean by this term as it does not necessarily mean the same thing today as it did in the past, it is grossly misunderstood.

I am preparing a reply at present on what has been said about our brother Poonan and may or may not have enough time yet to get into a discussion about holiness doctrine but I will endeavour to do so if I am led.

**Re: , on: 2012/2/8 4:06**

Hi spoonan

Thank you for your contribution, and the very helpful links about Zac Poonan. I would like to say that I am in no way attacking Zac Poonan, but I have some observations about him and his teaching which I will either put on here or write to him privately, whichever you would prefer.

**Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2012/2/8 4:49**

one thing i noticed about those who preach sinless perfection ,is that they them self have never reached that state yet but say that it is possible

they preach a standard ,but dont live the standard

and the bible seems to point to hypocrites ,,when one does not practice what one preaches

to say brothers you can and should be sinless ,and then not practice total sinlessness ,is a contradiction

if i say brethren you should be sinless

and then slip up once after i preach that word ,,im a hypocrite

can any one here say they are sinless and can guarantee that they will continue this ,,,,,,,,i never heard of anyone like that except our lord

**Re: - posted by OnwardUpward, on: 2012/2/8 5:39**

Sorry if the below is a digression but...

1. If somebody is GENUINELY concerned that somebody is guiding people in the wrong way (and your intention is that only and not to tarnish anybody's image out of immaturity/jealousy/time-pass/personal offence/any other reason), please fast and pray about it first.

2. Whom are we fixing our eyes on? Zac? Wesley? Finney? Paul? All these people are a few among that great cloud of witnesses and are just pointing to us the Blessed One. There may be areas in which somebody is not right. But God is still able to lead His children into all truth. Yeah, ultimately it is God who leads us into truth and not man.

3. Each one is going to give an account only for himself/ herself and his/her assigned tasks and not for somebody else or for somebody else's children.

4. Peter in one place says that some of Paul's teachings are hard to understand. In another place Paul and Barnabas split up due to difference in opinions. And in another place Paul was offended because Barnabas was siding with the Jews. So, are we here to judge who was right or who was wrong, and form a case and pronounce our verdicts? There are better ways to waste time.

5. And we always ought to tremble and fear of what Jesus said - Judge not so that we are not judged. The same measure we use on others will be used on us too. And it is always good to think "Perhaps, it is MY understanding that is wrong and he/she is right." and pray about it and pray for the other person too. If the thing REALLY matters and if our attitude is humble, God will set it right in due time - in whichever party that is wrong or perhaps in both!; if the thing does NOT matter, well no worries...it just won't matter.

6. In discussion forums such as this one, if you want to share something which you think will be profitable to others, please share. If you have any specific questions, please post it to the point - eg. "What does the Scripture say about attaining holiness?". That way it is simple and keeps us focussed. If you think that somebody's teaching is wrong and is doing you harm, please post just the teaching (after doing Point# 1). And if you think that it is important to mention the preacher's/author's name, just say it in the very first post and thereon focus only on the teaching and not the person (and don't put the person's name in the subject line).

Sorry for the tone. No offence meant at any one. We ALL want to get there and be with the Lord.

Angelin

**Re: - posted by Theophila (), on: 2012/2/8 8:38**

Dear krautfrau,

With all due respect to your person, you have put the cart before the horse. You should have relayed your concerns directly to bro Zac himself instead of starting a discussion that won't move anyone further along the path of righteousness. Instead, it has all the potential of dividing the brethren and causing offense.

This may not be your intention but do you see how this could happen?

If after discussing with him, as Scripture guides, and you can't resolve your differences, then, you may involve the larger Body.

May all of Jesus' siblings become more like Him everyday. Amen.

**Re: , on: 2012/2/8 9:01**

Dear Theophila

I did not start the discussion I only joined in and I did not understand his teaching apart from what I read in his testimony which I am correcting by listening to him at present. There are things that I am concerned about and I am willing to contact him directly before I say in public what I think.

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/2/8 11:01**

Dear Krautfrau,

No matter what your question is, I don't think you will be the first person to ask him that. This man is doing God's service for over 40 years. He has seen people questioning him from all corners. I have not seen his doctrine change even a little because of these men.

My general advice to you is not to debate with his doctrine. He identifies such debates and quickly backs out of it. Which is wise as such debating people have very strong hold on their doctrine more than the word of God. If you have a genuine question he always entertains it.

**Re: , on: 2012/2/8 11:08**

Thaks Sree

I have emailed him with my questions but am a little dismayed to hear that he has not changed at all in 40 years.

**Re: - posted by pilgrim777, on: 2012/2/8 11:23**

Quote:

-----Sree

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Quote:

-----Krautfrau

I have emailed him with my questions but am a little dismayed to hear that he has not changed at all in 40 years.

To be honest I could not help but think the same thing as Krautfrau.

How long have you been knowing Zac that you can make a statement like that on his behalf?

God is always having us make adjustments to our way of thinking and doctrinal stances. I expect many more adjustments in the future.

**Re: , on: 2012/2/8 12:03**

Yes the Lord has made some profound changes to my doctrinal stance over 39 years. Once has been through talking to someone on a forum despite folk claiming that it does not happen. I expect too see someone developing their doctrine over time and expect the Lord to make further adjustments to mine..

The reason I am questioning Mr Poonan is because his stance is halfway between to entirely different theologies, the one Pentecostal and the other Holiness. I know Holiness theology very well having read widely about it and have experienced myself that which they speak of, but I am not so acquainted with Pentecost theology but have read quite a lot about it. Mr Poonan claims he is not a Pentecostalist however even though he believes that the baptism of the Holy Spirit brings power and tongues, though not release from the sin nature which is Holiness teaching ie the sin nature being destroyed.

I am looking forward to hearing from him if he has time to write, appreciating as I am that he is a busy man.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2012/2/8 12:46**

I am closing this thread because it has gone far past the place of profitability to the readers. Zac Poonen is in my experience one of the most godly men I have met after traveling for 9 years to many parts of the world and visiting 1000's of godly men and church fellowships, home fellowships etc. To be able to sit down with brother Zac and to take in some of his live meetings were live changing times for me and blessed my walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Brother Zac by himself is not the 100% balanced Christian life for the entire body of Christ. He is a very balanced brother, but under God's call is preaching many things that the larger Christendom is missing. God has specifically burdened him to do this and it has been a huge contribution and blessing to the entire body of Christ world-wide.

At SermonIndex we are thankful and blessed to be able to promote these messages and to allow saints from all different denominational backgrounds to hear these messages to correct, rebuke and encourage them in areas that are not preached or ministered to in their local fellowships.

The CFC fellowships and Zac's ministry are a light and beacon in the midst of compromised Christianity and mammon seeking churches and pastors. God has raised them for a time like this as he has raised many other movements and churches for examples to the others, not to condemn others but to encourage them back to the apostolic and genuine (authentic).

we can disagree on views of sanctification and being able to be 100% free from known sin or not. But the biblical view is that we must be holy and free from sin no matter if that is perfection or not, so therefore we must all be going in this direction in a very clear and urgent way. So I see brother Zac's emphasis and teaching on these things are not bad at all no matter how anyone takes them it would be beneficial to the walks of many believers.

May we strive on to perfection and to attain to the resurrection by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit of God given to us. May we abide in Him (Christ) and bear much fruit for him.

You can access brother Zac's messages here:  
<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/viewcat.php?cid=157>

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**Re: Pilgrim - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/2/8 13:03**

Quote:

How long have you been knowing Zac that you can make a statement like that on his behalf?

God is always having us make adjustments to our way of thinking and doctrinal stances. I expect many more adjustments in the future.

By Doctrine I meant the core of his teachings. He spoke against sin in all these years. And he is still. Nothing changed.

Please take effort to understand in what Context one is saying something. You tend to be giving more importance to individual words instead of the whole context.

No one will want to hear a preacher who keeps changing his doctrine. May be you are an exception.

I am not here defending Zac and neither I am I worthy of it. I know him only for past 3 years, but I have heard testimonies of elderly people who once challenged his doctrines and ended up finding the truth. Now they are serving God as a par

t of CFC church.

Please stop taking some words out of my post and post some new meaning. I do not have time to keep explaining your misquoted comments.