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Pastor Faces Federal Suit for Sharing Views on Homosexuality - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2012/3/24 11:14

A Massachusetts pastor has landed in federal court to defend himself for sharing his opinion on homosexuality and pornography.

A foreign group called Sexual Minorities of Uganda (SMUG) filed suit against Scott Lively based on the Alien Tort Statute (ATS). The ATS provides a cause of action for violations of international laws that are "specific, universal and obligatory."

Courts have found torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment; genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity; summary execution, prolonged arbitrary detention and forced disappearance to be actionable under the ATS.

The lawsuit claims that beginning in 2002, Lively preached in Ugandan churches and shared his opinion on homosexuality and pornography. It further claims that as a result, some members of the so-called LGBTI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex) community faced discrimination—and one in ...

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Re: Pastor Faces Federal Suit for Sharing Views on Homosexuality, on: 2012/3/24 11:57

This is what happens when a "little" knowledge gets in the head of the religious. The religious think that something they are doing is 'good' compared to what another is doing. The reality is that this pastor's indwelling sin nature makes him as guilty of sodomy as those who commit it. These things are indeed evil, and do not make one acceptable before God, but who among us will claim that what they do is fully acceptable before God??

The pastor causes people to look at the evil in others when the same evil is resident in both themselves and himself, so he did not do his job and should come under fire.

Turn from sin, turn from sin, and turn from sin some more, and when you think you have done enough turning you have only just begun... Good thing we are justified by faith rather than sanctification!!

OJ

Re: Pastor Faces Federal Suit for Sharing Views on Homosexuality, on: 2012/3/24 12:23

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Rom 1:19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Rom 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Rom 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Rom 1:23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Rom 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Rom 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who

is blessed for ever. Amen.

Rom 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

Rom 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Rom 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

Rom 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Rom 1:31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Rom 1:32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Re: , on: 2012/3/24 12:43

James 2:10 Â For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

Since none are sinless, ALL are guilty of ALL.

Romanism focuses on the sin in another....

OJ

Re: , on: 2012/3/24 13:06

We're judged according to the deeds done in our body and by our works. That would mean that you are taking just one verse and also using it out of context of that letter by James and even just that one chpt.

Someone that is not practicing adultery, will not be judged for adultery. Those that are, will. Romans 1 lists a whole host of separate sins toward the end - and each will be judged only by the one or ones that they have actually committed.

We don't stop preaching The Word of GOD in it's entirety on the grounds that we haven't attained to the full Image of Christ.

GOD is only concerned with those that are preaching against a certain sin and are committing that particular sin themselves. Rom 2.

Rom 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We're commanded to preach the Gospel - the Full Counsel of His Word, to save the lost, to save lives and also to restore the backslidden.

1Ti 5:20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

Heb 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

The way you use that one verse would silence the entire Church from doing what His Word commands we do and preach.

Only those that are practicing a certain sin and preaching to others against that particular sin is called a hypocrite by GOD and should repent of doing both.

Phil 3:12-19

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/3/24 14:45

Quote:
----- Turn from sin, turn from sin, and turn from sin some more, and when you think you have done enough turning you have only just begun... Good thing we are justified by faith rather than sanctification!!

I am reminded of John Newton who for quite some time after his conversion continued in the slave trade. Talk about a despicable sin - a Christian saint failing to resist the brutal suffering and deaths of so many unfortunate victims: the black slaves! But that's not the ultimate issue. God used Newton's immense remorse later over his sin to inspire Wilberforce in his stand against slavery.

If God could transform John Newton and use his long season of failure, surely God is able to transform homosexuals who come into the kingdom - even if not yet squeaky clean. Perhaps the felt need to pronounce homosexual sin so repetitively is an indication of weak faith in the transformative power of God. It is no doubt God's people who need transforming first.

After all, "there is no difference, for all have sinned...." God looks at the heart and there he may see little difference between the unrighteous pagan and the self-declared "righteous. It's the same. What is the sin issue: resisting God's grace.

When I first saw this thread I thought: Oh here we go again. There is a lull in the discussion, and now it is overcome by resurfacing our favourite topic. But that's me rolling my eyes, and God is not pleased with that. Here's another perspective:

The more this "homosexual" topic surfaces here, the more convinced I am that God will use these very people to do a marvelous work in our fallen world - for his glory - not unlike what he did through John Newton. After all here is a people group who knows shame and rejection. Oh how sweet the name of Jesus is to such kind of people.

And the villains of the faith will become the heroes of the faith. And we will be silenced.

Diane

Re: , on: 2012/3/24 14:59

According to His Word, this sin is listed with all the others - as seen in Romans 1, Gal, Corinth - so I don't see that anyone is singling out this as anything worse than drug addicts, child molestation, murder, adulterers and so forth and I certainly do believe that they can and are being delivered daily - but as far as the Church ever being 'silenced' on any of these sins - I surely hope not - for the sake of the preachers of righteousness that are saving lives and souls at the same time. Jesus said, that these sins will only increase before He returns and because of these sins, the 'love' of most will wax cold.

Re: , on: 2012/3/24 16:08

Quote:
-----The way you use that one verse would silence the entire Church from doing what His Word commands we do and preach. Only those that are practicing a certain sin and preaching to others against that particular sin is called a hypocrite by GOD and should repent of doing both.

That ONE verse drives a nail through yours and everyone's professed righteousness. And there are others in Romans

3 as well, that is what they are meant to do.

Now regarding your LISTS, being FEARFUL to tell us your full name, the verse below drives a nail through your professi on just as much as you want to drive a nail through another's.

Rev 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and i dolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

It is just as damnable as anything else on the list.

OJ

Re: , on: 2012/3/24 16:18

pretty important is the difference between willful sins and secret faults. The word of God is 100% clear that their are prof essing Christians who call Jesus Lord and will be damned to hell and there are also professing Christians who call Jesus Lord that will inherit the kingdom.

The grace of God that saves teaches us to deny ungodliness. We are saved by grace but that same grace works practic al righteousness in the life of a true believer. It may not look exactly the same, follow the same timeline, it may involve m ore or less chastisement, etc but it will be taking place in the life of a true believer according to the word of God.

1John 3:7-10 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the S on of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's se ed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the chil dren of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2012/3/24 16:37

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Actually, as I abide in Christ and His word abides in me I am fully acceptable before God, not because of what I do but b ecause of what He has done.

It seems like you're saying that we should not reprove and rebuke sin in others unless we ourselves are sinlessly perfect . I cannot agree with this. No, we should not point a hypocritical finger at others but God's word clearly teaches that lovin g our neighbor includes rebuking his faults on matters that are clear in Scripture, and sexual sin is quite clear in Scriptur e.

Also, you rebuke the pastor for pointing out sin in others before his congregation but the word of God says that this is wh at we should do, so that people may fear...Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. (1Tim 5:20)

Let the politicians and the Old_Joe's mumble in their beards but let the truth be heard; homosexuality and lesbianism are an absolute deviation from the perfect standard of God's word.

In Christ,

Ron

Re: , on: 2012/3/24 18:20

old joe you do not know the ""whole counsel of God." It is obvious by what you are saying that you have your own little doctrine that is different from Gods.

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2012/3/24 18:46

how can a preacher call on people to repent from sin toward god ,in jesus name with out explaining what repent means ,and with out explaining what sin is

it is imposable ,,one must by the mercy of god explain how men have transgressed gods holy requirement ,,he must define sin ,,or he is blaspheming ,,using the lords name in vain

how can the gosple be preached with out repentance
it cant ,that is why in the gosple we see alist of beseting sins that one must turn from

homosexuality and sodomy ,fornacation ect ,is part of the list

Re: Pastor Faces Federal Suit for Sharing Views on Homosexuality, on: 2012/3/24 22:04

Did you read the article, Joe or Diane? This is WAY bigger than I think you realize. This man is only alive by GOD's grace and if you'd do a Search on this " Alien Tort Statute " you may see that it's not far from being used as something as close to the World Court as it can get.

THAT MEANS, that if this man loses this case - it sets a PRECEDENT in the FEDERAL COURT deeming what this man has said against homosexuality AND pornography as a crime against "International Law".

THAT MEANS that, anyone who quotes the Bible where these sins are listed are you fill in the blank.

Freedom of speech will be deemed gone because some Ugandans have gone totally RADICAL and are KILLING HOMOSEXUALS and trying to blame this man for these actions of the Ugandan Government.

This man is and has been a target by more groups than one would imagine, right here in the U.S..

And Joe, do you still want to talk about who is being a "coward" by not putting their last name on the internet - as you've condemn to hell the vast majority of Christians that post on this forum and thousands of other forums world-wide?

The "cowards" will be those that will be afraid to say that they are a Christian that believes that the Whole of The Bible is The Innerant WORD of GOD.

And Joe, the Government knows my full name and IP#, etc. and in my 10 yrs on and offline - I've never feared them, as I've posted on many forums during those years and things that I'm sure will have me beheaded eventually - unless He takes me Home another way.

Who will be tomorrow's cowards?

Re: , on: 2012/3/25 0:18

Ron

John Newton was fully acceptable before God as well, even while he continued the slave trade. What he did was not acceptable, and neither is what you do, nor what I do, nor what the sodomite does. On that ground we are all equal.

I agree with rebuking sin and I am here rebuking the sin of the religious, the same way it has been done before.

“He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone”

If the pastor wants to rebuke sin, let him start at the sins of his best people starting with himself, and deal with what Jim calls secret 'faults' (meaning secret 'sins' really but for some the word is too hard to say). Sure sodomy and fornication are sins, but what do you expect openly lost people to do? They know nothing other than sin!!! They are in more need

of a Saviour than a rebuke. Now the openly religious on the other hand, THEY are in need of rebukes, because they claim to know better.

OJ

Re: , on: 2012/3/25 0:26

Quote:

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You are actually no threat to the Antichrist religious system, rather than losing your head, you might even be promoted!

OJ

Re: , on: 2012/3/25 6:02

Wow... and people call me judgemental? Seriously?

Look folks, we are to proclaim the gospel. Part of that is shining the light on sin. If we do not, how does a man come to the realization that he has offended a thrice holy God?

Part of that is naming sin. Calling it out.

I do believe there are varying degrees of sin, although any sin condemns our soul. One thing everyone needs to understand and is that according to Romans chapter 1 homosexuality is listed and described in detail as what takes place often times when God gives one over to their own sin and lust.

Romans 1:24-27 "Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. FOR THIS REASON God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error."

Homosexuality is actually described here as a PUNISHMENT handed down from God... not just a sin.

The verses immediately following list other sins as well, but if you look at that list those sins are sins that every unbeliever is filled with. They were increased by God as a result of their rebellion. Why would He do this? To increase their guilt. God says "OK, if that's what you want, you can have it ten-fold". We see God doing this with the nation of Israel in the OT at times.

But homosexuality was singled out and described in detail.

I know some of you may disagree and want to debate me about that... I don't care. One thing I am not going to participate in any more is debates with people when scripture is abundantly clear about what it is saying.

Anyway, to say that a preacher, missionary, evangelist, or even an everyday believer should not call out sin by name when presenting the gospel is FOOLISHNESS. You will not find one single verse in scripture to support that. You will not even find a principle or a precedence for that in scripture. In fact, you find just the opposite.

Krispy

Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2012/3/25 9:09

Beloved, I guess that leaves just one question; what are we to do with 1 Cor. 6:9, 10, Gal. 5:21, Revelation 22:15, etc, if these type sins do not damn a persons soul? If these passages do not pertain to the saints, then to whom do they pertain to?

1 Cor. 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

1Cor. 6:10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

1Cor. 6:11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Cor. 1:2 gives us the address of the letter,.. "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours." Is there a group within this group that somehow are exempt from 1 Cor. 6:9, 10? Surely we come in, in the, "...with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours." That's me. I am among the "all that in every place call on the name of the Lord."

Was Paul mistaken? Did he not know that to repent of such sins would constitute salvation by works and that it would no longer be grace? It seems that in telling us not to be deceived, he seems to have been deceived himself; that is, if he taught that those living in such sins as he lists had no present hope of entering the Kingdom, when in fact they are unconditionally saved.

And if the warnings don't pertain to me, what hope do I have of believing the promises or accepting the teachings? I understand that each epistle has an address, etc. I also see that forgiveness is conditional based on Matthew 18:35. Parabolically, a certain man had secured forgiveness only to have it reneged. What am I to make of those 'type' passages? Do they not pertain to me? And if not then is there a list we can turn to of what does and does not pertain to the believer today?

A.T. Robertson gives this exegesis of 1 Cor. 6:9, 10 and directly answer the question; The unrighteous (adikoi). To remind them of the verb adikew just used. The Kingdom of God (qeou basileian). Precisely, God's kingdom. Be not deceived (mh planasqe). Present passive imperative with negative mh. Do not be led astray by plausible talk to cover up sin as mere animal behaviourism.

Paul has two lists in verses Colossians, one with repetition of oute, neither (fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, effeminate, or malakoi, abusers of themselves with men or arsenokoitai or sodomites as in 1 Timothy 1:10 a late word for this horrid vice, thieves, covetous), the other with ou not (drunkards, revilers, extortioners).

All these will fall short of the kingdom of God. This was plain talk to a city like Corinth. It is needed today. It is a solemn roll call of the damned even if some of their names are on the church roll in Corinth whether officers or ordinary members. (End of quote)

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. (Proverbs 28:13 NIV)

What use is it to fabricate a theology that widens the narrow gate? We have already been told plainly;

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Galatians 5 NKJV)

How many times does Paul have to say it? "I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God." It's almost like these people refused to listen. If my math is right, this is now the third time he is telling the Galatians this truth. Paul told the Corinthians, "Do not be deceived." This list has gone out to the Galatians, Corinthians and Colossians. Given that Galatians and Corinthians were written from Ephesus, we can safely assume that he had told them repeatedly the same thing. Was it Paul only?

He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” (Rev. 21:7, 8)

It's as if God made sure everyone was clear on it. Perhaps you missed the lists in all of Paul's writings, you will meet this list at the gates of Heaven. To transgress such revelation is to deceive and damn one's own soul.

Re: , on: 2012/3/25 9:23

Old joe said:

"I agree with rebuking sin and I am here rebuking the sin of the religious, the same way it has been done before."

Jim:

Amen - we are never to judge the outsider but the professing christian (1 Cor 5). If this is your position here you could have made it a little clearer. I think most assumed you were talking about a church member that continues in willful sin all the days of their life.

Old joe said:

"If the pastor wants to rebuke sin, let him start at the sins of his best people starting with himself"

Jim:

What if he is walking in humility and in a state of no known sin?

Old joe said:

, and deal with what Jim calls secret 'faults' (meaning secret 'sins' really but for some the word is too hard to say).

Jim:

I am not afraid to say sin brother - hope you didn't take it that way - I was actually quoting the title of a Carter Conlon message here at SI.

Old joe said:

Sure sodomy and fornication are sins, but what do you expect openly lost people to do?

Jim:

To walk in sin... but the lines in this thread seem to be blurred to where that is what born again believers are expected to do is to walk in sin too?

Re: , on: 2012/3/25 9:26

Good post Robert.

How many places are we warned in the NT - Do Not Be Deceived ... such professing Christians are headed for hell.

1 Corinthians 6

1 John 3

Galatians 5

Obviously people are prone to be deceived in this area.

In Christ -Jim

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/3/25 14:35

Quote:

----- This is WAY bigger than I think you realize.

Actually, this is a far bigger problem than YOU realize -- or any of us. Presently the homosexual issue is dividing the church on a global level -- all around the world. No one is escaping this world crisis. This news report is an example of how serious it can get.

In the crisis there is a lot of sin piling up on top of sin -- and everybody typically sees everybody else's sins better than their own. (Could that be a safe generalization to make?)

To me, one of the most insightful points here is Krispy's:

Quote:

----- Homosexuality is actually described here as a PUNISHMENT handed down from God... not just a sin.

So let's get a grip on the bigger picture: the horrendous sin effects of humanity -- and God's way of treating it! Look what GOD does in Romans 1! Don't you find that intensely catastrophic? But look in Romans 11 at what God does to his own who fall away: "He gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes so that they could not see, and ears so that they could not hear...." :7 Might we ourselves not be a tad bit beset by the effects of divine judgment too -- even in trying to get a grip on this very topic?

So why does God handle human rebelliousness so drastically? Scripture tell us -- and understanding that is going to be very helpful here. --

If only we could move past our society's individualistic view of people, we'd see that no one is an island to himself. Each of us is shaped by the world we live in -- hugely. So are gays.

Thankfully we have godly leaders today trying to take a step back and see homosexuality in a bigger picture -- including society, patterns in family life, etc. They are diligently working to offer the church a better grip on the issue -- along with the other current sin issues. The crisis is forcing people to think about it -- and I'm excited about that. I think it will draw us back to the good news of Christ -- and see why it is such good news.

Here's a thought: Just because one wishes to consider the wider implications of this problem doesn't mean they are wimps or downgrading the seriousness of sin. Quite the converse! I'd say, those who prefer only to consider the surface behaviors of homosexuality are the ones diminishing the depth of sinfulness -- even as they may accuse others for or doing that. For those who cling to a surface perspective, God's solution will never apply deeper than a bandaid. So much for the transformative power of divine grace!

On the other hand, the "risk" of looking at the bigger picture is that you are going to see yourself in it -- both as part of the human sin problem -- but also as a responsible part of the solution. And as they say, if you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem. Right?

"For Christ's love compels us...." 1 Cor. 5: 14

I wonder: How will God unite his people into being instruments of his victorious news for the sinners?

Diane

Re: , on: 2012/3/25 15:42

Thank you for your post, RobertW.

Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2012/3/25 17:14

Quote:
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Joe, how do you know that the pastor didn't start with himself? How do you know he is one of the self-righteous "religious"? There is little to gather from the referenced article as to the details of what the pastor preached, do you know something more of this pastor that we don't know about?

In Christ,

Ron

Re: , on: 2012/3/25 17:49

OJ, rather than turning yet another thread into "you versus me" or anymore 'personal' attacks on the others on this thread - let's try to come to an understanding once, and for all.

I'd like to explain just a few things. When I was studying psychology and from what I learned from that Marine Psychiatrist -- he shared a story about a Psychologist. Every morning that this Psychologist got on the elevator to go up to his office, a certain man would wait for him to spit on this Psychologist's tie. Finally, another person that witnessed this, day in and day out, asked the Psychologist why he didn't say or do anything about this spitting man, and the Psychologist said, "The man isn't hurting me, but he sure is destroying himself with his hatred, because hatred does destroy the body and I can feel nothing but sympathy for him."

That's actually a Biblical truth.

I left a video for you on one of your threads about "dying to self" by Eric Ludy, titled "Spiritualized Selfishness". It was worth watching - or reading Watchman Nee on that topic of how a dead person can't be hurt.

Your beef with me started when we disagreed with you on 'obeying GOD's Word because we Love Him' - along the lines of the "Lordship" thread.

You aren't dangerous to those that are strong in The Word, as the Brothers on this thread are - but your posts are dangerous to young believers that have over-active or under-active consciences and the enemy of their souls is using your posts to make waste of their faith in and understanding of what He's accomplished in or for their sanctification and discouraging them from the knowledge that their relationship with Him is a two-sided commitment that results in Freedom, Peace and Joy in Him.

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled"

Praying for all of HIS Best, for you & yours.

Re: , on: 2012/3/26 6:51

O Lord, let this foolish people see that within them remains the capability of any evil they spy in another, and turn the vengeance they hold against the sin in another, towards their own sin!

OJ

Re: , on: 2012/3/26 6:56

Prayers like that are better left in the prayer closet...

Krispy

Re: really! - posted by Smokey (), on: 2012/3/26 10:01

Reading this forum is like wading through waist deep mud. Pretty much everyone just wants to shout out their personal views on this subject. Where is the call to prayer for this faithful pastor who was foolish enough to speak truth? It reminds me of the situation that Kirk Cameron found himself in when he was on the Piers Morgan show recently to discuss his new movie, and Piers blindsided him with questions about his views on homosexuality. Kirk is still being hounded about his hate speech for his biblical response to the question. The unfortunate thing about Tares is that they will never be real wheat.. Blessings all, Greg

Re: , on: 2012/3/26 10:34

I think everyone here is grateful for that man of God taking a stand. We've already discussed Kirk Cameron... and we all support that brother too. He was not "blind-sided" though. He's been around enough to know what to expect from the secular media.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2012/3/26 10:51

Name: Christiaan Hanson

State: Wisconsin

Bible: Homosexuality is a sin and leads to hellfire.

Great Commission: Matthew 28:19-20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Quote to live by: "God give me a deep humility, a well-guided zeal, a burning love and a single eye, and then let men or devils do their worst." - George Whitefield

Re: , on: 2012/3/26 12:50

Quote:
-----O Lord, let this foolish people see that within them remains the capability of any evil they spy in another, and turn the vengeance they hold against the sin in another, towards their own sin!

OJ

Were it not for The Cross and Him creating us with a freewill to "follow Him" as His sheep .

OJ, that 'prayer' goes against ALL that He died to give us.

That 'prayer' that you are praying against His children - is worse than the prayer of the Pharisee and is just as arrogant.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by 'the faith of' the Son of God, who loved me, and Gave Himself for me.

Rom 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

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

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

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

Were it not for Grace ...

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6_IYk8cflo&feature=related