

**News and Current Events :: Christians "stoned" at Dearborn, Michigan****Christians "stoned" at Dearborn, Michigan, on: 2012/6/27 17:35**

Christians pelted repeatedly with water bottles and assortment of other things at Michigan Festival.

Well I have been silent about the Muslim brotherhood taking power in Egypt. I have gotten the impression that certain stories really aren't wanted on this forum. Now we have another story of Christians proclaiming the gospel and also exercising freedom of speech in Dearborn. I was going to keep silent about this but my fingers just keep typing.

The Muslim crowd began throwing bottles and anything else that could be found at the Christians driving them out of the festival.

The Christians also looked to the police for help and „well yea not much help.

There will continue to be battles at Dearborn over Gospel proclamation and free speech etc.

Now hopefully some of you will take the time to go to ..oh jihadwatch.org for example to do a little research on this.

When you see the videos of what's going on I can almost guarantee the "they aren't doing right" or "that's not the gospel" responses will come up.

I would ask you to look beyond that and see this.

What is happening is a continual power shift of Arab Muslims in this nation. The ultimate goal is to outlaw being able to speak to any Muslim or anyone in America about becoming a Christian.

This is really the heart of what has been happening at Dearborn.

According to the Newscaster on one of the videos the Christian group will be back Sunday.

Edit for spelling

Re: Christians "stoned" at Dearborn, Michigan, on: 2012/6/27 18:56

Besides prayer, what exactly are you asking us to do about this?

Re: Christians "stoned" at Dearborn, Michigan - posted by learjet, on: 2012/6/27 18:57

Hi Brother,

I live about 10 miles from Dearborn, 90% of the 'ministries' that you hear about on the news are people that love to grab headlines and create sensational press releases so that people will donate to their organizations. They could care less about the gospel, they care more about squealing like pigs to the media when they are 'persecuted'.

With that said there are some really good ministries in the area, there's a brother on this forum who is a full time missionary in Hamtramck, Michigan which is about 10 miles from Dearborn as well. You can read his blog here: <http://networkedblogs.com/yRQCj> Jonathan is a great, humble, wonderful brother that ministers to Muslims.

Re: , on: 2012/6/27 19:11

Quote:

-----Besides prayer, what exactly are you asking us to do about this?

There have been many threads concerning the rise of Islam. The main thing whether it's Islam or Homosexual Movement or whatever immoral tidal wave that is assaulting the culture is to not be silenced.

Being Silenced is what the enemy wants more than anything.

So be informed, be prayed up and keep declaring the truth of Christ wherever and whenever you can!

Isa 24:14 They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the LORD, they shall cry aloud from the sea. (KJV)

Re: , on: 2012/6/27 19:39

If you go on youtube and type in "American muslims stone christians" then select the 22 minute original edit

Another reason for watching this is to see what so many were aloud to get away with. Also the young people in the video have now learned that they can push other Americans around and not get arrested by the police.

Also this is real street life so you will hear cursing and fowl language.

Re: , on: 2012/6/27 21:02

I've watched one of the videos on another site and all what these "Christians" were doing is standing up for their rights to free speech. They kept asking where was the "protection" from the police to protect their "right to free speech".

Is this the gospel, protecting one's rights to free speech?

There was no free speech in the time of Christ and the Apostles, in fact, just mentioning that there was another king, king Jesus was considered treason to Rome. They had God behind them and a ripe field ready for harvest. They hazarded their lives for the sake of the gospel, not for free speech.

The liberties that we have are strangling the believer, the best blessing to come our way is persecution. So what if Islam is invading our shores, what does that have to do with a people that is not of this world?

Our citizenship is in the heavenlies, in Christ, we have absolutely no rights in this world.

When they were persecuted, they rejoiced that they had suffered for His name sake, not cried to the Roman Senate demanding their "rights" to free speech.

When we stand as one, let all the forces of hell come against us, for in that day, the gates of hell will never prevail against the Church, never.

They can bring in the Cankerworm, they can bring in the Caterpillar, they can give the appearance that everything has been stripped down. They can take everything away from us, our rights, our freedoms, everything, but they can't take away our God Jesus Christ which is our true freedom.

I am done my rant. God bless you.

Re: , on: 2012/6/27 22:02

Free speech also means freedom of the press. It also means freedom to write about your faith on a blog. Freedom and liberty are what the Gospel is all about.

Now approved you have the freedom to believe what you believe on this subject. I respect and honor you as a fellow Christian for that.

But our forefathers fought so hard on all levels for these freedoms. We are floating on the last vapors of it because many of us refuse to "Go, stand, Speak". I am not just talking about open air proclamation. I am talking about in your workplace at the store at the ballgame etc.

Now having said that I have to also say that we Christians are responsible for this generation. To proclaim practical liberty to fear no man or government that tells us to "preach no more in this man's name"

The result of death to these liberties in Christ is death to spiritual liberty from sin. Also physical death to millions through so many evil works that invade when the proclamation of the gospel is not allowed.

one of many examples

The Salvation Army did a lot of preaching with signs and banners and such. They were constantly harassed and beaten for public proclamation. But they kept on. And they also were instrumental in keeping freedom of speech alive in England and America.

So let us be like our Lord and...

Joh 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. (KJV)

Re: , on: 2012/6/27 22:40

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Amen.

This was a Muslim festival and these people showed up with giant banners. One saying "the lake of fire".

In these Muslim people's mind - from their view - it was their day. They probably had a permit for their festival.

There were other things about that video that I saw elsewhere early today that I didn't think were the way that we should go about reaching these people. And the timing of their "protest". That's basically how what they did came off looking like - a protest of what these people were there for. Their own festival.

The video that I saw was very disappointing and I agree with Brother Earl. There's a right way and a wrong way and the wrong way is steeped with the wrong intention. I myself - though I feared God before I heard the gospel - would have never been reached in that manner. Their whining after the fact was a bad witness and would turn more unbelievers against true Christianity.

Going out with huge banners to a Muslim festival is not the apostolic way.

Loving these people actively everyday would be a witness but there's so much hate speech in the world and on the internet coming from Christians against Muslims that they're the ones that feel persecuted - they just react differently but what do we expect from them - more perfection than the Christians show?

On some "Christian" forums - they're posting violence against these people since 9/11. How would you react if you were not saved and was the target of that for over 10 years?

You can't make a silk Preacher out of a Pig snout., on: 2012/6/28 0:03

I believe that this fellow on the link below is the same fellow who was pelted by bottles and such by the Muslim crowd. Do you think it could have had something to do with the swine's head.... he held as he preached the crowd. He is on my list over on Facebook and calls himself a street preacher. Rueben Israel is his name.

I can hear Paul now, as he heads into the street at Mars Hill...."Hey Timothy! don't forget porky! we're gonna need some swine power today!...."Wow!...It smells in here!"

Anyway...I wonder if he was pelted for bad taste, or bad acting. Something is a little odd here...but he got a lot, a lot of publicity.

<http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10150964758205502&set=a.385648345501.163296.517075501&type=1&theater>

Re: , on: 2012/6/28 0:15

Quote:

----- But our forefathers fought so hard on all levels for these freedoms.

That is not in dispute.

All I am saying is that God would not have us fight for those freedoms, it's not apart of our makeup to do so.

We use them because they are there to be used that is the benefit of such laws. When those laws change and we no longer have them, do we stop exercising our freedom that is in Christ Jesus to proclaim the gospel?

An absolute NO!

Why?

Because we don't need the law to obey God.

However, in saying that, I respect your right to fight for what you believe to be right.

Thanks brother for responding kindly. :-)

Re: - posted by pilgrim777, on: 2012/6/28 10:10

Maybe everyone should read once again how Jesus loved His enemies and how we who claim to have Christ living in us are to love our enemies, too.

(Thanks for the link, BrotherTom. The behaviour of those "Christians" is an affront to Christ's love for His enemies). How can anyone hear the Gospel when they see a pig's head being waved?

Jesus did not assert his rights because He gave them up and we are called to walk as He walked. We really have no rights that we fight "flesh and blood" over. We do have the God-given right to preach the gospel, the right to be persecuted and hated, the right to love our enemies in return, the right to speak the truth, the right to suffer for His sake, the right to be killed, the right to be robbed and mugged the right to overcome evil with good, the right to leave place for wrath, the right to not take vengeance out on anyone the right to NOT repay evil with evil, the right to do good to our enemies and even feed them, etc, etc. These are many of our rights from the Lord and I wonder how Christians like these right?

I think they prefer the U.S. Constitution's rights over the right (commandment) to walk as He walked, in being reviled He did not return reviling remarks to His persecutors.

I can see what is shaping up in this country. People that elevate the U.S. Constitution to the same level as God's Word or even higher are going to lean on the arm of the flesh and FIGHT for their RIGHTS, (even physical fights) because the U.S. Constitution gives them this liberty (not the liberty of Christ), even though the Lord does not.

What ever happened to our warfare being spiritual and not with flesh and blood?

The U.S. Constitution gives us many rights that God does not give us. We don't have the right to pursuit open-ended happiness which to most Americans means abortions, divorce, etc. We don't have freedom of speech. God does not let us speak evil of this nation's leaders, but the Constitutional right of freedom of speech and freedom of the press allows us to gossip, backbite, lie and revile people.

Pilgrim

Re: , on: 2012/6/28 11:16

There is an official statement on the city of Dearborn site, This is a partial clipping from that page, the link is below for the full statement.

"The Background of "Acts 17 Apologetics" and the Dearborn Arab International Festival

A group called Acts 17 Apologetics, a Christian organization, became well-known following the 2009 Dearborn Arab International Festival because of videos it posted on "YouTube". The videos show, from their point of view, some members' impassioned discussion with a Muslim group and an incident with festival security guards, as well as other scenes at the festival.

The City of Dearborn believes the 2009 Acts 17 Apologetics videos are a distortion of the group's experience and a misrepresentation of the Dearborn Arab International Festival.

In response, Dearborn Mayor John B. O'Reilly, Jr. hosted a meeting with the Dearborn Area Ministerial Association in September of 2009 to talk about the experience of Christian groups at the 2009 Arab Festival. Following that meeting, some pastors of Dearborn's evangelical Christian community tried repeatedly to contact members from Acts 17 Apologetics and never received a response. These Dearborn evangelical pastors later issued a lengthy statement stating they believe in the right to spread the message of Christianity, but criticized the tactics and behavior of members of Acts 17 Apologetics, saying they did not reflect a Christian spirit. http://www.fairlanealliance.org/downloads/letter_concerning_acts_17.pdf

World renowned Christian minister, author, and speaker Josh McDowell, who has spoken to more than 10 million people in 84 countries, attended the 2009 Dearborn Arab International Festival and posted a video on "YouTube" on January 12, 2010 reflecting his experience at the Dearborn event.

At the 2009 festival, Josh McDowell also spent time filming, interviewing, and speaking to event attendees regarding Christianity. The video posting by Josh McDowell showed quite a contrasting view from the video posting of Acts 17 Apologetics.

source: <http://www.cityofdearborn.org/news-and-events/press-releases/413-arab-fest-response>

Re: , on: 2012/6/28 11:36

The group under discussion reminds me of Westboro Baptist Church and the so called Florida pastor who wanted to burn a copy of the Koran. These groups simply portray Christians as hate mongers. This message will not bring the Muslims to Christ.

Also for these Christians who are belly aching about being persecuted for Christ at this Moslem festival. Let them go to a restricted country and see what true persecution is.

Persecution will come to America. But let it be that we are persecuted as lovers of Jesus. Not because we are acting like jerks.

Bearmaster.

Re: , on: 2012/6/28 11:41

Yes, "Westboro" is what's being said of them but it's reflecting on us all.

This whole thing is dreadfully sad because of the blow-back that this will have on the Good guys out there that are a true witness to Christ.

The 'pig head' video is out there and we all know how easy it is for human beings to stereotype classes of people. Christians are being seen now as being like this crew.

The video on youtube is titled "Christian Extremists invade Dearborn Arab and Muslim Festival with a Pig's Head to harass families"

The reason there were eggs there to be thrown in the first place is because someone was ready for these guys because they went through this before at these Arab festivals.

The man holding that disgusting pig's head was obviously filled with hate - if you can read the body language expressed on his face.

I'm concerned for our brothers in MI now - very much. I almost want to tell them to move away from Detroit and Dearborn.

Actually, I wish everyone near a city could move away from the cities - and not only because of these men but because of the trouble that's coming.

I'm sorry to say these things in public - but the cities are dangerous when things break-down financially or otherwise.

I'd only feel better if we made a major agreement to fast and pray for our brothers and sisters that live in or near certain towns or cities.

With the passing of this health care by the SCOTUS - we need to gird ourselves for the direction this country is going in and be ready to help others get through.

We need to have our own houses in order and be strong for those that are not yet.

His Shalom to His Saints that Trust in our GOD of Glory - The LORD of hosts!

Re: , on: 2012/6/28 11:55

I don't have an opinion one way or the other about the ministries in question or whether they are right in what they are doing... I don't live there and don't know all of the facts.

This much I know, however... Paul had no problem exercising his rights as a citizen of Rome in the book of Acts. He exercised his Roman rights when he was in prison. So much so that when the jailers realized he was a Roman citizen their behavior toward him changed immediately. He also exercised his rights to gain an audience with King Agrippa.

When Paul saw that he was not receiving justice at the hands of these governors, he appealed AS A ROMAN CITIZEN to Caesar Nero for an opportunity to defend himself in the court of Caesar. In Acts 25 we read that King Agrippa II and his sister Queen Bernice came to pay the new governor, Festus, a visit in Caesarea. While they were there, Festus consul

ted with King Agrippa II as to what he should write on the charge sheet to be sent to Rome with Paul. When Agrippa heard that Paul was there, he requested Paul be brought before him to make his case.

Who got to hear Paul preach the gospel that day? King, queen, governor, the leading citizens of the city and leading Roman officials. That's who!

All because Paul knew his rights as a citizen and exercised those rights for the express purpose of furthering the gospel.

So please stop with all this "we have no rights" stuff. There is definitely Biblical precedence for exercising our rights in whatever country we are citizens of.

Krispy

Re: , on: 2012/6/28 12:09

It probably would be good to meditate through Acts 19 when Paul was in Ephesus. This was a city that was demonic and worshipped Artemis. Yet Paul did not act like a jerk. He preached the truth in power and love. The town clerk who quieted the rioting stirred up by Demetrius, said these men who have neither blasphemed our goddess nor robbed temples. Do we see some wisdom here?

Even missionaries who go to foreign countries need to use common sense in respect for one's culture when presenting the gospel. If one goes to a religious culture and acts like a jerk in preaching Jesus. They will be persecuted. But it will be for being obnoxious. Not for following Christ.

Bearmaster

Re: , on: 2012/6/28 12:26

Bear... I agree. Mark your calendar!

Krispy

Re: - posted by pilgrim777, on: 2012/6/28 14:44

Quote:
-----When Paul saw that he was not receiving justice at the hands of these governors, he appealed AS A ROMAN CITIZEN to Caesar Nero for an opportunity to defend himself in the court of Caesar.

Act 16:37 But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out.

Act 16:38 And the serjeants told these words unto the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Romans.

There is a big difference between appealing to the government for your "rights" as a citizen in a foreign country, and fighting with flesh and blood to keep your rights.

Israel was pretty much under martial law, occupied by a foreign dictator (Rome) and we never see Jesus Christ or the Apostles getting involved politically to change their way of life and they certainly did not get involved aggressively, picking up weapons.

And we also do not see the Early Church protesting, engaging in work stoppages, having sit-ins, or other "peaceful" acts of rebellion. Neither did they pick up arms to defend themselves. Prior to 250AD they would not even let you share communion or be baptized if you were a soldier under arms.

I don't know if you are on other boards/forums, but there is a lot of chatter about Americans "losing their rights" and people

le (Christians) are ready for civil war. My point is that Jesus Christ who is supposed to be living in us would not pick up arms to fight for or defend His "rights". He says, "My kingdom is not of this world, if it was, THEN would my servants fight, but it is not of this world".

Also, our fight is not with "flesh and blood".

Unfortunately, Americans subscribe to the myth that the Constitution is on equal terms with the Scriptures. That is carnal thinking.

2Ti 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, BE STRONG IN THE GRACE THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS.

2Ti 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

2Ti 2:3 Thou therefore ENDURE HARDNESS, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

2Ti 2:4 No man that warreth entangleth himself WITH THE AFFAIRS OF THIS LIFE; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

When it comes right down to it, whatever the government gives to you it can take away. It has not been following its own constitution for a long time so better to act like you don't have any governmental rights because all I see around America is Christians constantly complaining about rights they are losing and reviling leaders that are taking away their "rights".

So, I stand by what I said.

We have the right, to walk as Jesus walked and be treated as He was treated. We have the right to preach the Gospel and be treated unfairly by men.

1Pe 2:23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

In this country, we are about to see political changes that will separate Christians. The ones that lean on the arm of the flesh to overcome their enemies and the ones that overcome evil with good and love their enemies, thereby allowing God to release redemptive grace from their lives.

We have forgotten that Jesus and the Apostles preached and lived non-resistance. (Not pacifism. Pacifism is humanistic and evil). Jesus was not a Pacifist.

Pilgrim

Krispy, on: 2012/6/28 14:44

Bro I am amazed. You agree with me. Ok I am marking my calendar. Blessings.

Bresux Besr.

Re: Krispy - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2012/6/28 14:52

Quote:
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These men are not from the Lord but from the enemy. They coming in the Name of Jesus but preach another Jesus and another Gospel. They are full of hatred towards others and the love of God is not in them.

In a fuller video they started off by saying some of the most wicked things and cursing all the holy things of Islam, this is simply not the way to preach the Gospel to these people.

Though the reaction of muslims in the video show the sinful nature at full work in them and yet they go to mosque every week. So this hypocrisy is evident, yet the greater hypocrites are those that supposedly are coming in the name of the Lord.

May God show great mercy on all who heard them and send them true witnesses of the Gospel.

It is no doubt that persecution is coming and violent acts against Christians will happen in America. We must never cease to preach the everlasting Gospel and be meek as lambs.

Re: - posted by pilgrim777, on: 2012/6/28 15:32

Amen, Greg! You don't have to be there to know that they are not representing our Lord. They make it very difficult for genuine Christians in that area who have a ministry to the Muslims. A ministry of reconciling them to God through Jesus Christ not pig's heads.

Pilgrim

Re: , on: 2012/6/28 17:54

Quote:
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When I wrote what I wrote about using the law, I was thinking of Paul in the exact same way you said in your post.

1 Corinthians 7:31 And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away.

Paul used the law to benefit the gospel, as a man he knew he was dead, as a Christian he used the law to the advantage of furthering the gospel by taking the gospel even to kings. I admire Paul for his quick thinking.

I thank God for the freedoms that we have, no dispute there. But to stand up for them like this group that calls themselves Acts 17 is not Christian at all. Phelps and his clan do the same thing with placards, how stupid can they be?

Jesus said let your light so shine among men. How is holding up a placard telling gays that they are an abomination good? It's not because gays are not an abomination, the ACT is the abomination not the person.

How is holding up a pig's head which is an abomination in the sight of Muslims going to win Muslims? It's going to anger them. Why not befriend them? Why not be wise as serpents and be harmless as a dove? Better yet, Why not be Jesus Christ here on earth? (1John4:7)

Re: , on: 2012/6/28 19:36

The bottom line is if a so called believer is going to act like a jerk to the unconverted they will be treated as such. There are times the gospel message will be offensive. That does not mean the gospel messenger is to be offensive.

Bearmaster.

Re: - posted by EverestoSama, on: 2012/6/29 1:44

Quote:
----- There are times the gospel message will be offensive. That does not mean the gospel messenger is to be offensive.

Exactly.

Re: , on: 2012/6/29 10:07

It will be offensive at times especially to the so called religious Christian. But the gospel is not the gospel if we are waving a pig's head in the face of those who look at it as an abomination. Flesh will never convert spirit. Only Spirit can convert spirit. And the gifts of the Spirit can convince spirit.

We know that to be true in our Churches, there is so much flesh trying to convert or minister to spirit and it's a big mess. It's these very things that we make our complaint about on these forums.

I think Paul could sum up these "brethren" quite well when he says,

Philippians 1:14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

Philippians 1:15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

Philippians 1:16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

Philippians 1:17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel.

Philippians 1:18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretense, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

I think the reason why he rejoiced is because the fact that though it may not be the perfect will of God that these people did what they did, if Christ is preached, the name of the Lord is getting out there in some way or another. I say this with reluctance. Perhaps, and we'll never know who might have had ears to hear. I think that is why Paul is rejoicing.

The motive from the beginning...to become that great hero. , on: 2012/6/29 10:11

"There are times the gospel message will be offensive. That does not mean the gospel messenger is to be offensive."

Where's the gospel message? Let us see how well that kind of ministry is received in say, Yemen, or Saudi Arabia, or Afghanistan, and let's see how much of that mighty bravado is mustered there, as you stand alone, rather than the squads of police that surround you here in the land of protected free speech.

Christian Shock-Jocks; glassy eyed egomaniacs who pride themselves as standing bravely for the truth as they fight for the cause, "I CONDEMN YOU!"; whether it be to the homosexual, the abortionist, the cultist or the Muslim.

Jesus saves, and is the only path to Heaven; All others lead to an awful Hell. But by simply pointing that out, one simply joins in on the condemnation part of sin...NOT the saving part of God. The deception is that by doing so, by advocating condemnation, you are made righteous. This was the glorious ministry of the Pharisee; exactly.

Over and over they sought condemnation of the sinner, in the presence of the Lord Jesus, as if THEY were the agents of THE Righteousness Of God. Jesus said that they were but sons of their father, the Devil.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.

Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'

And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'...Jesus

When we think we can forsake mercies and Love and pick up the Swine's head to whip the sinner, we are in deep doo-doo. As deceived as many are though, it is probably good for publicity and donations, and in the eyes of some, this make

s you a truly brave Christian hero. I think that this was the motive all along.

Re: The motive from the beginning...to become that great hero. - posted by Oracio (), on: 2012/6/29 12:27

Sadly, as with the westboro group, this group of "street preachers" give all street preachers a bad rap.

Re: , on: 2012/6/30 0:53

Does anyone know much about this group?

My fear is that we'll be seeing more of this type tactic to turn people against Christians completely, besides making things dangerous for all evangelists.

Do we know if these thug looking guys are actually Christians?
Stephen didn't "cuss" when he was being stoned.

There are infiltrators and provocateurs that were or are agents of one sort or another, who's business is to set people up for a fall or attack and that's what these guys reminded me of.

We need to pray that there's a revival or out-pouring of discernment on our young people that might be impressed by these counterfeits. It just seems that all one has to do is wear a Jesus t-shirt or say "I'm a Christian" and they're believed so easily - even by older Christians these days.

Re: , on: 2012/6/30 8:04

If you go on Ruben Israel's website and read his bio you will learn more about him.
I was first exposed to his group years ago on another video presentation.

For what it's worth I sent an email to him earlier in the week.
In a nutshell I asked him to consider not using such shock tactics as pig heads etc.

I do not know if he will adjust or not.

However as I tried to point out in the original post look beyond them.

The fact that a group of Arab people in America think that they can hurl things at people to get rid of them and the cops do nothing sends a strong message to them that they can do what they want. In America this type of conduct should never be tolerated by our police.

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America does not know how to handle the divorce problem.
The drug problem
America does not know how to handle the "sin" problem because she no longer, in general, knows what sin is.

We as the people of God must stand in the gap in our areas of influence. Through prayer and proclamation of the word we can have another great awakening and turn the tide by the power of God alone!!!!

edit for spelling

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/6/30 9:27

QUOTE:

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America does not know because the Christian people in it refuse to step up and say "NO!"

If you want to make enemies just start saying "no!" to sin and see what happens. In order to live peaceably with others you are forced (?) to capitulate to their ideology. They have been imbued with the "How to Win Friends and Influence People" philosophy of tolerance and to say "no" evokes strong reactions.

And no one wants to make enemies...we want to be well-liked, don't we?

But, then Jesus says you will have persecution. Persecution coming, here in the USA? We may not be persecuted physically, but I suggest we are in a great battle spiritually - we are beaten emotionally, spiritually and we bleed - it is painful.

Re: , on: 2012/6/30 10:08

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----- The fact that a group of Arab people in America think that they can hurl things at people to get rid of them and the cops do nothing sends a strong message to them that they can do what they want.

Maybe.

This group did not have a permit to go in there. There were 5 Christian outlets in that festival and 2 Muslim outlets that all went through the legal requirements according to the law to set up shop during the festival. Each one proselyting the other.

Acts 17 had no permit. They came in looking for protection from the law to do what they wanted to do in a Festival that is governed by the laws of the city of Dearborn. There is a mixed feeling in this so called Christian group. They seem to have a hatred for Muslims and yet believe in Jesus Christ.

I think they got what they deserved. They had every right to be there as a participant of the festivities, but to do what they did, they had no right. They kept demanding their constitutional right but they had none within that festival because they had every opportunity to obtain a permit to open a kiosk.

We have the same thing here. The city is not opposed to an organized street preaching team. You have to get a permit to preach in the square. Any individual can preach anywhere as long as he is not causing a disturbance. If news cameras are present then it would be labeled a production and it would require a permit.

Re: , on: 2012/6/30 10:14

Even if that group had their "Permit" it would not have mattered to the mob.

They got what they deserved? wow.. please be careful.

Re: , on: 2012/6/30 10:43

Quote:

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What would you have done if a group of people came into your home and planted their feet down and demanded that they have every right under the constitution to be in your home, what would you do?

If they didn't leave you'd call the police.

The police arrive, and now they are fighting with the police. Your unsaved neighbours and relatives get involved. Now there is a crowd of people in your home trying to get these people out. Your voice, and the police are drowned out by the mob that think they are doing you a favour. They now are using force. The police step back, it doesn't look good but in the end you've reclaimed your home and go back to resume your living.

Do you think those that entered your home and was ousted by whatever means possible, do you think that they got what they deserved?

A YES or a NO is all that is needed.

Re: , on: 2012/6/30 11:01

Quote:

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The analogy you present is not the same. Therefore in no way could I give a yes or no answer.

Secondly a Republic functions under the rule of law. The laws of nature and of nature's God.

A mob is not allowed to break the law and physically assault people.

In regards to permits that is a lower ordinance issue and they were going to be "cited" if they did not leave.

As I have said in previous post I have sent email to Ruben with my concerns of his approach on certain things.

Now I have dealt with police over the years in evangelism. So I am no stranger to this. I have also dealt with large crowds both in ministry as well as the military. So I am no stranger to the dynamics of this as well.

edit for spelling

Re: , on: 2012/6/30 11:12

I think what this group has done is destroyed an opportunity to graciously get the gospel out to Moslems. They have also brought reproach upon the name of Christ. And as one poster has said destroyed the viability of credible street preachers. In this the enemy has won.

I am sure there would have been more effective ways of lovingly sharing Christ at this festival than using invectives and a pig head. Like how about setting up a booth and giving out bottles of water to the Moslems. Telling this is offered in love of Jesus. Asking if you can pray for them. The Moslems are willing to let you pray over them. Particularly if you bless them. And yes in Jesus name. I suggest such an approach will be far more effective in reaching Moslems with the gospel.

I have only had the blessed opportunity to share Christ with two Moslems in my walk with Jesus. Only God knows if the

y are truly saved. But there was an open heart for them to listen. If I had gone with a pig head. I don't think I would have had opportunity to plant a gospel seed.

Brother Andrew has said ISLAM is I Sincerely Love All Moslems.

Bear.

Re: Close to Blasphemy, on: 2012/6/30 11:19

"They seem to have a hatred for Muslims and yet believe in Jesus Christ.

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I do too, and maybe not enough of what they deserved. Rueben Israel was interviewed by several major National News Agencies, and he milked it all as the persecuted Righteous Martyr.

Remember that Dearborne IS Detroit, and Detroit is the fulcrum for Muslim Dominance in America.

<http://www.examiner.com/sharia-law-in-detroit>

Some call it the Constitutional Alamo of America.

Islamicists there study the Constitution to guarantee their right for Sharia law to trump American Law as their religious freedom, and they have made great gains for Allah in this respect. In America, it is the front lines in the War for Allah.

He also stated, at least on Facebook, his immediate plans to return to other Muslim venues, and "preach" more. This event fueled his ambition to be seen as the brave heroic martyr; a veritable Paul the Apostle figure standing for the fiery gospel;

Otherwise, this is what he seeks. His conflict in his mind elevates himself above all other Preachers; The Persecuted Apostle! He wants more! He wants to earn it, so I say he deserves it. He worked hard for it.

There is a Biblical precedent, that Mr. Rueben may not have considered, though.

"Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches."

Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so.

And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

...and they were abused.

Preaching in the face of the wicked violent is fine, if you are led to, but not without holiness and the power of Christ. Mr. Rueben may soon experience the consequences of his foolishness.

He is defaming the Name and wiping it in dung, as he hisses through the swines head an Ambassador of the Holy One. It may come from the infidel, but it will be sent by God; for it is close to blasphemy.

EDIT:...Here is another view that proves the police stepped in many times to protect them, and displays the carnality of the preaching...

<http://www.christandpopculture.com/elsewhere/muslims-stoning-christians-in-michigan-not-quite/>

Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2012/6/30 11:30

thingsabove and ginnyrose, great points about the need for us to stand up and say NO to sin.

Quote:

-----Does anyone know much about this group?

My fear is that we'll be seeing more of this type tactic to turn people against Christians completely, besides making things dangerous for all evangelists .

Do we know if these thug looking guys are actually Christians?
Stephen didn't "cuss" when he was being stoned.(Jesus-is-GOD)

I have been seeing and hearing quite a bit about this group over the past few years. They are known for calling people names and preaching in a hateful, condemning way, without showing compassion for the souls they preach to.

They hardly ever quote Scripture but mostly yell things such as "shame on you, you homo, sinner", etc. In their preaching they graphically decrbe certain sins such as homosexuality.

To me they are similar to Westboro. They hold to KJV-only and seem cultish if you ask me. I cannot say for sure whether or not they are saved but I can say they bear much bad fruit.

I'm all for preaching hard against sin in the open air such as John the Baptist did. But this group preaches in the flesh and not in the Spirit and you can tell the difference if you use discernment.

I truly believe we need more Spirit-filled believers to Go, Stand, and Speak(Acts 5:20), so that people can see the difference between carnal and Spirit-filled street preaching. Sadly, these guys have more boldness and dedication for getting their message out than many Christians today. And that is why many people only see this kind of example and are turned off.

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Well said, well balanced!

Also brothertom good points concerning sharia law etc.

Edit add, I would also ask that since many here talk of blessing and praying for your enemies that you would lift up this group as well as westboro that they would soften and change their approach for the glory of God!

The cost., on: 2012/6/30 12:00

Here is another story of a preacher confronting the Muslim.

Jeddah (AsiaNews/Agencies)

Eyob Mussie, a Christian refugee in Saudi Arabia, was told that he would be forcibly repatriated to Eritrea where he could be jailed and sentenced to death.

Mussie was arrested on 12 February in front of a mosque in Jeddah, the kingdom's second largest city. He had gone there to talk to Muslims about Christianity.

He was charged with proselytising, which in Saudi Arabia can entail the death penalty.

Saudi authorities initially viewed Eyob as a mental case. A medical test found instead that he was fit to stand trial. He was eventually moved to Briman Prison, a high security prison. However, instead of sentencing to death, the authorities decided to send him back to Eritrea.

In Eritrea, some 3,000 Christians are currently in prison without charges. Some have been held in isolation for years.

The probability that Eyob Mussie would receive the same treatment, including the possibility of the death penalty is very high.....

Perhaps Rueben Israel loves the Muslim enough to travel to Saudi Arabia and convert many to faith in Jesus?; probably not, I suppose. Some do, at the peril of death.

Re: , on: 2012/6/30 12:29

Thank you for this link -

<http://www.christandpopculture.com/elsewhere/muslims-stoning-christians-in-michigan-not-quite/>

Thank you for your words, Oracio.

Regardless of what unsaved people do or believe - there is no excuse for the Deceptive news these people tried to put out about what happened that day and there's No Excuse for what they said and did to "sinners".

Find this behavior in the New Testament - cussing, lying, editing films, vile displays - all in The Name of Christ?

Don't talk about the Muslims on this thread - talk about what these men did to destroy the witness of CHRIST HIMSELF and any chances of any UNSAVED person getting "reached by The Gospel" that day.

The danger now to any good street preacher because of these hate-filled charlatans.

Unsaved people are unsaved people - but those that claim HIS NAME and claim to represent HIM - are those that THE CHURCH ARE TOLD TO JUDGE!

WE'RE NOT TO 'HATE' ANYONE!

Anyone that destroys the witness of The Gospel before the unsaved needs to be publically exposed and strongly rebuked and prayed against!

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This Should make us angry. It's HIS Image that they dragged through the mud in front of the whole internet world now --- before those that Desperately NEED HIM.