

Scriptures and Doctrine :: A different Kingdom?

A different Kingdom? - posted by Croref, on: 2012/11/10 6:45

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Bring on the "self-Help" books, folks. For such is the way of today's "visible" church__the result of such teaching.

Re: A different Kingdom? - posted by White_Stone (), on: 2012/11/11 9:44

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Is this statement by Chambers of no interest to anyone who sits in his church week after week listening to the same salvation message preached, ad nauseam? The same plea given to those who have already worn out their "rededicaters"?

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by White_Stone on 2012/11/11 6:44:53

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Thank You, White stone. Your reply was refreshing__and encouraging.

Re: - posted by jochbaptist (), on: 2012/11/14 8:32

Dear Croref

Great quote.

Please drop the "ad nauseam" thing. Try finding a less upsetting alternative to "ad infinitum".

Blessings

Re: - posted by White_Stone (), on: 2012/11/14 9:21

jochbaptist,

The two phrases are not interchangeable. See below,

ad nauseam = to a sickening or excessive degree

ad infinitum = to infinity; endlessly; without limit

To be endless and without limit describes God's Grace.

You could not substitute that for something which continues to the point of being sickening.

To preface such a suggestion with praise and end it with a blessing does not change the taste or tone.

ws

Re: - posted by Croref, on: 2012/11/14 9:51

by jochbaptist on 2012/11/14 5:32:56

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I wish it was otherwise that I could, Brother. Fact is, I don't need to re-dedicate my life every meeting time. I am not a 'victim' Jesus sympathizes with. I am not any longer a sinner saved by grace. He saved me, years ago. Therefore, I was a sinner saved by grace. I am now a saint learning how to be faithful IN the Father__and I am learning to do that mostly on my own__since the church doesn't speak of Jesus after meeting. Ergo, if the Church is purposed to express Christ and be an outlet for corporate worship it should do so and not continually "beat up" the sheep by bringing them under condemnation and making the message of salvation its shallow "pep rally" theme _ad nauseam. Sorry. It is not and never will be a, sustaining message. What's left for a reason to go except the chicken dinner.

Our nation is in an irreversible death struggle because the church_____again, has failed to police itself of it's watered down "only believe" doctrine..

OMT: I attend a Baptist church. I go not for the shallow message nobody remembers or the "rote" worship, Stanzas 1,2, & 4 out of the hymnal on the same 3 hymns but, because I have some friends there who, on early weekday mornings meet at the local Mickey D's and talk about the ball game.

What is supposed to come after salvation in your mind, jochbaptist?___And how is it in your assembly?

Re: - posted by jochbaptist (), on: 2012/11/14 10:03

Dear W-S

Sorry to be unclear on this.

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I can see that one can debate endlessly around an issue, but why take it to a point of being sickening when you are a child of God?

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Re: - posted by Croref, on: 2012/11/14 10:06

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by jochbaptist on 2012/11/14 7:03:17

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Children of God need milk. Sons of God need meat.

Re: - posted by jochbaptist (), on: 2012/11/14 10:25

Dear Croref

To be discipled, and to follow Him, seeking His Kingdom and storing up treasures there.

My assembly? You ask a hard question Bro. They sure don't live up to what it could be, neither do I. But as iron sharpens iron we shape each other's countenance. The closer I am to My Father, the greater the blessing of our interactions.

Got to run Planning to have family assembly (I like your alternative word for "church") tonight. Want to share with my wife & 4 daughters what is on my heart for us at the moment - obedience.

Re: - posted by arkp, on: 2012/11/14 10:39

by Croref on 2012/11/14 7:06:15

Croref,

You have no idea, what you have just done. To delete your post, you have cancelled the work of God's Holy Spirit. How do you feel right, now! Are you in anyway grieved, do you not understand..That when Jesus died on the cross, it was for you as well as for myself, and others who accepted the invitation towards Salvation. Do you not fear, the living God in the Moderators? For this i am out!!

Believers, have been saved from the guilt and penalty of sin. Believers, have been saved from the habit and dominion of sin. Believers, will be saved at the Lord's return, from all the bodily infirmities, and curse; brought into an entire conformity to Christ..

Salvation, is by grace through faith. It's a free gift and wholly without works. The divine order: is First Salvation, then works.

To insinuate that you were once saved and no longer need salvation, sounds selfrighteous; in essence the cross means nothing to you, and the fact that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was the ultimate sacrifice. I guess communion means the same thing to you as well. When was the last time you had communion and repented of your sins; remembering who hung on the Cross? God looked for someone that would stand in the gap and intercede, he found no-one, so he himself interceded for us, he paid the price.

Enough said...

Re: - posted by Croref, on: 2012/11/16 8:05

Those of us who know there is more in the scriptures having to do with God seeking those with a pure motivation, to know Him for Who He is rather than to know Him because of His great salvation, will always have a problem when conversing with those who don't see it that way. The arguments presented most often stem from an incomplete understanding of the gospel; from that part having to do with the assurance of their own welfare in Christ and not from the desire to serve Him for His sake alone. Depending upon which side of the issue of redemption one stands will determine how he reads his bible which will reveal what you are up against when the discussion ever so slightly deepens. It will be from either a self-centered perspective or a God-centered one__and we know full well which side the enemy loves for us to take.

Re: A different Kingdom? - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/11/16 10:22

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Re: - posted by Croref, on: 2012/11/16 12:12

by Sree on 2012/11/16 8:58:46

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I believe he is but I don't have a problem with your take on it either. Either way, presumption seems to be the thing that is birthed in them. A crossless Christ easily comes to mind; salvation without repentance. I can live my life and still have Jesus which is an open door for the promotion of additional false teachings found in Christian psychology self help books.

Thanks Sree. I think you are on track.

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Jesus manifested or demonstrated the word of eternal life. It is not some theology that he explained, it is a life. This is our calling as well.

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Thank you Sree. We will all know we are on the right track when our motivation is, by our faith, perfected in our worship of Him__24-7__not because of what He did but because of Who He is. Short of that will reveal the shallow redemption stories birthed in unbelief and victimization resulting in the believing it is about us because He loves us and requires nothing

ng but our signature to a pledge upon reading a statement of faith and profession.

What a sad commentary from a people who should know better.