

**News and Current Events :: Ulf Ekman Converts to Roman Catholicism**

**Ulf Ekman Converts to Roman Catholicism - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/3/12 2:28**

I'm not posting this to get negative comments but just because it is news...

(2nd paragraph from article:)

Ekman is the founder of Word of Life, a megachurch in Uppsala, Sweden. News reports and blogs coming out of the nation reveal the congregation was "partially stunned" after hearing what was packaged as a "special announcement." The theme was "Follow the Lamb Wherever He Goes."

- See more at:

<http://news.charismanews.com/world/43058-ulf-ekman-converts-to-roman-catholicism>

**Re: Ulf Ekman Converts to Roman Catholicism, on: 2014/3/12 9:25**

Hi Lysa, thanks for posting this story.

This is a huge story with ramifications for what is left of Christianity in Europe. Those of us who know better (ex-Catholics, now born again) have warned others for many years about the true nature of the so called "charismatic Catholic." Their loyalties lie with the Catholic church and always have.

This is one more piece in the puzzle that will make up the great whore church that will entice and intoxicate the world. Just wait until we see lying signs and wonders come from the Vatican and its leader, the world will trip over itself in their rush towards it and those completely lacking in discernment within Christendom will lead the charge.....bro Frank

**Re: Ulf Ekman Converts to Roman Catholicism, on: 2014/3/12 9:38**

this is all happening WAY too quick.....THIS is sad testimony.... now a "mega church" apostate announces the whore of Rome has seduced him.

**Re: - posted by Solomon101, on: 2014/3/12 10:51**

HezWellng - I don't wish to speak for Lysa. However, with all due respect brother I think you did exactly what she asked to not be done on her thread. You seemed to take her post about a very specific event of news and used it as your springboard to go on an attack of several non related issues.

I again cannot speak for the moderators but it would seem that your post is also much like the ones they have locked recently. Your post seems filled with a lot of angry personal attacks.

My wife and I have Ukrainian friends that are born again believers and pastors of local churches living close to the battle lines of Crimea right now. They do not agree with your assessment of what is happening there at all. However, that was not the point of Lysa's thread. So ... in order to not further hijack her post ... back to Ulf declaring his allegiance to the Catholic Church.

I am a pretty shocked by it. When I was a student at Rhema Ulf would come and speak occasionally. He was a man full of passion and fire to reach his nation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Not a compromised Gospel at all ... the real deal. A fellow student that I rented a house with while I was a student there was from the church Ulf pastored. This turn to Catholicism is so totally counter to what Ulf was preaching then. Of course that was some 25 years ago ... so I am sure people can change a great deal over that amount of time. I haven't actually heard Ulf speak in probably 20 years ... so the Ulf of today may be very different than the one I was familiar with.

It is saddening. That church did a great amount of good for many years. It is certainly possible that God has a few true lights scattered within the darkness of the Catholic Church. I have known a few that stayed for the sole purpose of being a missionary. They viewed it as a pagan foreign land but stayed within to speak the truth. That led to many confrontations

s I am sure.

I currently minister in a community that statistically claims to be about 70% practicing Catholic. They can do virtually ANYTHING and feel it is fine with God as long as they go take the Eucharist and go to a confessional a time or two a year.

If asked why they should be allowed into God's eternal heaven the answer I normally get from a Catholic is "I was baptized, took the Eucharist/Communion and went to a confessional with a priest saying whatever prayers he prescribed for me". That is what their faith is in ... not grace by faith.... not the cross ... not the blood of Christ ... not repentance from sin or believing the Gospel. It is merited salvation in their minds that they are owed based on their works.

I do know several people in the church Ulf pastored. I do not believe Ulf's turning to Catholicism will affect the people there much. Most of them are too well grounded in scripture to fall for that. However, since Ulf has been so well known in that part of the world I pray that his decision does not affect others in a way that might shake their heart.

**Solomon...i'll remove the offending portions., on: 2014/3/12 10:58**

i'll re-edit.....I opened a new thread.

**Re: Solomon...i'll remove the offending portions. - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/3/12 11:04**

Greetings Lisa

It is truly very sad thing to hear. Many are being deceived today and that is why it so vital to be in the Bible and walking daily with HIM. If we remain close to the Shepard we will know His voice and not be deceived by traditions of men and false teachings.

God bless  
mj

**Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/3/12 14:27**

Quote:  
-----From the article:  
We have seen a great love for Jesus and a sound theology, founded on the Bible and classic dogma. We have experienced the richness of sacramental life. We have seen the logic in having a solid structure for priesthood, that keeps the faith of the church and passes it on from one generation to the next.  
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Frank,

To be honest, I always kind of thought some of you ex-Catholics were a little on edge about the Catholic Church! :) You know I mean well!

But after reading that a supposedly perfectly sane child of the Living God thinks that the Catholic church has a "solid structure for the priesthood (?) and that it has a better theology and a love for Jesus (?). I just cannot fathom anyone giving up their freedom in Christ for bondage, so I had to post the article.

God bless,  
Lisa

**Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/3/12 14:45**

Quote:  
-----Solomon wrote:  
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Bro,

But something happened that took him from the 'real deal' to joining the catholic church. I am reminded of Paul saying, "...lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1Cor 9.27)

We all must watch at this late hour lest we find ourselves being deceived. No one is exempt and from what you said, I think Ulf proves that. Thank you for your post!

God bless,  
Lisa

**Re: , on: 2014/3/12 17:25**

Lysa writes.....

"Frank,

To be honest, I always kind of thought some of you ex-Catholics were a little on edge about the Catholic Church! :) You know I mean well!"

I do know you mean well and that made me smile sister. I think no one would be surprised if a Muslim was converted to the Lord Jesus and he went around speaking of Jesus and warning of the deceptions of Islam. That is what those who come out of the Catholic church do.

My advice to all brothers and sisters, if you want to know something about the Jewish faith and how it pertains to Christianity, ask someone who was formerly Jewish but is now a Christian. Same goes with Islam. Ask someone who was formerly a Muslim and who is now a Christian. And right alongside of that, if you want to know something of Catholicism, ask someone who was formerly a Catholic who is now a Christian. There is a great deception coming over the whole world and if it were possible, even the very elect would be deceived.....bro Frank

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/3/12 17:38**

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I think brother Frank is getting to the core of the issue is that no matter who we are, even a pastor there will be such a great deception coming. May we cling to Christ and seek to be in the light with Him now before greater deception comes upon us.