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Great Quotes 18 - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/4/1 19:04

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"I am afraid that I see only a few who speak the Truth, but of those few most speak the Truth with hate, anger, bitterness, arrogance and vindictiveness. It does not matter how much Truth you speak; if you do so with the wrong attitude you are wasting your time. The Lord will not honor you and He will not bless your words." Anton Bosch

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/4/2 18:29

Neither be partaker of other men's sins - It is a sin for any improper person to thrust himself into the sacred office; and he partakes of that sin who introduces, helps him forward, or sanctions him in it. O, what an account will rash, undiscerning, and prejudiced bishops, presbyters, and others, have to render to God for their ordinations! Their laying rash or careless hands "on skulls that cannot teach, and will not learn;" while probably they refuse inducting others well qualified for the Christian ministry. - Adam Clarke

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/4/3 17:16

"We must be filled with the Holy Spirit. This is no optional command of the Bible, it is absolutely necessary. Those earthly disciples could never have stood up under the persecution of the Jews and Romans had they not waited for Pentecost. Each of us needs our own personal Pentecost, the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We will never be able to stand in the tribulation without it."

- Corrie Ten Boom

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/4/4 15:33

"I have seen the vision and for self I cannot live; Life is less than worthless till my all I give." - Oswald J. Smith

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/4/4 21:16

"A true biblically functioning community must include being multiethnic."

- Bill Hybels

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/4/4 21:47

"The greatest witnessing tool that we have been given by Jesus is the unity of the Church."

- Mark DeYmaz

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/4/5 19:21

"We do not teach and practice community of goods but we teach and testify the Word of the Lord, that all true believers in Christ are of one body (I Cor. 12:13), partakers of one bread (I Cor. 10:17), have one God and one Lord (Eph. 4). Seeing then that they are one, . . . it is Christian and reasonable that they also have divine love among them and that one member cares for another, for both the Scriptures and nature teach this. They show mercy and love, as much as is in them. They do not suffer a beggar among them. They have pity on the wants of the saints. They receive the wretched. They take strangers into their houses. They comfort the sad. They lend to the needy. They clothe the naked. They share their bread with the hungry. They do not turn their face from the poor nor do they regard their decrepit limbs and flesh (Isa. 58). This is the kind of brotherhood we teach." - Menno Simons

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/4/6 4:45

from faith to faith (Romans 1:17)
from strength to strength (Psalm 84:7)
from glory to glory (2 Corinthians 3:18)
from His fullness...grace upon grace (John 1:16)
Christ who fills all in all (Ephesians 1:23)
in all things Christ preeminent (Colossians 1:18)

Re: - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/4/6 11:58

"The greatest stumbling-block in the way of victory over prayerlessness is the secret feeling that we shall never obtain the blessing of being delivered from it...In His blood and grace there is complete deliverance from all unrighteousness and from all prayerlessness, praised be His name forever!" - Andrew Murray

Re: - posted by ManOfG0d (), on: 2015/4/6 20:34

Your damnation is your own election, not GOD's.-Spurgeon

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/4/8 22:19

Christ is the goal toward which all history and existence moves (see Ephesians 1:9-10)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/4/9 19:36

"Not fornication only, but even marriages make us unfit for ecclesiastical honors; for neither a bishop, nor a presbyter, nor a deacon, nor a widow is able to be twice married." - Origen (Homilies on Luke, 17)

Re: - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/4/9 22:48

"As Christ is in the Father, so the saints are in Christ; and he that touches the saints, touches the apple of God's eye ." (John Bunyan)

"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints." (Psalm 116:15)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/4/10 19:02

"How different the world would look, how different the state of our nation would be, if there were more sanctified priestly souls! These are souls who have the power to bless, for they intercede with sanctified hearts. They never begin their daily time of intercessory prayer without having first brought to the cross all that is unholy in their lives, so that their old self can be crucified there with Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb." - Basilea Schlink

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/4/10 19:03

"You are troubled and anxious. Yet you cannot solve your problems and difficulties by yourself. Your own restless thoughts and aspirations are making you weak and incompetent. They clog the channel of your heart through which God wants His help to flow. Leave everything to God. Let all your restless thoughts, worrying and frenetic planning come to rest. Rest in God and in His sovereign rule in the knowledge that He will act. Then you will discover that "in quietness and in trust shall be your strength". So choose this course and you will experience help." - Basilea Schlink

Re: - posted by ManOfG0d (), on: 2015/4/10 19:55

Preachers today spend more time trying to convince the saved that they can't be Lost, rather than convincing the lost that they can be saved. -Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/4/10 23:15

"Another independent action that results in the loss of intimacy and love for the Lord is when we fail to stop and ask Him how He wants the burden He has given us to be carried out." - K. P. Yohannan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/4/17 12:20

â€œEverybody wants to enjoy heaven after they die, but they donâ€™t want to be heavenly-minded while they live.â€ - D.L. Moody

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/4/18 11:22

â€œOur blessed Lord took all opportunities of reminding his disciples that their professing themselves to be His followers, would call them to a constant state of voluntary suffering and self-denial.â€ - George Whitefield

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/4/19 5:51

But let not this dismay us; for in all this, the seed of the woman is more than conqueror, and bruises the serpent's head. Thus the Israelites, the more they were oppressed, the more they increased. Thus it was with the Apostles; thus it was with their immediate followers. So that Tertullian compares the church in his time to a mowed field; the more frequently it is cut, the more it grows. The blood of the martyrs was always the seed of the church. And I have often sat down with wonder and delight, and admired how God has made the very schemes which his enemies contrived, in order to hinder, become the most effectual means to propagate his gospel. The devil has had so little success in persecution, that if I did not know that he and his children, according to this verse, could not but persecute, I should think he would count it his strength to sit still.

- George Whitefield

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/4/19 5:55

â€œIf it were not for persecution, I should not understand the scripture.â€

- Luther

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/4/19 5:59

â€œIf Satan should be yet suffered to bruise my heel further, and his servants should thrust me into prison, I doubt not, but even that would only tend to the more effectual bruising of his head.â€ I remember a saying the then Lord Chancellor to the pious Bradford: â€œThou hast done more hurt, said he, by thy exhortations in private in prison, than thou didst in preaching before thou was put in."

- G.W.

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/4/19 6:10

Are there any enemies of God here? The promise of the text encourages me to bid you defiance: the seed of the woman, the ever-blessed Jesus, shall bruise the serpent's head. What signifies all your malice? You are only raging waves of the sea, foaming out your own shame. For you, without repentance, is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. The Lord Jesus sits in heaven, ruling over all, and causing all things to work for his children's good: he laughs you to scorn: he hath you in the utmost derision, and therefore so will I. Who are you that persecute the children of the ever blessed God? Though a poor stripling, the Lord Jesus, the seed of the woman, will enable me to bruise your heads.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/4/20 16:35

"Beloved, do not be afraid of opposition. It is a necessary ingredient in our lives; it is bread for us." - Carter Conlon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/4/22 12:24

â€œI would rather play with forked lightning, or take in my hand living wires with their fiery current, than speak a reckless word against any servant of Christ, or idly repeat the slanderous darts which thousands of Christians are hurling on others.â€ - A.B. Simpson

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/4/22 19:58

"Christianity is not a matter of persuading people of particular ideas, but of inviting them to share in the greatness of Christ. So pray that I may never fall into the trap of impressing people with clever speech, but instead I may learn to speak with humility, desiring only to impress people with Christ Himself." â€ Ignatius of Antioch, 35-108 A.D.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/4/23 17:07

"Great Potter, fashion us! Wise Artificer, frame us! Pierced Hands, guide us where we should go. We will not be perverse children, but submit to Thy wise understanding and trust where we cannot see, committing the keeping of our souls to Thee in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creator. Amen." - Prayer by F.B Meyer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/4/24 15:04

â€œNothing profits us so much as constantly to remember the mercies of God, whether public or private. And if our hearts are warmed when we receive the favors of our friends, or hear some kind word or deed of theirs, much more shall we be zealous in His service when we see into what dangers we had fallen, and that God has delivered us from them all.â€ â€ John Chrysostom

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/4/25 22:56

"It is only as we look to Christ that we can have the perspective of seeing our differences as blessings. The Body of Christ is complete only because of differences." - K.P. Yohannan

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/5/1 20:42

"Don't find fault, find a remedy. Anybody can complain."--Henry Ford

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/5/2 10:57

"You and I are ambassadors of the kingdom of forgiveness. It is therefore imperative that we forgive others, lest we be unable to represent the forgiveness of God on the earth." - Carter Conlon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/5/5 13:00

â€œThere is nothing like the light of eternity to show what is real and what is not.â€ - Catherine Booth

Re: - posted by turn, on: 2015/5/6 8:33

...We are all apt to divorce comfort from duty and to content ourselves with a 'barren and unfruitful knowledge' of Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:8) as if all that he required of the world were only a few naked and cold and inactive apprehensions of his merit and all things were so done for us that nothing remained to be done by us. This is the wretched conceit of many in the present age, and therefore, either they abuse the sweetness of grace to looseness or the power of it to laziness. Christ's merit and the Spirit's efficacy are the commonplaces from whence they draw all the defenses and excuses of their own wantonness and idleness.

It is true God hath opened an excellent treasure in the church to defray the expenses of humble sinners, and to bear the expenses of the saints to heaven; but there is nothing allowed to wanton prodigals who spend freely and sin lavishly upon the mere account of the riches of grace...

- Thomas Manton (1620-1677) from preface to his work: James, A Practical Commentary.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/5/6 11:17

â€œWhy are there strifes, and tumults, and divisions, and schisms among you? Have we not one God and one Christ? Is there not one Spirit of grace poured out upon us?â€ - Clement of Rome

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/5/8 11:22

"The ministry that is fed upon flattery, and flatters those who flatter it, is a poor feeble counterfeit, and God will never bless it." - C.H. Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/5/9 23:58

"Why do we tear apart the members of Christ, and come to such a degree of madness that we forget we are members of one of another?" - Clement of Rome (AD 90).

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/5/11 17:14

"God has a blueprint for our journey and for yours! Even if He doesn't show it to us ahead of time, we can trust Him completely" â€Dr. K.P. Yohannan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/5/11 17:14

â€œMuch of Christendom has lost the childlike innocence, wonder and amazement of Godâ€™s presence, the thrill and glory of belonging to Him.â€ - K. P. Yohannan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/5/12 16:01

"Every criticism or slight against you, warranted or not, received or endured humbly, is written in heaven for your reward." - John Piper

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/5/13 11:27

"To be 'right' without mercy on s more painful and destructive even than being in error itself." -Art Kartz

Re: - posted by turn, on: 2015/5/13 23:12

Most Christians in the West are educated beyond their obedience. More education is not what we need. We need more obedience to what we already know...Knowing something is not nearly as potent as doing something with what you know...When God develops a leader organically, he develops the whole person, not merely his or her knowledge.

- Neil Cole in Organic Leadership

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/5/15 11:22

â€œThe more you selfishly love yourself, the more critical you will be. Self-love cannot forgive the self-love it discovers in others. Nothing is so offensive to a haughty, conceited heart as the sight of another one.â€ - Fenelon

Re: - posted by ManOfGod (), on: 2015/5/24 22:04

"The Christian life can only be lived one way, and that is God's way. God's way is that I leave all and follow Him." Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/5/26 17:01

"There is something worse than holding our silence while the lost of this world run headlong into hell: the crime of preaching to a different gospel than the one passed down to the saints. For this reason, we must shun the gospel of contemporary evangelicalism, for it is a watered-down, culturally carved, truncated gospel that allows men to hold to a form of godliness while denying its power, to profess to know God while denying Him with their deeds, and to call Jesus "Lord, Lord," while not doing the Father's will. Woe to us if we do not preach the gospel, but even greater woe is due us if we preach it incorrectly!" - Paul Washer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/5/27 12:22

"How can you expect to dwell with God forever, if you so neglect and forsake him here?" - Jonathan Edwards

Re: - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/5/27 18:12

"Let us ask God to restore the light in our own souls. Let us become simple. It may be that God will keep you small and hidden. O wonderful, wonderful call! He says, "My love, let me see thy countenance, thou that art in the secret place of the stairs." Let others make a great noise and clamor for attention. The bride of Christ is hiding away in Him with one desire only to please the Bridegroom." - Hans Waldvogel

Re: - posted by ManOfGod (), on: 2015/5/28 17:35

The Pharisees came to John questioning by Who's authority he preached. I love his reply. He said, I am the voice(of the one crying in the wilderness). John had a voice, most of us are just an echo."

Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/6/7 12:34

"Let the mouth also fast from disgraceful speeches and railings. For what does it profit if we abstain from fish and fowl and yet bite and devour our brothers and sisters? The evil speaker eats the flesh of his brother and bites the body of his neighbour." - John Chrysostom

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/6/9 11:07

"You may find hundreds of faultfinders among professed Christians; but all their criticism will not lead one solitary soul to Christ. I never preached a sermon yet that I could not pick to pieces, and find fault with. I feel that Jesus Christ ought to have a far better representative than I am. But I have lived long enough to discover that there is nothing perfect in this world. If you are to wait till you find a perfect preacher, or perfect meetings, I am afraid you will have to wait till the millennium arrives. What we want is to be looking up to Christ. Let us be done with faultfinding." - D.L. Moody

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/6/9 12:09

"Jesus did not have classrooms, no, he taught them to follow God as they walked on earth." - K.P. Yohannan

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2015/6/10 10:25

If God did not forgive sinners, Heaven would be empty.-Unknown

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/6/14 13:12

My dear friend, you may feel spiritual in a crowd on Sunday morning, but following the Lord is intensely personal. I urge you to seek Him and wait in His presence until you are overcome by His love and you love Him back. Fall in love with Jesus
That's it

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/6/16 14:40

"Learn from me" - Jesus (Matthew 11:29)

Re: , on: 2015/6/18 20:01

"Those who have succeeded in defining doctrine most closely, have lost Christ most completely."

James S. Stewart - A Man in Christ

Re: , on: 2015/6/19 2:00

All the wretched mess that exists in the organization of Christianity today... is because something specific in itself, either a movement, a mission, a teaching, a testimony, a fellowship, has taken the place of Christ.
T. Austin Sparks

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/6/21 9:45

I have rightfully no other business each day but to do God's work as a servant, constantly regarding His pleasure. May I have grace to live above every human motive, simply with God and to God.
- Henry Martyn (missionary to India)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/6/21 11:34

â€œAll of humanity's problems stem from man's inability to sit quietly in a room alone.â€ - Blaise Pascal

Re: - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/6/23 0:25

"Let Him show us the vision of the Glory, and bring us to the very end of self, let Him touch our lips with the live coal, and set us on fire to burn for Him, yea, burn with consuming love for Him, and a purpose none can turn us from, and a passion like a pure white flame, â€œa passion for the Glory of God!â€
Oh, may this passion consume us! Burn the self out of us, burn the love into usâ€for Godâ€™s Glory we ask it, Amen."
- Amy Carmichael

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/6/23 13:57

Some missionaries bound for Africa were laughed at by the boat captain. "You'll only die over there," he said. But a missionary replied, "Captain, we died before we started." - Vance Havner

Re: - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/6/25 0:40

"The fire of God did so burn in my soul that I could not rest day or night without doing something for my God and Saviour. Nor could I go with satisfaction to sleep, if I had not done something for His glory that day." - Howell Harris

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/6/28 12:12

The evangelist Charles Finney speaking at a pastor's conference in 1873:

"Brethren, our preaching will bear its legitimate fruits. If immorality prevails in the land, the fault is ours in a great degree. If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the public press lacks moral discrimination, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the church is degenerate and worldly, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the world loses its interest in religion, the pulpit is responsible for it. If Satan rules in our halls of legislation, the pulpit is responsible for it. If our politics become so corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the pulpit is responsible for it. Let us not ignore this fact, my dear brethren; but let us lay it to heart, and be thoroughly awake to our responsibility in respect to the morals of this nation."

Re: - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/6/28 23:28

"Spend much time at Calvary...look at that love, look and look till you can say to Him, 'Yes, Lord, anything.'" - Amy Carmichael

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/6/30 14:26

"The death of any nation goes from trusting God to rejecting Him, to idolatry, to immorality, to homosexuality, to a depraved mind (Romans 1)" - Steve Lawson

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/6/30 18:21

"I will not be able to make it in this life without you, without the Body of Christ. We become like Jesus with the brothers and sisters in the Body, it is written in the book of Ephesians chapter four."
- K. P. Yohannan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/7/1 19:59

"We must again be Christians. It is futile, in fact it is precisely absurd, to speak of reforming society, of changing the path of history, of emerging into an age beyond absurdity, if we have not Christ in our hearts; and if we do have Christ in our hearts, nothing else matters." - Seraphim Rose

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/7/2 15:50

"Yes, the Lord can change situations and can do miracles, but there is no bigger miracle than Jesus dying for our sins so that we can have forgiveness."

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/7/6 12:03

"Today everyone wants to be free, and Jesus has indeed set us free, but He has not set us free to be selfish and to want to be served, but rather to serve others." - Parvez Sadiq

Re: - posted by murrcoir (), on: 2015/7/6 13:53

A private faith that does not act in the face of oppression is no faith at all. --- William Wilberforce

Re: , on: 2015/7/6 14:28

You can run from God
either by breaking His rules
or by keeping them.

The former says:

God doesn't own me.

The latter says:

God owes me.

â€"Tim Keller

Re: , on: 2015/7/6 14:31

I preached morality till I made
all the people in my church immoral;
but when I began to preach the gospel,
the dumb began to sing!

â€C.H. Spurgeon
(1834 â€ 1892)

Re: , on: 2015/7/7 9:33

The Gospel
is more powerful
in wooing us from our sin
than the Law is
in frightening us
from it.

â€Frederick Dale Bruner

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/7/7 9:35

"We should be better Christians if we were more alone, waiting upon God, and gathering through meditation on His Word spiritual strength for labour in his service."

Charles H. Spurgeon

"The soul can do without everything except the word of God, without which none at all of its wants are provided for." Martin Luther

"Reading Godâ€™s Word and meditating on its truth will have a purifying effect upon your mind and heart, and will be demonstrated in your life. Let nothing take the place of this daily privilege." Billy Graham

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2015/7/7 17:40

Let God isolate us.
In this isolating experience
He develops an independence of faith and life
so that the soul needs no longer the constant help,
prayer, faith, or attention of his neighbor.

We must dare to be alone.
Jacob must be left alone
if the Angel of God is to whisper in his ear
the mystic name of Shiloh;
Daniel must be left alone if he is to see celestial visions;
John must be banished to Patmos
if he is deeply to take and firmly to keep the print of heaven.

Streams in the Desert: by Mrs. Charles Cowman

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/7/9 19:19

While praying the Lord said,

"Minister to the soul not the sin."

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/7/13 15:05

"Discord and division become no Christian. For wolves to worry the lambs is no wonder, but for one lamb to worry another, this is unnatural and monstrous." - Thomas Brooks

Re: , on: 2015/7/13 15:10

It is not said in the Book, "The Word became printer's ink," but it is said, "The Word became flesh."

Had the Word become printer's ink, we should have followed a code.

Instead our code is a Character. We follow a living mind instead of a fixed letter.

E. Stanley Jones
(1884 - 1973)

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/7/13 18:44

Where rules rule, the flesh rules.
~ God

Re: , on: 2015/7/13 23:38

Legalism is adding human rules and regulations to the Bible, and judging others based on these new humanistic rules. Legalism is not taking the Bible seriously on every point. That is Christianity.
Rob Rienow

Re: - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/7/14 13:17

"Wearing a headcovering is only one of many Biblical practices that could be called outward, symbolic acts...there are, unfortunately, some people who emphasize only outward symbols and ignore the more important inward realities that those symbols represent. But the abuse of a Biblical practice by hypocrites does not negate or lessen its value and importance for sincere believers. Insincere believers, hypocrites, and even unbelievers sometimes get baptized or take the Lord's Supper, yet very few Christians suggest that these Biblical practices be abandoned by sincere believers." - Daniel Botkin

Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2015/7/14 18:38

"You cannot win the world by being like the world. The devil will win you the day you start to do that. You want to know who the enemies of the Lord are? Preach truth and watch who is the first to fight you. Preach a standard!"
Keith Daniels

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/7/14 19:24

"The people who really rule the world are those who know how to pray."
Derek Prince, Secrets of a Prayer Warrior

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/7/14 19:25

"Wherever you encounter domination, you can be sure that it is satanic. That is not how God rules people."
Derek Prince, Pulling Down Strongholds

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/7/16 11:17

â€œTrue Christian suffering comes because we live for God and are serving the expansion of His kingdom. It is a positive sacrifice for the good of others.â€ ~ K.P. Yohannan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/7/19 9:59

"The proud are always looking down on things and people: and as long as you are looking down you cannot see something that is above you." - C.S. Lewis

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/7/22 0:18

"An infinite ocean of light flows from the risen body of the Lord." - Vladimir Lossky

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/7/22 0:19

"He put on a body, so that in the body he might fight death and blot it out." - Athanasius

Re: , on: 2015/7/22 17:02

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. (Matt 24:12-13)

John Calvin, referring to Matthew 24:12-13: "Although, then, the charity of many, overwhelmed by the mass of iniquities, should give way, Christ warns believers that they must surmount this obstacle, lest, overcome by bad examples, they apostatize. And therefore he repeats the statement, that no man can be saved, unless he strive lawfully, (2 Timothy 2:5,) so as to persevere to the end" (Calvin, Commentaries. Vol 3, pg 82).

Re: , on: 2015/7/27 0:10

Strictly speaking, the Scripture is the witness to the Word of God, and like a good witness, it does not speak of itself but points away from itself (John 5:39).

Church history has amply demonstrated that we have not generally made the same distinction. The written record has been absolutized. The prophetic spirit was quenched. The Christian Scripture became a rigid Christian Torah, a rule book for everything Christians must believe and teach. The gospel became a new law. Faith was confounded with orthodoxy, which was really theological legalism. The church ceased to be a charismatic community and became an institution. Instead of the Spirit there were rules. Instead of the priesthood of all believers there was wretched clericalism. Instead of the Spirit and presence of the living Christ there was religious canned goods. Instead of the living gospel there was dead ideology. Instead of freedom there was bondage. Yet, like the Pharisees, we have desperately tried to substitute an incredible devotion to the letter of Holy Scripture for the prophetic spirit. Instead of having the certainty which the Spirit inspires, we have looked for certainty in endless apologetics and theories of textual inerrancy.

Robert D. Brinsmead

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/7/31 15:15

"John Bunyan" Prick him anywhere;and..the very essence of the Bible flows from him. He cannot speak without quoting a text, for his soul is full of the Word of God - CH Spurgeon

Re: - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/7/31 20:06

"it pleased God, not only that all fullness should dwell in Jesus Christ, but that all the fullness of God should dwell in you. Oh, the eternal purpose of God is going to be fulfilled in those who love Jesus Christ, in those that make Him their own! Thatâ€™s the mystery of the Gospel." - Hans Waldvogel

Re: - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/7/31 20:12

"Of a heart perfectly yielded to Him, God will take perfect possession...to a soul perfectly devoted to Him, God will wonderfully reveal Himself." - Andrew Murray

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/8/1 12:35

It is clear that there must be difficulties for us in a revelation such as the Bible. If someone were to hand me a book that was as simple to me as the multiplication table, and say, 'This is the Word of God. In it He has revealed His whole will and wisdom,' I would shake my head and say, 'I cannot believe it; that is too easy to be a perfect revelation of infinite wisdom.' There must be, in any complete revelation of God's mind and will and character and being, things hard for the beginner to understand; and the wisest and best of us are but beginners. --R.A. Torrey

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/8/1 12:36

Some people like to read so many chapters every day. I would not dissuade them from the practice, but I would rather I lay my soul asoak in half a dozen verses all day than rinse my hand in several chapters. Oh, to be bathed in a text of Scripture, and to let it be sucked up in your very soul, till it saturates your heart! --Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/8/1 12:38

The Word of God well understood and religiously obeyed is the shortest route to spiritual perfection. And we must not select a few favorite passages to the exclusion of others. Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian. --A. W. Tozer

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/8/1 12:40

The observant man recognizes many mysteries into which he can not pretend to see, and he remembers that the world is too wide for the eye of one man. But the modern sophists are sure of everything, especially if it contradicts the Bible. --Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Re: - posted by proudpapa, on: 2015/8/1 12:48

One of these days some simple soul will pick up the Book of God, read it, and believe it. Then the rest of us will be embarrassed. --Leonard Ravenhill

- posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/8/2 12:41

These depictions of Jesus as a man are inaccurate. When He came to earth He was in disguise, the real Jesus was seen at His transfiguration.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/2 14:44

"It is the incredible wisdom of our God to ordain prayer to be the most powerful weapon of the church." - K. P. Yohannan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/2 14:46

"The Holy Spirit does not seek to hurt us, but He does seek to make us Christlike, and this can be painful." - Francis Chan

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/8/2 15:18

"If you stayed home when God told you to go because you were so concerned about your own people there, then you actually robbed them of the teaching of Jesus Christ Himself. When you obeyed and left the consequences to God, the Lord went into your city to teach, but as long as you were disobedient, you blocked His way. Watch where you begin to debate with Him and put what you call your duty into competition with His commands. If you say, 'I know that He told me to go, but my duty is here,' it simply means that you do not believe that Jesus means what He says." -- Oswald Chambers

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/8/4 19:17

Life relates to a person. Religion relates to things. That's one great difference. Religion is taken up with things. As, for instance, rules, doctrines, theology, duty, institutions, rituals and other such things. Now I do not say that any of those things are necessarily evil but in those things there is no life. You can have all the rules, all the doctrine, all the theology, be a member of the church, keep all the institutions and ordinances and rituals of the church without having life. Life is not in things. ~ Derek Prince

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/4 23:18

"The nature of worship has shifted from corporate prayer to platform presentational performance. Worship, instead of being a rehearsal of God's saving actions in the world and for the world, is exchanged for making people feel comfortable, happy, and affirmed." - Robert E. Webber

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/4 23:19

"The incarnation is the starting point for our spirituality. . . . God united himself with humans in order for men and women to be united with God. The incarnation is not something unrelated to us; it has everything to do with our spirituality" for the incarnation not only brings God to human nature but brings human nature to God." - Robert E. Webber

Re: , on: 2015/8/5 0:46

The most important verse in Scripture is "And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory of the only Son from the Father . . ."

"The Word became flesh" is the Great Divide. In all other religions it is Word became word—a philosophy, a moralism, a system, a technique, but for all time and all men everywhere, the Word became flesh—the Idea became Fact.

Then I got hold of this difference (between all world religions and Christianity) in all other religions it is the Word become word, but only in Jesus Christ, did the Word become flesh. Then (and only then) Everything fell into its place. I had the Key, and this Key fitted everything in East and West . . . Religions are man's search for God. The gospel is God's search for man.

Therefore, there are many religions, but only one gospel.

E. Stanley Jones

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/6 11:37

"I am going the way of my fathers, as the Scripture says, for I see myself called by the Lord. Be you wary and undo not your long service of God, but be earnest to keep your strong purpose, as though you were but now beginning. You know the demons who plot against you, you know how savage they are and how powerless; therefore, fear them not. Let Christ be as the breath you breathe; in Him put your trust. Live as dying daily, heeding yourselves and remembering the counsels you have heard from me." - St. Anthony of the Desert

Re: - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/8/6 18:22

"All our choices, separations, and sacrifices are vain until we come to Calvary and reach the sprinkled Blood. "What would Jesus do?" is not the question until first we have understood what Jesus has done, and accepted it for our salvation. It is this alone that gives us acceptance with God." - A.B. Simpson

Re: , on: 2015/8/8 15:48

The Cross is the greatest surprise in human history. None of the religions of the world could even have thought of such a thing.

â€John Ensor

Re: , on: 2015/8/8 15:51

Through the cross,
God showed that
even killing God
cannot put God off
from relating to
and loving us.
He rose again to tell us.

â€John Goldingay

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/9 10:32

"LORD Jesus, I give you my hands to do your work. I give you my feet to go your way. I give you my eyes to see as you do. I give you my tongue to speak your words. I give you my mind that you may think in me. I give you my spirit that you may pray in me. Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all mankind. I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that It is you, LORD Jesus who live and work and pray in me." - The prayer of the Grace Community

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/9 23:39

"Honesty and humility are like twins. They always go together in a person. They are like the two sides of a coin. You can't have one side without having the other. If you are really humble, you will be honest too. To acknowledge your craftiness is to humble yourself. When you renounce dishonesty you are actually renouncing a part of your pride." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/12 19:04

"Look around, and be distressed. Look within, and be depressed. Look at Jesus, and be at rest." - Corrie Ten Boom

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/14 23:53

"The death itself of the martyrs is the prize of their life." - Ambrose of Milan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/14 23:59

"As man He is beaten and crucified." - Ambrose of Milan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/15 3:03

"When Jacob wrestled with God he was proud. The thing is not that we have to wrestle with God till we break through to Him, but that God wrestles with us till we are broken (by Him). It is only when our pride is broken that God can work and change our hearts through grace. God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Grace is free in the person of Christ to the humble. Self is the greatest hinderence to grace." - Roy Daniel

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2015/8/15 9:00

Reading the Bible without meditating on it, is like trying to eat without swallowing.-Unknown

Re: , on: 2015/8/16 12:49

God doesn't pass out love, He is love. And when you receive Christ you are able to love others unconditionally as Christ loves you. Unconditional love is giving others permission to hurt you.

Re: - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/8/16 19:47

"There is no substitute for waiting upon the Lord, for giving Him time...The great bulk of people never find out the wonder of it because they don't do it. You'll never find out the glory of the love of God until you open your heart to Him and let Him set your heart ablaze with His love. And it doesn't happen if you don't live a life of prayer, if you don't give God time." - Hans R. Waldvogel

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/19 4:49

The dying person, knowing only that there is only one Savior and Liberator cries out: "In Thee have I put my hope, save me from my weakness and rescue me from captivity". For I think that the valiant athletes of God, after having kept up the good fight the whole course of their existence against the invisible enemies and escaping every trap, when they arrive at life's end, are examined by the Prince of this world. If they are found, following the battle, to still have some wounds, stains or remnants of sin, are detained by him. However, if they are to the contrary whole and untainted, these invincible heroes remain free and are admitted by Christ to the place of rest. - Basil of Caesarea

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/23 23:08

"Jesus, my feet are dirty. Come even as a slave to me, pour water into your bowl, come and wash my feet. In asking such a thing I know I am overbold, but I dread what was threatened when you said to me, "If I do not wash your feet I have no fellowship with you." Wash my feet then, because I long for your companionship." - Origen (c. 185-254)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/24 3:07

"Some people think that they have only to be cleansed once, but as we walk in the light, the blood of Jesus Christ is ever cleansing" - S.W.

Re: - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/8/24 13:25

"Many picture Satan as a great, ugly monster with great ears, eyes and a tail; but the Scriptures give us no such picture of him. He was a being of great beauty whose heart became lifted up. He is manifesting himself everywhere today as an angel of light. He is full of pride, and if you don't watch he will try to make you think you are somebody. This is the weakness of most preachers and most men--the idea of being somebody! There are none of us who are anything, and the more we know we are nothing, the more God can make us a channel of His power."

- Smith Wigglesworth

Re: - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/8/25 0:31

"I very often think with sweetness, and longings, and partings of soul, of being a little child, taking hold of Christ, to be led by him through the wilderness of this world. That text, Matt. 18:3, has often been sweet to me, except ye be converted and become as little children.."

- Jonathan Edwards

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/25 8:51

"Most fellowships of today are essentially an aggregate of individualities; we sit alongside each other, but we are not yet TOGETHER." - Art Katz

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/8/26 0:37

"when you praise God, and Jesus Christ gets hold of you, there's contact with heaven. "God inhabits the praise of who? Of you! Haven't you found that out? Did you praise Him tonight? Oh, when you praise God in the Holy Ghost, there's the current moving on the line."

- Hans R. Waldvogel

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/8/29 12:56

If Jesus has enough power to raise the dead, then he has enough power to help you in that area you're failing in.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/8/30 18:12

"It is impossible to become a new man as a solitary individual. The new man means more than the individual believer after he has been justified and sanctified. It means the Church, the Body of Christ, in fact it means Christ Himself." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/9/1 11:37

Salvation is a gift, we are saved by grace, and not because it is free, but because it is so valuable who of us could ever pay the price?

Re: - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/9/3 0:42

"There isn't anything in heaven or in the earth or under the earth that can satisfy the human heart but Jesus Christ himself; and blessed are the people that are hungry for Him and want Him alone. Jesus, a jealous bridegroom of the soul, takes His bride through all kinds of testings and all kinds of trials to see whether she will say, "Jesus," instead of "Self"; "Jesus," instead of "People"; and "Jesus," instead of "Things." People like that are going to have Him."

- Hans R. Waldvogel

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/9/4 0:02

"Heartily she performed each task in the name of the Lord Jesus as to the Lord, and not unto men. Fortunately she had long since learned that, however desirable, it was not necessary to be on her knees or to use her lips in order to pray. She had learned how to pray without ceasing by means of that interior prayer which, like incense, can arise without interruption from the altar of the heart that loves and worships Jesus."

- Gordon P. Gardiner (from Radiant Glory: the Life of Martha Wing Robinson)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/9/4 10:28

"We never grow closer to God when we just live life. It takes deliberate pursuit and attentiveness." - Francis Chan

Re: , on: 2015/9/4 11:57

David Wilkerson said of Milton Green:

"I was first introduced to the ministry of Milton Green by our friend, Evangelist James Robison. He said, 'You need to hear this man; his message is awesome. It has changed my life.' At the time, I was in no mood to hear him or listen to any of his tapes. I had heard rumors that he was teaching 'strange delusions,' that all he talked about was demons and that 'Spirit-filled believers could be possessed by them.' Others told me he misused the Word of God by spiritualizing everything.

"Recently I took the time to listen to his message. After the first message, I knew I was hearing a true word of repentance, holiness, and heart purity. After three messages, I was on my face before God, having been shattered by the hammer of God's Word. No other message of repentance had so touched me. I am convinced God has called Milton Green to be one of those chosen vessels to bring the church back to repentance and purity. God has given him a strong message searing, searching, yet healing and uplifting."

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/9/9 0:08

"There is a need for all of us to be constantly reminded to judge ourselves always and never to judge others. We must all have discernment - but discernment is a spiritual quality, vastly different from judging others, which is a carnal activity." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/9/15 21:31

I have many dear beloved friends who hold to what I believe is just basic replacement theology. If I made that assertion to them, they would recoil and say, "Dalton, this is not replacement theology, this is covenant or fulfillment or inclusion theology."

If your theology of Israel divests them of their National, ethnic, territorial or identity or destiny, you have embraced replacement theology. You may not use the term, you may not use the language, you may not even believe you believe it...

The end result of fulfillment theology is the same result as replacement theology, namely that there are no promises that remain for the Jewish people on a National level.

It's almost as though the Gentile church was a little envious, it lacked the privileges, it took it over and it's wanted to hang on to it. So in other words, there's been rank identity theft.

[www\(dot\)covenantandcontroversy\(dot\)com](http://www(dot)covenantandcontroversy(dot)com)

A very interesting film.

Re: - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2015/9/15 23:20

"The greatest single danger in this end time is not sickness, nor poverty, nor persecution. It is deception...There is no other way to be sure that we can escape deception in these days except that we know and apply the truth of God's Word, the Scripture." - Derek Prince

"God will never allow the enemy to get the best of us if He sees that we really tremble at His word. What did God say? That's sufficient for me...Let's listen to what God says. Never mind what people say, never mind what reason says, never mind what your feelings say. Come on, let's get our hearts in tune with the word of God." - Hans R. Waldvogel

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/9/17 0:09

"Has it not humbled us increasingly as we have discovered that the greatest hindrance to the expansion of Christianity lies in ourselves? Has it not tried us as though by fire? Gathered together from different nations and races and communions, have we not come to realize our oneness in Christ?... We go out with a larger acquaintanceship, with deeper realization of fellowship, and that is a rich talent which makes possible wonderful achievements. Our best days are ahead of us because we have a deeper insight in the character and purposes, the desires and the resources of our God". - John R. Mott

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/9/17 0:10

"We have to ask God to teach us together to say No and to say Yes in truth. No, to all that flouts the love of Christ. . . Yes, to all that conforms to the love of Christ." - John R. Mott

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/9/19 21:22

"Being a 'sought after' conference speaker is no evidence of God's approval, but to labor in anonymity and to be holy when no one is looking." - Paul Washer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/9/22 21:34

"Either we learn to concentrate in prayer or we'll be praying in concentration camps. Don't say it can't happen it will!" - Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/9/22 21:35

"A lot of people want Jesus to come to day because they're scared stiff of suffering, that's why. After all the Church has been getting lashed and tormented and stripped and prostituted. And the judgment is gonna fall if we don't get revival, and maybe, it is not an alternative of Christ or chaos but Christ and chaos, not revival or revolution but revival and revolution, not revival without concentration camps but may be the only place you'll get it is in concentration camps." - Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/9/22 21:36

"And friend, you won't die one minute before God wants you to if you are in His will. I don't care if you rot in a concentration camp or what. He has the time of your death, He has the time of my death. He has the keys, nobody will destroy us." - Leonard Ravenhill

Re: , on: 2015/9/23 18:18

Anne Askew:

Regarding Transubstantiation

When asked (during her torture) if she had ever said that a priest could not make the body of Christ, Anne reportedly said, "I have read that God made man; but that man can make God, I have never read, nor I suppose ever shall."

"Then they did put me on the rack, because I confessed no ladies or gentlemen, to be of my opinion...the Lord Chancellor or and Master Rich took pains to rack me with their own hands, till I was nearly dead. I fainted...and then they recovered me again. After that I sat two long hours arguing with the Lord Chancellor, upon the bare floor...With many flattering words, he tried to persuade me to leave my opinion... I said that I would rather die than break my faith."

So on this day, poor Anne Askew (25 years old) was found guilty of heresy once and for all and sentenced to die by burning in roughly a month. Her story is a very sad one, as she is remembered and known for being a brave and passionate woman - the only woman to be tortured in the Tower of London for her beliefs. Torturing women was against the King's policy until Anne Askew arrived on the scene.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/9/24 14:43

“How many times have we been guilty of making our own oil? ...fictitious anointing... the effulgence of human personality.” - Art Katz

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/9/25 23:51

"Never disregard a conviction that the Holy Spirit brings to you. If it is important enough for the Spirit of God to bring it to your mind, it is the very thing He is detecting in you. You were looking for some big thing to give up, while God is telling you of some tiny thing that must go." - Oswald Chambers

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/9/26 11:54

“It is the life of Christ which flows in us and through us which is the only fruit-bearer! It is not enthusiasm It is not zeal.” - Charles S. Price

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/9/26 23:18

“And it is through conflict that God induces the believer to seek and to grasp total triumph in Christ.” - Watchman Nee

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/9/26 23:59

"It is the very victory of Jesus Christ Himself, and the overcomer is therefore "more than conqueror" through Christ that loved him." - George Warnock

Re: - posted by ArthurRosh, on: 2015/9/27 1:38

It was the monastic orders that spread Christianity during the years from 300-1700 A.D.

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/9/27 17:42

We may have the doctrine of the coming of the Lord Jesus and yet not be truly watching for His coming.
~ Gottfried Waldvogel

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by flameoffire (), on: 2015/9/28 10:28

You are still in the world. You are still in the battlefield. You daily fight for your lives. So you must be careful, that . . . what you have begun to be with such a blessed commencement will be consummated in you. It is a small thing to have first received something. It is a greater thing to be able to keep what you have attained. Faith itself and the saving birth do not make you alive by merely being received. Rather, they must be preserved. It is not the actual attainment, but the perfecting, that keeps a man for God. The Lord taught this in His instruction when He said, "Look! you have been made whole. Sin no more lest a worse thing come upon you." Solomon, Sual, and many others were able to keep the grace given to them so long as they walked in the Lord's ways. However, when the discipline of the Lord was forsaken by them, grace also forsook them.

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"You may have many weaknesses, but if you are honest and sincere, you can be a true servant of God." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/10/5 23:06

"...God is giving wonderful light. You don't get that in schools of learning, and theological seminaries, or out of books. You don't get it there. You've got to get it in the garden of Gethsemane, where you watch and pray with the bleeding Lamb of God, at His feet. Jesus the Head - He knows what He wants you to be, and what He wants you to do, and He alone can do it in you, and be that in you." - Hans Waldvogel

Re: , on: 2015/10/6 22:18

There are many things we can't explain. However now we have an explanation of God's nature - Jesus Christ. There need never be confusion about Him again.

-Eugenia Price

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/10/9 18:25

When one tries to increase his knowledge by doing mental gymnastics over books without waiting upon God and looking to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, his soul is plainly in full swing. This will deplete his spiritual life. Because the fall of man was occasioned by seeking knowledge, God uses the foolishness of the cross to "destroy the wisdom of the wise." - Watchman Nee

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/10/24 10:05

"Every time we read the Bible, we have to pray, "Lord, illuminate my heart that I might hear your voice!" - Jim Cymbala

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/10/24 10:06

"Our confidence goes beyond faith in the Lord's provision for all we need, to the realization that He Himself is all we need!" - Jim Cymbala

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/10/24 17:03

"An explanation of the Atonement never drew anyone to God, the exalting of Jesus Christ, and Him crucified does draw men to God." - Oswald Chambers

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/10/24 17:49

"God called us to play the game, not keep the score." - Vance Havner

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/10/24 23:02

“God is concerned about getting me into a personal relationship with Himself. There is no possibility of discouragement if we will only remember that this is the relationship, not God’s blessings, but Himself. Beware of the modern craze for healing, it is Satan’s opportunity to switch the saints off the central thing. A thing may have its source in Jesus Christ and yet easily turn traitor to Him once it becomes divorced from Himself.” - Oswald Chambers

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/10/28 23:56

"Throughout the entirety of Scripture, God’s purpose in redemption is to make a people for Himself out of the great mass of fallen humanity." - Paul Washer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/11/4 13:31

“The worst thing thou has to fear is the treachery of thine own heart.” - C.H. Spurgeon

Re: , on: 2015/11/6 10:58

“If our faith is an examined faith, we should be unafraid to doubt. If doubt is eventually justified, we were believing what clearly was not worth believing. But if doubt is answered, our faith has grown stronger. It knows God more certainly and it can enjoy God more deeply.” - C.S. Lewis

Re: - posted by SHMILY, on: 2015/11/6 16:56

Don't just bring Him your sins. He's not looking for your lousy sins. He doesn't keep them in heaven. Bring Him your life, your will, your intentions, your hidden potential...everything for Him to possess.
Leonard Ravenhill ~ Three Kinds of People

REJOICE! =)
Mary

Re: , on: 2015/11/9 15:00

"If the professed convert distinctly and deliberately declares that he knows the Lord's will but does not mean to attend to it, you are not to pamper his presumption, but it is your duty to assure him that he is not saved. Do not suppose that the Gospel is magnified or God glorified by going to the worldlings and telling them that they may be saved at this moment by simply accepting Christ as their Savior, while they are wedded to their idols, and their hearts are still in love with sin. If I do so I tell them a lie, pervert the Gospel, insult Christ, and turn the grace of God into lasciviousness."
- Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/11/21 9:39

"To be sanctified means to be separated from everything that is sinful, worldly and un-Christlike." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/12/4 19:39

"It is good to check ourselves at different times during each day; to see if we are acting (and reacting) as Jesus would in a similar situation." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/12/12 18:22

"We can never overcome the enemy while we are standing up for our own rights, while we are in any way defending our own interests, looking after our own name, being something or trying to be something or hold on to something. The enemy laughs at us...When we know that meekness of the Lamb, the meekness of Jesus Christ, then the enemy's power is going to be weakened and destroyed." - T. Austin Sparks

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/12/18 5:23

"Unless we have invested a great deal of time in our secret ministry to the Lord then the shallowness of our public ministry will be very evident. Today it is abundantly clear that not enough time is spent ministering to the Lord, and way too much time is spent ministering to people; hence, most of what is done in the name of ministry is performed in a fleshly, human way which never bears any lasting fruit." -Chip Brogden

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/12/23 8:02

"He was an illustration of the fact that a man may be godly and devoted and yet still need the Holy Ghost.."
~ Rees Howell, Intercessor

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/12/24 19:02

"A church that is constantly asking its people to pay their tithes is an old-covenant church." - Zac Poonen

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/12/27 11:54

Sometimes I think this is the reason that the great prayer warriors today are women, they know more about patience, travail and waiting than men do.
~ Leonard Ravenhill, Desperate Prayer

Re: , on: 2015/12/29 15:11

Three things in life are important:

The first is to be kind:

The second is to be kind:

And the third is to be kind.

Henry James

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/12/31 3:22

"It has been a chronic problem with the people of God, especially those in leadership, to initiate things that God has not initiated. They organize, they get a program going, they develop a methodology, instead of simply being led of the Spirit and letting God build His church His own way. The church of God is His new creation, and that is what it must be-- His own creative work." - Allan Halton

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/12/31 4:01

"The Holy Spirit is not a power to be harnessed, but He is a person to be followed." - Francis Chan

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/12/31 7:52

"We should pray in the early morning, learn how to wait on God, love one another, be as one, live in the presence of God, and continually consecrate ourselves." - Xiao Min

Re: , on: 2015/12/31 9:50

Make them wonder why you are still smiling.

Re: - posted by ManOfGod (), on: 2016/1/2 15:59

An experience of God that costs nothing, does nothing. Ultimately, its worth nothing. Leonard Ravenhill

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by yuehan, on: 2016/1/3 2:32

"Sometimes I worry that we can over-preach our response, our surrender, our obedience, our devotion - and under-preach Christ Jesus, God made flesh, from which a glimpse of Him will cause right response to flow!" - Ryan Couch

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/1/5 7:06

"One thing that really crushes me is when I think that America has 500 evangelists and not one revivalist; not one that can shake a city." - Leonard Ravenhill

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2016/1/9 19:23

The one great need in our Christian life is love, more love to God and to each other. Would that we all move into Paul's chapter, and live there.

~ D.L. Moody's Introduction to the book: The Greatest Thing in the World by Henry Drummond

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/1/10 20:20

"If we love Jesus we will hate the Devil, hate the world, and hate sin." -Hyman Appelman (1902-1983)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/1/15 6:29

"How blind can we be, saints of God? Is this the gospel to a dying world? Gain is godliness!? Faith is for prosperity!? Poor people lack faith!? Christ became poor so we could become rich, in goods? Take use your faith to get all you want!?" - David Wilkerson

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/1/15 6:34

"Wake up, saints! Are you being deceived? Have you been trapped in the teachings of an angel of light from Satan? Have you been swept away by the flood? Get into God's Word. Hear the gospel of Christ, and judge what you see and hear."
" - David Wilkerson

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/1/15 13:50

"God never intended the Body of Christ to be full of people who were exactly alike in every way" - Zac Poonen

Re: , on: 2016/1/18 17:39

"In the early days of the Internet, we discovered that as a platform the Internet could give a voice to the voiceless." But, that same platform can act as an amplifier for those in power, Marquis-Boire says.

"It's actually become the largest vehicle for state surveillance that we've ever seen."

Morgan Marquis-Boire
Former Google Security expert

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/1/19 16:29

â€œBe careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. - Luke 21:34

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/1/23 6:29

"Always remember that you are an ambassador of Jesus Christ, wherever you may go â€" when travelling in a train or a bus or anywhere." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/1/29 13:31

"The greatest proof of humility is total obedience to the Lord." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/2/5 14:18

"Ensure that there is a great glory inside â€" that you walk with a clear conscience before God and live under the anointing of the Holy Spirit all the time." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/2/12 6:49

"Discernment does not come through intelligence, Bible-knowledge or experience. It is given by God to those who are sincere of heart." - Zac Poonen

Re: , on: 2016/2/14 19:28

The tallest oak in the forest was once just a little nut that held its ground.

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/2/14 21:58

"One said, 'As often as I have been around vain men, I returned home less a man I was before'." - Taken from an old version of "Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices, Being A Companion For Christians Of All Denominations", by Thomas Brooks

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/2/14 22:04

"God is slow to anger, but He recompenseth His slowness with grievousness of punishment. If we abuse mercy to serve our lust, then, in Salvian's phrase, 'God will rain hell out of heaven, rather than not unfit such for sins'." - Taken from an old version of "Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices, Being A Companion For Christians Of All Denominations", by Thomas Brooks

Re: , on: 2016/2/16 8:32

Just because some people are fueled by drama doesn't mean you have to attend the performance.

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/2/17 0:25

"His preaching had two results. It fanned the people's desire for reform, and it taught them to despise the clergy more and more. At the same time, when opportunity offered, John Hus made a practice of preaching on the burning topics of the day;" - Excerpt from "History Of The Moravian Church", Chpt 2 - The Burning Of Hus; by, J.E. Hutton; 1909, 2nd edition.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/2/19 6:14

"One single soul saved shall outlive and outweigh all the kingdoms of the world." - J. C. Ryle

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/2/19 13:54

'God's severest judgements have been given where light had been given.' - T. Austin Sparks

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2016/2/20 16:48

A testimony:

I learned about the goodness and grace of God but they were more theoretical ideas about God than practical ways in which He dealt with mankind. Due to how He was portrayed by many church leaders in my circle, I saw God as an angry old man who was fed up with man's sinful living. Since I'd been taught that He was obsessed with man's sins and failures, I became obsessed with them too. No one could measure up to my standards of holy conduct and I became an obnoxious and judgmental person.

~ My Craziest Adventures With God - Volume 1: The Spiritual Journal of a Former Atheist Paramedic (Kindle Edition) by Praying Medic

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/2/21 17:23

"He is a true disciple that doth not seek himself, but the honour of His Master." - Thomas Manton (Excerpt from his "Treatise of Self Denial")

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/2/21 17:26

"I will charge my soul to believe and wait for Him, follow His providence, and not go before it, nor stay behind it." - Samuel Rutherford

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/2/21 17:50

"You do not discover character until pressure comes. You do not discover what you are until you're put into difficult situations. As long as you can control your environment, as long as you can have everything your own way, as long as you can pave the road a head of you and put guard-rails on the side of you, then it's easy to live in the environment you control for yourself. But, you just let the road drop away, and the faces go, and the wind blow, and the flood come, you (will) discover your character. Character is not how you appear to your fellows; character is what you are when everything in which you've had confidence in is gone. Someone says, 'Character is what you are in a dark room alone when no one is watching'. Character is what you are in the midst of the Tornado; is what you are in the midst of difficulty when everything is disrupted and torn - Then, what are you?" - Paris Reidhead (I wrote this down some years back after listening to one of his audio sermons posted on this website. However, I did not write down the title of the message in my journal).

Habakkuk 3:17 - Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

Habakkuk 3:18 - Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/2/21 18:02

"To efface oneself is one of a preacher's first duties" - Alexander MacLaren. (Excerpt from his farewell sermon)

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/2/21 20:51

"We will never have victorious lives (in Christ) until there's that transforming of the mind - Until we accept that fact that my mind isn't mine own, just to wander in the realms of the flesh and the world, and the things down here. I've got to work at it. My thoughts don't like to be corralled; My thoughts like to run into all kinds of things...." - R Edward Miller. (Excerpt from his audio sermon titled, "Carnal mind or Mind of Christ") available here: <https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=27243>

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2016/2/21 21:22

Every one of us would confess that we believe in prayer, yet how many of us truly believe in the power of prayer....

For everything depends upon prayer.

Why are many Christians so often defeated? Because they pray so little. Why are many church workers so often discouraged and disheartened? Because they pray so little.

Why do most Christian leaders see so few brought out of 'darkness' to light by their ministry? Because they pray so little. Why are our churches simply not on fire for God? Because there is so little prayer....

We may be assured of this: The secret of all failure is our failure in secret prayer.

~ Albert Richardson, The Kneeling Christian

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/2/24 0:53

"It is the great design of the Gospel to bring thoughts captive to the obedience of Christ Jesus. It is far easier to reform men's manners than to renew their minds." - Ralph Venning (Excerpt taken from his book, "The Sinfulness of Sin; 1st published in 1669.)

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/2/24 1:23

"6) Conversion begins, is carried on and is completed in the hearts and thoughts of men.

It begins there, for while men are dead in sins they do not consider or regard what is in their heart and thoughts. But when the grace of God comes in power, and they receive it in truth, they begin to think and consider, 'What shall we do to be saved?' Men are in a great quandary in their thoughts, they begin to be disturbed, and their bowels are turned within them. For this reason, regeneration is called the renewing of the mind, and repentance is a change of mind; the heart becomes a new heart, and when the heart is gained, all the rest follows. If the wicked forsake his thoughts, he will quickly forsake his ways (See Isaiah 55:7). The first turn is in the thoughts. 'I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto Thy testi

monies' (Psalm 119:59); the thoughts go before and the feet follow after. The first movement of the Prodigal was in his thoughts; when he came to himself and said within himself, 'I will arise and go my father'. While he was thus thinking - it is said, while he was afar off, just taking the first step - his father saw him and had compassion on him.

Not only is conversion begun in, but it is carried on in the heart and thoughts especially, though not exclusively. When others like the Pharisees, study only to make the outside look fair and beautiful, the godly man is employed about his inside, to keep his heart clean. The prayers of godly men are chiefly taken up about their hearts: 'Create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me' (Psalm 51:10). And as one excellent writer puts it, In what lies the difference between sincere-hearted Christians and others, but in the keeping of the thoughts, without which all religion is but bodily exercise? Papists may mumble over their prayers, hypocrites may talk, but this is godliness. As conversion begins and is carried on in the thoughts, so it is completed, finished and perfected in them; it ends there." - Ralph Venning (Excerpt from "The Sinfulness of Sin; page 229; Reprint ed 2008; Banner of Truth Trust)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/2/26 7:03

"There is nothing impossible with God. All the impossibility is with us when we measure God by the limitations of our unbelief." - Smith Wigglesworth.

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/2/27 13:32

"I AM the Light of the world: He that follows me, shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life." - Jesus the Christ (John 8:12)

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/2/27 13:34

"Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all." - Paul the Apostle (1Timothy 4:15)

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/2/27 13:37

"Go not after thy lusts, but refrain thyself from thine appetites." - Ecclesiasticus 18:30

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/2/27 13:48

"To break off with a rude shock from a vicious habit strengthened by years of continuance, to crush a passion which has come to rule us with an iron hand, to be roused by such a sense of coming vengeance amid our follies and our crimes as tears us from our tyrant's grasp - feeling that Christ can never come to rule in the same bosom - then, to begin to oppose them, to check them, to struggle with them, grapple for the mastery - trials like these are fearful to flesh and blood. Flesh and blood alone never bore them. There we feel our weakness, and there it is that we learn to take all our strength from the arm on which we lean; encouraged by His promise, 'My grace is sufficient for thee (2Corinthians 12:9)'" - W.C. Burns (Excerpt from his sermon, "Pressing Into The Kingdom"; the text is Luke 16:16; "Revival Sermons", by William C Burns; page 26.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/3/1 19:32

"And He only really uses me when I am little in my own eyes, and really humble at His feet." - William Durham, 1911

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/3/1 19:32

"The Lord is coming soon. The Church in the end times must receive the message, they must share the Gospel, love and be as one." - Xiao Min

Re: , on: 2016/3/2 1:00

Judaism was a fold,
a circumference without a center,
but Christianity is a flock,
where we have a center without a circumference,
we have no wall about us, but we are gathered around Him,
our Great Shepherd.

-H.A. Ironside

Re: , on: 2016/3/2 1:19

IN the beginning the Church was a fellowship of men and women who centered their lives on the living Christ. They had a personal and vital relationship to the Lord. It transformed them and the world around them. Then the Church moved to Greece, and it became a philosophy. Later it moved to Rome, and it became an institution. Next it moved to Europe and it became a culture. Finally it moved to America, and it became an enterprise. We've got far too many churches and so few fellowships.

-Richard Halverson

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/2 22:38

Someone once said, "We have too many teachers and hardly any preachers any more"....Sounds like something Leonard Ravenhill would say though :)

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/2 22:50

"What man in his right mind looks into the darkness to get light?" - A thought that came to me some years back that I wrote into one of my journals

What am I working for?, on: 2016/3/2 22:57

"What am I going to work for? Am I going to work to try to establish some society, some denomination, or some 'undomination', to win a place for teaching, or an interpretation, or a system of truth? Is it to some THING that I am devoted, or is it to secure for the Lord Jesus His absolute centrality and supremacy?"

T. Austin-Sparks

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/2 23:20

"Reverend Duncan Campbell of Edinburgh says,

For tender, solemn beauty, for reverent setting forth of what the inner vision discerns as it looks upon the Crucified, I know of no verse in our hymnology equal to the stanza beginning,

'See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!'

There have been many singers with a finer sense of melody - Watt's metrical and musical range was limited; he had only 6 - but not the most tuneful of our sacred poets has given us lines more exquisite than these."

-Excerpt taken from "The Hymns And Hymn Writers Of The Church: An Annotated Edition Of The Methodist Hymnal", by Charles S Nutter and Wilbur F Tillett; edition 1911; page 78-79. (Concerning Isaac Watt's hymn "Crucifixion To The World By The Cross Of Christ")

Re: , on: 2016/3/2 23:49

His aim was never to give us a new religion in order that we might live a bit more decently - in that case Moses and his law would have sufficed.

- Christopher Blumhardt

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/3 20:58

"Man would be intolerable to himself, and look out every way for help, if it was not for his pride."

"There is in the heart of man a deep-rooted covetousness, a subtle worldly spirit, suggesting diabolical, murderous thoughts for its own end."

"If God did not take us to Himself, few would go to Him of their own accord."

"Why callest thou Me good?', said Jesus the Christ (Read Matthew 19:17, Mark 10:18, Luke 18:19) O Man! Why callest thou thyself good?"

- Thomas Adam (Private Thoughts On Religion, and other subjects connected with it, extracted from the diary of the Rev Thomas Adam, late Rector of Wintringham; 2nd edition, MDCCXCV; taken from pages 79 and 80)

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/3 21:12

"If the bestial life is raised up in thee, the same instant the heavenly birth of thy nature must die in thee." - William Law (Excerpt from 'The Spirit Of Prayer')

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/3 22:33

"It is a very desirable thing for a physician to be thoroughly studied in his art; and to be able to see the reason of his practice, and to resolve such difficult controversies as are before him. But if he had the charge of the hospital, or lived in a city where the pestilence was raging, if he would be studying fermentation, the circulation of the blood, blisters and the like, and such like excellent points, when he should be visiting his patients, and saving men's lives; if he should even turn them away, and let them perish, and tell them he has no time to give them advice, because he must follow his own studies, I would consider that man as a most preposterous student, who preferred the remote means before the end itself of his studies: indeed, I would think him but a civil kind of murderer." - Richard Baxter (Excerpt from his book, 'The Reformed Pastor'; reprint ed 2007; Banner Of Truth Trust; page 213)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/3/7 12:54

"The reason we stop seeking is because we don't understand the process. You seek a while and God empties you. You wanted to get filled with good feelings, and you don't get them. The fight starts. Prayer is a fight, and unless your heart is perfect toward God, and you view the objective, and you see the promise afar off, and you're persuaded of it, and you're going to set your faith unto the Lord your God to have the promise, you're most likely going to quit. That's why He tells us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. ...Would you like to be rooted and grounded in love? Well, then, you can't be a snob anymore. You can't judge people anymore like you have been doing. You can't show the cold shoulder to anybody. You cannot exercise your own opinions anymore. Oh, these views, these opinions! How quickly we judge somebody else, and we're satisfied to do that and to keep a heart that is divided toward God! But to let Jesus Christ reign is a very different matter. I ought to see to it with fear and trembling that Jesus takes his great power and reigns." - Hans R. Waldvogel

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/3/11 20:41

"Only one who has the Spirit of Christ can enter into a lifetime of perpetual happiness" - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/3/11 20:42

"The church that loses its missionary and evangelistic vision is the church that will soon be losing the presence of the Holy Ghost." - Charles S. Price

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/3/13 9:09

"When people hurt you, they don't know they are preparing you. This is God's school. This is His curriculum." - Tim Delina

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/3/13 14:11

"You can be an intercessor, have discerning of spirits, and all spiritual gifts, and you can build churches--but it is all nothing if you do not go into all the world and preach the gospel. Go!" - brother Yun

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/3/13 19:44

"A man's greatest care should be for that place where he lives longest; therefore eternity should be his scope." - Thomas Watson

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/3/26 7:05

"Jesus taught that the greatest person in heaven would be the humblest." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/26 12:50

"Meekness of wisdom compels where reason cannot persuade." - Thomas Adam

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/26 12:51

"Precepts may instruct, but examples persuade." - Thomas Brooks

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/26 12:53

"Those who can find no ears to hear what you say, will find many eyes to see what you do." - Thomas Brooks

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/26 12:53

"Humility is knowing that we are not humble." - Thomas Adam

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/26 12:54

"Passion is what you are willing to suffer for." - Denny Kenaston

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/26 12:56

"They that are of a froward heart, are abomination to the Lord: But such that are upright in their way, are His delight." - Proverbs 11:20

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/26 12:57

"Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: He that doth keep his soul shall be far from them." - Proverbs 22:5

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/26 13:07

"Lopping off the branches of sin is labour in vain, and always to be renewed, there is no way but laying the axe to the root."

"Sin should sit heavier on the soul, and cut deeper into the heart, than the loss of a first-born. Blessed are they that mourn; and who has not cause for it?"

- Thomas Adam (Private Thoughts on Religion; Second edition, MDCCXCV; Quotes taken from page 110)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/3/27 21:07

"The old cross slew men, the new cross entertains them." - A.W. Tozer

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/28 20:00

"At first neither flesh nor spirit seemed reconciled to the Cross. The spirit partially yielded; still resorting to various evasions. At length, brought to a full submission to the will of His Lord, he had bowed the neck, and followed Him implicitly."

- Excerpt from "The Cross-Bearer; A Vision (1861)"; American Tract Society; taken from page 166

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/28 20:10

"If thou wouldst be faithful to do the work that God hath appointed thee to do in this world for His Name, then beware thou do not stop and stick when hard work comes before thee. The word and Spirit of God come sometimes like chain-shot to us, as if they would cut down all - as when Abraham was to offer up Isaac. Oh, how willingly would our flesh and blood escape the cross for Christ! With Ephraim, we like to tread out the corn, and to hear those pleasant songs and music that hat gospel-sermon make, where only grace is preached, and nothing of our duty as to works of self-denial." - Bunyan

- Excerpt from "The Cross-Bearer; A Vision (1861)"; American Tract Society; taken from pages 57 & 58

Re: - posted by ManOfGod (), on: 2016/3/29 17:27

If your opinion means more to you than the Holy Word of God, you are not born again! My pastor.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/1 10:12

Christianity is a Person in expression, a Person in revelation, a Person in impact. It is Christ Himself in His church, His Body, making Himself and His presence known. If Christianity is the making real of Christ as the Way and so embodying all that Christ is and has done to bring to the Father, then Christianity must take up into itself those things which were true of Christ, making Him the Way. - T. Austin Sparks

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/1 12:43

"Since all worldly honour is an abomination to God, it must be an abomination to us too." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/4/2 22:20

"I believe one of the ways that the enemy wears down the saints is to get them discouraged. When trials come, when distresses come, when temptations come, when adversity comes; we begin to look at our circumstances,... we begin to look at our present distress, and our spirits begin to sag." - Aaron Hurst (From his sermon, "Be Patient Therefore Brethren"; 6:17 into audio)

"Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the Name of the Lord, for example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." - James 5:10-11

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/4/3 0:13

"Thousands of correct, and smooth, and prim, and proper clergymen are creeping through this world, who never broke a canon of taste in the pulpit, never told an anecdote, never used a vulgar illustration, and never raised a smile. They have their reward! Their educated friends and relations admire them, and the world praises them. But they never prick a conscience, never frighten a sinner, never build up a saint, never pull down a single stone of the devil's kingdom - never save a soul."

- John C Ryle (Excerpt from his book, "Christian Leaders of the 18th Century"; First published 1885, this reprint edition 2002; Banner Of Truth Trust; Page 239)

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/4/3 0:59

"All the world cannot pull down an humble man, because God will exalt him; and all the world cannot exalt a proud man, because God will pull him down." - #626

"He that sows not holiness in the seed-time of his life, cannot expect to reap happiness in the harvest of eternity." - #627

- Quotes compiled by Ralph Venning ("Milk and Honey; or, a miscellaneous collation of many Christian experiences, sayings, sentences, and several places of scripture improved"; Written in 1653; Sold by West & Hughs, London, 1800; from page 73)

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/4/3 1:16

"It is good to acknowledge God to be just, and it is just to acknowledge God to be good in all his ways." - #1

"An heart without words, is better than words without an heart in the duty of prayer." - #2

"A good conscience without a good name, is better than a good name without a good conscience." - #3

"Goodness without greatness, is better than greatness without goodness." - #4

"A gracious heart desires not only to walk holily, but also to walk wholly with God." - #5

"Men judge of our hearts by our words and works, but God judgeth of our words and works by our hearts." - #7

"It is less painful to suffer than to sin; for one may suffer without sin, but one cannot sin without suffering." - #10

"He that walks only by the light of nature, walks in darkness." - #11

- "The lamp of nature lends
But a false light, and lights to her own ends"

"The vilest sinners once converted become the strictest saints." - #12

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Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/3 8:01

"My own spirit cries out to match and go beyond Rex Andrews and praying from 10 pm to 5 am every night for over 30 years. To go beyond D L Moody and saying, 'I'll be that man that gives himself to see what the Lord does to one completely given up to Him.' To cry with Evan Roberts, 'bend me O Lord, bend me' and God bent him for His glory." - Dan Biser

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/7 4:08

"Letâ€™s rush to the front line one more time for our King and Christ will come! We can have a holiday for 1,000 years when it is all finished!" - brother Yun

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/7 4:28

â€™Donâ€™t run from difficulty and suffering â€™ it is the way of the cross.â€™ - Peter Xu

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/7 4:29

â€™The western church is in danger because she confuses her prosperity and bountiful resources as the blessing of God.â€™ - Peter Xu

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/11 6:38

"The most foolish person in the world is the one who has the opportunity to read, absorb, digest, live in, be immersed in worship-reading the Bible, but doesnâ€™t do it because of PREOCCUPATION with other things of this world." â€™ Rex B. Andrews

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/13 3:35

"The bride takes not, by a thousand degrees, so much delight in her wedding garment as she does in her bridegroom..." - Samuel Rutherford

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/13 3:37

"Worldliness is whatever makes sin appear normal, and righteousness to appear strange." - David Wells

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/13 5:24

"You can't stop the mouth of lions, but you can stop your own mouth." - Martha Wing Robinson

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/13 19:56

"The Bible plainly teaches that one of the characteristics of the end of this age is that people will develop a capacity for delusion rather than the truth." - Billy Graham

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/14 19:53

"God's ways are totally the opposite of the world's ways." - Paul Hattaway

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/14 22:19

"Jesus has many who love His kingdom in heaven, but few who bear His cross. He has many who desire comfort, but few who desire suffering. He finds many to share His feast, but few His fasting. All desire to rejoice with Him, but few are willing to suffer for His sake.... Those who love Jesus for His own sake, and not for the sake of comfort for themselves, bless Him in every trial and anguish of heart, no less than in the greatest joy. And were He never willing to bestow comfort on them, they would still always praise Him and give Him thanks." â€™ Thomas À Kempis (1380-1471)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/15 7:16

"Destitute of the Fire of God, nothing else counts; possessing Fire, nothing else matters." - Samuel Chadwick

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/15 12:12

"We've too many preachers studying Church History, and too few preachers making history. Studying Church History is an indoctrination which, very often becomes I think... 'brain washing'." - Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/15 12:13

"The Holy Ghost may not come back to you...
Some of you preachers are preaching a theology and you're sheltering behind a denomination, and you're scared stiff to preach the revelations God has given you..." - Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/15 12:41

Now is there more money gotten by any one thing, than by preaching of the scriptures, and some old authors with them? Let it be cast up in all nations in Christendom, and see how much their revenues comes to yearly, for those who do not obey Christ's doctrines, who said, "freely you have received, freely give;" nor follow the apostle Paul's example, "to keep the gospel without charge." And the apostle said, 1 Tim 1:19, where he exhorts Timothy, "to hold fast his faith and a good conscience, which some having put away, (concerning faith), they have made shipwreck." - George Fox

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/15 12:54

"Christ has come to teach His people Himself." - George Fox

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/15 14:51

"One of the greatest deceptions that Satan has ever deceived believers with is this - making them believe that a man can continue to live for himself and still be saved and go to heaven at the end of his life." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/15 20:16

"You feel sorry for us in India because of our great poverty in material things. We who know the Lord in India feel sorry for you in America because of your spiritual poverty. We are praying that you also might come to church with a hunger for God and not merely a hunger to see some form of amusement." "Bakht Singh, Indian church leader

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/4/17 4:12

"Yes, beloved, Once saved always saved, If you stay saved!" - Keith Daniel

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/4/17 4:26

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His Name." - Malachi 3:16

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/4/17 4:30

"Ye have wearied the Lord with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied Him? When ye say, Everyone that doeth evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and He delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?" - Malachi 2:17

the morning watch., on: 2016/4/17 5:26

May God bless the fingers, and the soul of he who typed such a Precious Word, and may God love you is my prayer, amen.

Re: the morning watch. - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/4/17 22:18

"The more wicked men grow, the less ashamed they are of themselves; and the more holy men grow, the more they learn to abhor themselves." - John Berridge (1716 - 1793)

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/4/17 22:37

"They preached fervently and directly. They cast aside that dull, cold, heavy, lifeless mode of delivery, which had long made sermons a very proverb for dullness. They proclaimed the words of faith with faith, and the story of life with life. They spoke with fiery zeal, like men who were thoroughly persuaded that what they said was true, and that it was of the utmost importance to your eternal interest to hear it. They spoke like men who had got a message from God to you, and must deliver it, and must have your attention while they delivered it. They threw heart and soul and feeling into their sermons, and sent their hearers home convinced, at any rate, that the preacher was sincere and wished them well. They believed that you must speak from the heart if you wish to speak to the heart, and there must be unmistakable faith and conviction within the pulpit if there is to be faith and conviction among the pews."

- Excerpt from John C Ryle's, "Christian Leaders of The 18th Century"; First published 1885, This reprint edition 2002 by 'The Banner of Truth Trust'; from page 25.

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/4/24 20:31

"With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward." - Psalms 18:26

"Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: He that doth keep his soul shall be far from them." - Proverbs 22:5

"They that are of a froward heart, are abomination to the Lord: But such that are upright in their way, are His delight." - Proverbs 11:20

"With the pure Thou wilt shew thyself pure: and with the froward Thou wilt shew thyself unsavory." - 2Samuel 22:27

"Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee. And when the Lord saw it, He abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters. And He said, 'I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith. They have moved Me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked Me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. For a fire is kindled in Mine anger and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend Mine arrows upon them'." - Deuteronomy 32:18-23

"But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were are examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." - 1Corinthians 10:5-12

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." - Matthew 5:4-8

Froward: "Turned or looking from (God). Perverse, that is, turning from with aversion or reluctance; not willing to yield or comply with what is required; unyielding; ungovernable; refractory; disobedient; peevish; as a froward child" - Webster's American Dictionary Of The English Language; 1812 Edition

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/4/24 21:19

"Many assent to the truth of Scripture, and make use of it to paint their faces, but will not suffer it to get within them, nor come to near the heart,"(Page 106)

"No man is humbled or sincere with God, till he is willing to know the worst of himself."(Page 155)

"The Scripture was written to be transcribed into the heart, and it has its effect when the heart is in such full consent and agreement therein, that the Scripture might have been copied from it."(Page 105)

"We may find out the selfish stubbornness of our wills, unmortified desires, and earthly bent in small crosses, when we do not in greater. Great crosses seem to furnish some excuse for complaint, and nature is more pitied than blamed for sinning under them; but small ones, fretting and galling us, afford no refuge against conviction."(Page 128)

"we go to commentators for the most part, because we are afraid to take Christ and His apostles upon their own Word. If we had a simple faith, we should seldom want others to explain their meaning." (Page 104)

"The Scripture is unto us what the star was to the wise men; but if we spend all our time gazing upon it; observing its motions, and admiring its splendour, without being led to Christ by it, the use of it will be lost to us.

Perhaps it may be a good rule in the reading of Scripture, not to run from one passage to another, or suppose it a duty to read a certain portion of it every day, but to dwell upon particular passages, till they have in some measure done their office.

Everyone should apply Scripture to himself, as if it was written for him only.

Scripture reading is a feast indeed, when we find in ourselves a disposition to receive it in truth and simplicity." (Page 103)

- These quotes above were extracted from Thomas Adam's own diary, put into a book-form after he went into eternity, and titled, "Private Thoughts On Religion..."; Second edition; MDCCXCV

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/4/25 0:41

"God may sometimes lead a good man to this saddest of trials, to know all that is in his heart as He left the good king Hezekiah (2Chronicles 32:31). We are not over-forward or over-willing to believe ourselves to be so bad as we really are in our hearts. We do not know what seeds of evil are sown there."

- Ralph Venning (Excerpt from his book, "The Sinfulness of Sin"; page 126; First published 1669; The Banner of Truth Trust, reprint edition 2008)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/27 18:25

"We need the reality of the Holy Spirit in our lives today more than ever before, for in our times without being equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit we are lost. Without the Holy Spirit, we will succumb to the satanic powers which are unleashed in the world, that race over the earth and draw increasingly more people under their dominion. However, when the Holy Spirit fills our hearts, we are not only armed for a spiritual battle but great things happen." - Basilea Schlink

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/29 5:54

"There is no use in running before you are sent; there is no use in attempting to do God's work without God's power. A man working without this unction, a man working without this anointing, a man working without the Holy Ghost upon him, is losing time after all."

- D.L. Moody

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/29 6:04

", success could be summed up in three words: Faithfulness (Matt 25:21; Heb 11:6) fruitfulness (John 15:8) and finishing well (Matt 25:21; 2 Tim. 4:6-8)." - Neil Cole

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/4/29 23:18

"An impediment in his speech had made him give up the thought of being a Covenanting minister, but here was his own Bible School where he taught youth to resist unto blood, striving against sin. In the summer time they held their classes in the sheepfold, and in the winter they sat around the peat fire in the kitchen. We rightly look upon John Brown of Priest hill as being one of our first founders of Bible Classes and Sunday Schools."

- Taken from the blessed book, "Fair Sunshine: Character Studies of the Scottish Covenanters", by Jock Purves; The Banner of Truth Trust: Reprint edition 2015; page 53

Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/5/1 0:46

(45)"But and if that servant say in his heart, 'My lord delayeth his coming'; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

(46)The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

(47)And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes."

- The Words of Christ Jesus (Luke 12:45-47; kjv)

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/5/3 19:12

"If God is your partner, make your plans BIG!" - D.L. Moody

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/5/3 19:13

"Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do." - Andrew Murray

Re: - posted by AlmostHome (), on: 2016/5/3 19:26

"Holiness is not something we are called upon to do in order that we may become something; it is something we are to do because of what we already are."

-- Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones.

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by AlmostHome (), on: 2016/5/3 19:31

A personal one for me right now, as I fight a heavy spiritual battle, is this:

"Indeed I can put it, finally like this; the ultimate cause of all spiritual depression is unbelief. For if it were not unbelief even the devil could do nothing. It is because we listen to the devil instead of listening to God that we go down before him and fall before his attacks."

-- Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/5/4 20:51

"Many claim that they want revival, but generally we want to have a revival to save our face, when the first thing we must lose is our face. Fallow ground must be broken up, even at the cost of humiliation and embarrassment." - Vance Havner

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/5/7 7:46

"Oh, for a race of Pauls! Oh, for an army of Gideons! Oh, for a band of heroes! Oh, for the baptism of the Holy Ghost in all the meaning of Pentecost and in all the highest thought of Christ Himself!" - A.B. Simpson

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/5/11 18:03

"Oh! Cry for the flood-tide of God's Spirit, that He may fill every chamber of your heart" - Robert Murray McCheyne (1813-1843)

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by AlmostHome (), on: 2016/5/12 23:13

"Some of you have read the words of that aged saint who, on his ninetieth birthday, told of all God's goodness to him. I mean George Muller. What did he say he believed to be the secret of his happiness, and of all the blessing which God had given him? He said he believed there were two reasons. The one was that he had been enabled by grace to maintain a good conscience before God day by day; the other was, that he was a lover of God's Word. Ah, yes, a good conscience is complete obedience to God day by day, and fellowship with God every day in His Word, and prayer. That is a life of absolute surrender."

- Andrew Murray

Re: - posted by AlmostHome (), on: 2016/5/12 23:24

"Let me say to you, again, grieve very much if there is the least cloud between you and Christ. Do not wait until it is as thick as a November fog. Be full of sorrow if it is only like a tiny, fleecy cloud! George Muller's observation was a very wise one, "Never come out of your chamber in the morning until everything is right between you and God." Keep in perpetual fellowship with Jesus and thus you can be with Him and yet be serving Him at the same time!"

- Charles Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/5/13 7:11

"Any doctrine that makes the world your friend is not your friend." - A.W. Tozer

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/5/14 9:34

"Satan does not meekly give up his prey. He counterattacks fiercely in many unexpected ways." - David Wang

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/5/14 12:58

"Crucify our tongues, our little squirming member, nail it to the cross Lord!"

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/5/14 13:34

"Every saint is God's temple." - Thomas Brooks

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2016/5/15 3:02

We err in that we judge the work of God according to our own feelings, and regard not His will but our own desire.
~ Martin Luther

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/5/20 13:58

"Sexual impurity and greed for money are the two primary characteristics of false teachers" - Zac Ponnen

Re: - posted by Citizenabove (), on: 2016/5/21 0:21

â€œI believe..the life of the Christian should be a perpetual crisis of dependence upon the living God, and that's exactly what the flesh hates. Our lives should be a perpetual crisis of dependence upon the living God. God is always trying to stir up the nest , and weâ€™re always trying to feather it."

- William MacDonald, sermon: â€œGod Wants The Bestâ€

(I honestly would almost like to quote the whole sermon, no joke.) It has struck my heart deeply.

Blessings to you

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/5/23 13:14

"Itâ€™s easy to praise God when we see evidence of His answer. We find it especially easy to praise Him when we see the thing come to pass. â€œThank You, Lord. Youâ€™re so good!â€ We rejoice at that pointâ€™and thatâ€™s good. But that isnâ€™t faith. Faith is rejoicing before there is any evidence of the fulfillment."
-Chuck Smith

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/5/24 7:09

"I came to understand later that God has a mark reserved for His people, which will immunize them against the onslaughts of Satan, as he seeks to corrupt their minds "from the simplicity that is in Christ". It is the mark of His Spirit imprinted in our minds -- Godâ€™s seal, that no beast or dragon can erase. This mark is called "the seal of the living God", which God imprints upon the foreheads of His people. This seal is Godâ€™s sign to all spiritual powers, good or evil -- that these are chosen in Christ; and a sign of assurance to those who are sealed, that they need not fear the winds of Godâ€™s wrath, when they begin to blow upon the earth. (see Rev. 7:2, 3)." - George Warnock

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/5/24 22:14

"Persecution has never hurt the church, only prosperity." - Paul Washer

Re: - posted by ManOfGod (), on: 2016/5/25 12:06

I am weary of hearing people say we don't have time to pray today. It's not a lack of time it's a lack of desire. You name time for what. You really want to do. David Wilkerson

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/5/27 6:30

â€œAll the talk about building buildings for Godâ€™s glory is a lot of hype. He doesnâ€™t receive any glory from rocks, brick and stone. His glory is revealed through human vessels clothed with Him. God doesnâ€™t live in temples made with hands, He lives in the heart of the born again believer.â€ -B.H. Clendennen

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2016/6/3 6:23

God never gives us discernment in order that we may criticize, but that we may intercede. ~ Oswald Chambers

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/6/3 14:24

"If Satan could quote Scripture to try and lead Jesus into sin, you can be certain that He will quote Scripture to lead you astray as well. And if you don't know the Scriptures well, you will be led astray." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/6/11 10:54

"There is only one mark of God's blessing - that you are becoming more and more like Christ." - Zac Poonen

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by yuehan, on: 2016/6/11 12:41

Some quote floating around the Internet:

"Religion says: God will love us if we change.

The gospel says: God's love changes us."

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2016/6/12 4:12

Outside of Christ, I am only a sinner, but in Christ, I am saved. Outside of Christ, I am empty; in Christ, I am full. Outside of Christ, I am weak; in Christ, I am strong. Outside of Christ, I cannot; in Christ, I am more than able. Outside of Christ, I have been defeated; in Christ, I am already victorious. How meaningful are the words, "in Christ."

Watchman Nee

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/6/13 2:34

"Now the main thing is to get the eyes of the people open. They need to see hell as the result of their sin, and that produces fear, the fear of God which is the beginning of wisdom. Once get this fear and all will be comparatively easy; but if this fear does not lay hold of a man, his so-called conversion is a sham. True love awakens a man to reality; sham love soaps him down to hell, greases his trail, in fact, to hell. Very many are half asleep or deluded, and make up fancy doctrines of their own, which practically mean that an unholy man can get to heaven without being holy. But remember, Christ did not die to whitewash us, He died to re-create us, and none but His re-creations enter heaven." - C.T. Studd

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/6/17 14:42

"Now that you have died with Christ, you are not bound to the Law any more. And God raised you from the dead so that you can be married to Christ." - Zac Poonen

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2016/6/21 20:12

The millennium exists to demonstrate before the world and the principalities and powers, that indeed this land and this people will be what God promised they will be, and the rebuke will be given to the words, "Has God really said?" ~ Reggie Kelly, The Underground Episode 43 : Discussing Premillennialism with Reggie Kelly

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/6/24 11:04

"A disciple is a learner and a follower. All through his life he has to learn from Jesus and follow Him." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/7/1 13:10

"It is God's work to fill you with the Holy Spirit. If we submit to Him, He will fill us." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by alamb (), on: 2016/7/3 0:35

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Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/7/5 16:25

I am aware that this will elicit storms of persecution, but in the name of the Lord it must come. God will be glorified in the escape of his holy children from all human enclosures into the one and identical fold of Jesus Christ. Oh! let us be honest before God in this matter. - D.S. Warner

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/7/5 16:29

"Oh, the thousands of souls that are being lost to all eternity through the selfish, wicked, and carnal spirit of our churchism! God is dishonored, yea, robbed of the purchase of His Son's death, and infidelity stalks abroad the result of a divided house." - D.S. Warner

Re: Emmet Fox a Christian? - posted by forrests (), on: 2016/7/5 17:05

Quote:
-----"God cannot, as people sometimes think, send sickness or trouble, or accidents...much less death...for these things are unlike His nature."

"alamb",

It appears to me upon a bit of internet research that Emmet Fox was not a Christian and that the "New Thought" and "Divine Science" movements are also erroneous/heretical movements.

I was lead to check this out on the basis that the above quote is patently unbiblical and one cannot hold to the inspiration of scripture and biblical inerrancy and believe the quote above. While the premise is sound (God is purely Good and Holy) - I could cite many times when the bible (in both the old and new testament) flat out contradicts the conclusion of the above quote.

I believe the problem arises when our point of reference is amiss. God is good, man - in and of himself, is not. Therefore it is in agreement with God's Holy Nature to punish and judge evil. If man were good and had never done wrong and 'evil' still befell him - this would be harder to reconcile with God's nature.

Now, in a fallen and sin-sick world, suffering and 'evil' does befall the righteous; including Jesus Christ Himself. This is in agreement with self-sacrificial love, which is also God's nature (to His eternal praise and our eternal joy).

But there are many, many instances in the Bible of sickness, suffering and death coming directly from God's hand and also by His word through ministers of His.

A few instances:

- * Capitol punishment under the Law of Moses.
- * The flood of Noah's day.
- * Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities of the plain.
- * The "Fiery Serpents" in the wilderness.

- * The destruction of Jericho and other sinful cities, apparently including the killing of women and children.
- * The death of Pharaoh's army in the Red Sea.
- * The death of the firstborn in Egypt.
- * The Death of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5.
- * The 'hand of the Lord' striking a man with blindness through Paul in Acts 13.

I truly hope you will consider my words and test this man and his doctrine by the Lord Jesus and His teaching and practice, as well as that of His apostles.

Grace to you in Jesus' Life Giving Name.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/7/6 0:07

"Then the Lord spoke to me once and asked me, "Do you want to impress people or do you want to help them?" I said, "Lord, I want to help them". Then the Lord said, "Stop trying to impress them then" - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/7/7 20:43

“Where, oh, where are the eternity-conscious believers? Where are the souls white-hot for God because they fear His holy name and presence and so live with eternity’s values in view?” - Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/7/8 13:04

"The way you react to people who do evil to you could trigger a reaction in someone watching you that could result in his salvation." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/7/11 0:36

"The house churches in china have already been exempt from the bondage of denominationalism." - Shen Xiao Feng

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/7/11 0:36

"A leader must be clear about God’s calling and regularly spend time in devotion and prayer so as to maintain a fervent heart." - Shen Xiao Feng

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/7/15 0:20

“Though wicked men carry on open war with God, yet they never wish to sin without some plausible pretense.” - John Calvin

Re: Posting on SI Forum, a quote from E.M Bounds - posted by sdidde (), on: 2016/7/15 3:09

It might be Greg, but I saw a quote from E.M. Bounds on this Forum; where E.M Bounds was reflecting on the preachers of his day, who lack the power of prayer. They, like the money changers and those that sold oxen and sheep in Jesus' time, use the ministry of preaching to profit from their writings, and such. Does anyone remember the full article from which the quote was taken.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/7/15 11:56

"Even if we have lived faithfully for 70 years, when we come before the Lord, we can come only on the same basis as a new convert â€” in Jesusâ€™ name." - Zac Poonen

Re: Great Quotes 18 - posted by Lysa (), on: 2016/7/16 13:00

The Scriptures are clear: Jesus will rule on the throne of David and over David's kingdom. Was David's throne or his kingdom ever in heaven? ~ Joel Richardson @JoelRichardson

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/7/25 22:08

"Say kind reader, did you ever hear or read that the holy apostles and prophets were covetous of such high, vain names as are the learned and the preachers of the world. It is true the word Rabbi or Master was applied to the ambitious Scribes and Pharisees, but not to the apostles and prophets. For we do not read of Doctor Isaiah, of Master Ezekiel and of Lords Paul and Peter. No, no. All those who have rightly taught the word of the Lord, were in their time not honored with such high-sounding names." - Menno Simons

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/7/29 12:07

"More corrupt than the dark days before Luther; more impotently intellectual than during the heyday of Calvinism; more financially perverted than the days that caused John the Baptist to explode; more intoxicated with the drive for spiritual power than any age, yet exercising that outward power with less internal transformation than anyone since King Saul; enamored with the gifts, yet hardly knowing the Giver, our age has produced the most commercial, materialistic, fad-oriented people ever to claim His name." - Gene Edwards.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/7/29 12:25

"The purpose of your Bible study must be to get revelation from the Holy Spirit." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/7/29 16:48

A minister must be: "(4) Zealous in reproofing sin. "Rebuke them sharply" Titus 1: 13. A man of God must suck the fire of zeal out of the breasts of Scripture! Zeal in a minister is as proper as fire on the altar. Some are afraid to reprove, like the swordfish which has a sword in his head, but is without a heart. So they carry the sword of the Spirit with themâ€”but have no heart to draw it out in reproof against sin. How many have sown pillows under their people, Ezek. 13: 18, making them sleep so securely, that they never awoke until they were in hell!

Thomas Watson

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/8/1 0:41

â€œSurely, if we are not free to follow all, where they follow Christ and His will, we have only changed one kind of bond age for another. I do not think we ought to propose to be modeled unlike every sect, but simply to be like Christ; let us neither seek nor fear a name. I wish rather to have from every sect what every sect may have from Christ.â€” - Anthony Norris Groves

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2016/8/1 8:32

Spiritual gifts are supernatural empowerments given by the Holy Spirit to the followers of Christ so that they can do the work of building up the body of Christ, that is, the church, and extend the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

A. B. Simpson

Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/8/1 14:48

“Blessed is that man who has done with chance, who never speaks of luck, but believes that from the least even to the greatest, all things are ordained of the Lord. We dare not leave out the least event! The creeping of an aphid upon a rosebud is as surely arranged by the decree of Providence as the march of a pestilence through a nation. Believe this, for if the least is omitted from the supreme government, so may the next be, and the next, until nothing is left in the Divine hands. There is no place for chance, since God fills all things.” 1891, Sermon 2205 Charles Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/8/6 11:24

“If we repeatedly read the Bible without the help of the Holy Spirit, it tends to reinforce our own prejudices and hard doctrinal positions. We end up merely finding ammunition for what we already believe. We become so spiritually proud, so convinced of our own positions, that the Spirit is hindered in helping us to grow in the things of God.” - Jim Cymbala,

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/8/12 15:00

"Many Christians don't understand that when they go through any suffering, they are fellowshiping with Christ in His sufferings." - Zac Poonen

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/8/13 17:20

"We are a bunch of nobodies trying to exalt Somebody." - Jim Eliot

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/8/14 0:57

"The people of God are pilgrims and aliens in a world ruled by the rapacious god of deceit, intrigue and murder, Satan. Comfortable conformity to the world in which we live today may be the most subtle form of Christ denial." - Richard Halverson

Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2016/8/15 9:50

"If the business of this day will permit it, it will be well, dear reader, if you can spare an hour to walk in the field at eventide, but if not, the Lord is in the town too, and will meet with thee in thy chamber or in the crowded street. Let thy heart go forth to meet him."

Charles Spurgeon

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/8/18 19:18

"When revival came to believers in China, the result was thousands of evangelists being sent out to all corners of the nation, carrying fire from the altar of God with them. When God moves in the West, it seems you want to stop and enjoy His presence and blessings too long, and build an altar to your experiences." - brother Yun

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/8/18 19:45

"As long as we take glory from one another, as long as we seek and love and jealously guard the glory of this life, the honor and reputation that comes from men, we do not seek and cannot receive the glory that comes from God." - Andrew Murray

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/8/18 19:47

"Once again, let me again repeat what I have said before, I feel deeply that we have very little concept of what the church suffers as a result of its lack of humility- the self abasement that makes room for god to prove His power." - Andrew Murray

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/8/19 15:59

"We can hinder God's work if we act according to our own reason without seeking the will of God in prayer." - Zac Poonen