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**Sinners in the hands-an expose of the " Church," of Wells, on: 2016/1/25 12:21**

Her parents were eventually able to establish a rough sketch of what had happened. In early 2010, while attending a Bible-translating conference in Duncanville, Catherine had met a traveling evangelist who told her about a small, nondenominational New Testament church, led by three young street preachers, that its members considered to be the only church in America practicing true biblical Christianity. A year later, in 2011, not long after her grandfather's death, she had begun communicating over email and on Skype with members of the church, which had started calling itself the Church of Arlington. During the next two years she had gradually been persuaded to come and join the church herself.

- See more at: <http://www.texasmonthly.com/articles/sinners-in-the-hands/#sthash.MFdAnedi.dpuf>

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**Re: Sinners in the hands-an expose of the " Church," of Wells, on: 2016/1/25 15:08**

My brother Frank,  
God bless you for posting this...I have been watching this tragic....dare I say "witness" for some time, and have not posted about it.....not out of cowardice, but just that it rips my heart to shreds EVERY SINGLE TIME, I read about yet another "dark hole" a soul falls into, that MAN has "built", in the Name of Jesus.

as this is not yet another "secularist", salivating, just waiting to take a shot at the Body of Christ, because I will link you to a forum, where townsfolk in Wells write of what is happening on the ground:

<http://faith.boardhost.com/index.php>

have these men no Fear of God?.....or they insane, or mentally ill, or WORSE?

i'm praying for ONE church in my rural area to configure a once or twice prayer meeting, and lament, that no matter how much I urge various pastors to this divine ministry....we have none, at least, Thank You Lord, we don't have a "church of wells", a black hole.

Father, not my will, Your Will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven, amen...neil

**Re: , on: 2016/1/25 18:37**

<http://abcnews.go.com/Nightline/video/church-wells-tracking-controversial-religious-group-23210454>

**Re: - posted by elected (), on: 2016/1/25 19:31**

I read the article and did research about this new group.I would not say that they are an emerging cult because even though they seem to be radical and overzealous in their faith, they are sound as far as their statement of faith as much as a methodist would have been in the 18th century.

They promote in their websites godly preaching like Leonard Ravenhill and also historically they promote men of God like Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, John Wesley, Charles Surgeon etc.

I read that some church members of this group denounced Joel Osteen ministry in his own church in Lakewood for his prosperity gospel. It seems like they are straightforward in their methods of denouncing false prophets. Also they are radical in their discipleship methods, encouraging young people to forsake the world and their families and join them who they believe are part of the true remnant of God.

Some of the young people from this church left everything and joined this group, these alarmed the parents and the article posted tells about the story of this young woman and the struggle of her parents to get her back. I read somewhere else that this young woman went back home but after a short time joined the group again.

They are a radical movement for sure and I don't have enough knowledge and I don't know enough about them to come to a better conclusion. Media already has branded them as a cult but we need facts and not just opinion of media or some other Christians to come to a biblical conclusion and judge with discernment.

Anabaptist were considered as heretics by Lutherans and Calvinists but history shows that many of them were true disciples of Jesus Christ. I'm not here to defend this new christian group, I don't know them I heard of them for the first time today but before we join the wagon with the rest and brand them as a cult, I would advise a research about them and reading about both sides of the story.

What I noticed is that they call themselves as The Church in any town they established themselves. Now this practise is not new. Witness Lee who was a co-worker with Watchman Nee named the same way his local churches in America and I don't agree with the teaching of Lee, just mentioning this fact because it seems to me The Church of Wells have the same tendency as far as naming their local churches.

These are my observations so far.

Blessings,

**Re: , on: 2016/1/25 19:45**

Hi Redi, SI has denounced them as a cult. Paul Washer's group have too and Ravenhill's biographer has demanded they remove Ravenhill's material from their website. They claim that only they are saved and do not accept that anyone apart from them are saved.....bro Frank

**Re: - posted by elected (), on: 2016/1/25 21:16**

Brother I understand that SI and Paul Washer group have denounced them as a cult and I respect the ministry of SI and we know that Paul Washer is a man of God who has the anointing of God in his ministry. All that said the only thing that can convince me are facts, the truth and Word of God before I come to a conclusion that I believe is right.

The controversial christian group we are talking about have some characteristics of a cult like they have withdrawn from the world and want to live seclusive lives in their own community but unlike any cult they are sound on the fundamentals of faith. You said that they believe they are the only one saved, I didn't find anything on their website that claims they are the only one saved or the only one chosen by God. It's a contradiction in itself since they hold on high esteem ministry of Paul Washer and they say that many members from their church were saved through his ministry.

They are very radical in what they believe but I haven't seen yet a cult that is so zealous about observing the sermon on the mount and believing Jesus as Lord and Savior and preaching the cross and salvation by grace.

I'm not here to take the part of any side, so far I have seen a very zealous group of young men who have taken to heart to obey the terms of discipleship and in their effort and zeal of doing so they sometimes make the mistake of judging others not in love or offending parents because their children left everything to join this group.

**Re: , on: 2016/1/25 22:19**

Hi Elected, you say you respect the ministry of SI and Paul Washer and so on, but you seem to have little problem ignoring their clear warnings and at the same time accepting this group on face value. Do you believe that SI or Paul Washer simply chose to condemn them for no particular purpose? Serious question.

Elected, can you tell us if you are connected in any way to this group?

When someone joins their group, they are no longer allowed to speak freely to their parents. Many parents of the young people in that group have never seen their grandchildren. You can read the testimonies of these parents.

Bottom line with this group, they accept no other group at all as Christians, only their group, there are ninety of them. This is classic cultish behaviour. If you leave the group, they claim you will lose your salvation, again, the most classic aspect of any cult. The world at large is seen as hostile and must be avoided at all costs, especially families. How are these families to be won for Christ, if indeed that is the case, if they cut off all connections with them?.....bro Frank

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2016/1/25 22:57**

Thought I'd share the link to this thread from a while back dealing with this group as it has some info that may be helpful:

[https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id=51607&forum=35](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=51607&forum=35)

**Re: , on: 2016/1/26 0:32**

Elected wrote: "All that said the only thing that can convince me are facts, the truth and Word of God before I come to a conclusion that I believe is right. -

but before we join the wagon with the rest and brand them as a cult, I would advise a research about them and reading about both sides of the story. "

These are fair comments and I have to admit that I haven't fully researched that group myself. I only briefly read what believers posted on this thread but that is enough to be VERY concerned

A few quotes from the linked article :

"Also they are radical in their discipleship methods, encouraging young people to forsake the world and their families and join them who they believe are part of the true remnant of God. "

They are encouraging young people to forsake the world and their families - AND JOIN THEM - very dangerous and where is Jesus in all this?

"Catherine gave all her belongings to Goodwill and disappeared without a word. Her parents had no clue where she had gone. "

This is not the fruit of the Spirit, we still need to love our parents.

"I'm in Wells, Texas, with a group of people who are taking good care of me,"

She said that PEOPLE are taking good care of her, the Bible says that God will meet all our needs, not people.

"But I can't listen to you anymore, I can only listen to my elders. "this is also cult-like.

Where is Jesus in all this? He does not get any Glory here.

The Apostle Paul was also "radical " but he always pointed people to Christ and he was willing to lose everything - To Gain Christ !(Phil.3)

The Moravians forsook everything because they wanted that The Lamb that was slain should receive the full reward for His suffering.

There are many clues that make me believe that there is a counterfeit spirit in this "church" . Beware !

**dear elected, on: 2016/1/26 3:38**

(what I respond to you, I do with a soft voice)

you wrote:

"The controversial christian group we are talking about have some characteristic of a cult like they have withdrawn from the world and want to live seclusive lives in their own community but unlike any cult they are sound on the fundamentals of faith."

I wont belabor or question the usage of the word "controversial", nor the " sound(ness) on the fundamentals of faith." you they write they possess, but as far them wishing to "and want to live seclusive lives in their own community "...watch this 4 minute nightmare as "deacon" of this church from the roof an adjoining building, harangues a dear man, his wife and child.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9H2TsL7nr64>

is that "seclusive"?...or good fruit?...a healthy witness?...or banish the thought, Jesus love?

**Re: dear elected - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/1/26 6:50**

Rolfe Barnard's Tape Ministry came out with this statement that I just ran across this morning while looking at their page:

There is a group in Texas called "The Church of Wells." We at the ROLFE BARNARD LIBRARY are in no way affiliated with this group that has a mixture of truth with many cult-like tendencies. For some reason they have "fallen in love" with the ministry of our late Evangelist ROLFE BARNARD, but we do not flinch to assure you that BARNARD and his ministry was nothing like "The Church of Wells." We repudiate them and their use of our Brother Barnard's sermons and ministry. We personally knew Rolfe Barnard and can assure you the three young men who have started this "church" in Wells, Texas are not of the same spiritual class as Barnard and Spurgeon and Edwards, and others they claim to have affinity with. We are not in sympathy with "The Church of Wells," and if you do a little research on the Internet you can surely understand WHY. They have no right to incorporate the ministry of THE ROLFE BARNARD LIBRARY into their very doubtful and unorthodox message and methods. We reject you, "Church of Wells," as UNSOUND and definitely destroying the lives of young people with your dictatorial and deceitful methods!

"THERE IS ONLY ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MEN, THE MAN CHRIST JESUS" and these three young men in Wells, Texas, who are standing between souls and God are blatant DECEIVERS! May God deliver those who are caught in their web.

" Larry Howell and Wylie Fulton

[http://www.sermonaudio.com/new\\_details3.asp?ID=72968](http://www.sermonaudio.com/new_details3.asp?ID=72968)

**Re: , on: 2016/1/26 9:31**

Excellent quote bro Greg. I would like to remind all that no one has accused these young men of heresy. There is a difference between heresy and being a cult. It was mentioned that some of their group protested inside or outside of Joel Osteen's church. They also protested outside of Times Square Church whom they consider to be not Christian.....bro Frank

**Re: - posted by elected (), on: 2016/1/27 19:28**

Hi brother Frank,

To answer your question, I'm not a member or affiliated at all with the church of wells. It was your post that made me aware that this group exist and just because personally I don't believe they are a cult, doesn't mean that I'm on their side.

I appreciate what Greg and others here have posted about them, there is definitely something wrong with this group that has been disassociated by some godly ministries that we hold in high esteem.

After doing some more research about their beliefs and practices, I found that there so called Doctrine of Judgment they are erring in the what they call familial division and familial idolatry. For them separation from their unsaved parents or family includes not only a spiritual separation but a physical separation too and the only contact they are to have with their unsaved parents is only in case when they have an opportunity to witness to them the gosple. At least this is what I unde

stood from reading about their teaching of familial division and familial idolatry.

Their interpretation and application of Luke 14:26 is not biblical, "If any man come to me and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren and children, yea and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." From the spiritual point of view I agree that when we are born again, a spiritual division has already taken place with the rest of the family members that are not saved and Christ calls us to follow him and obey his word even though this may bring us to conflict with our parents or family. We are bought with the precious blood He shed for us on the Cross and our life belongs to him and he should be our Lord and Master.

The terms of discipleship are clear in the gospel and we are called to deny our self, take up the cross and follow our Lord. The leaders of The Church of Wells err or go astray when they make it a rule for their church members to cut off all contact with parents or family members that are unsaved and the only communication they can have with them is only to witness the gospel.

This is unbiblical and an extreme measure and I see where they err because one of the commandments of God is to honor our father and mother (Exodus 20:12) and Paul too exhorted believers the same thing (Ephesians 6:1-3). In Jeremiah 35:18-19 those who honor their parents are blessed. In Romans 1:30 and 2 Timothy 3:2, those who are of depraved mind and those who exhibit ungodliness are characterized by disobedience to their parents. It is only when our parents demand or ask us to do something that is in contradiction with God's will that we should not obey them.

This is one of their doctrinal errors that I found in their so called Doctrine of Judgment and particularly when they teach about familial division and familial idolatry. May God open their spiritual eyes in this matter.

All that said, should we characterize them as a cult? Their Manifesto and Statement of faith is evangelical and biblical. I have read about the testimonies of their elders and they seem to be sincere about their conversion and being born again. They are zealous to preach the gospel and fervent in prayer and in the study of the bible, they shun worldly amusements and entertainments. They are passionate about revival and they honor godly men like the Scottish Reformers/Covenanters, Puritans, early Evangelicals of 18th century, Revivalists and men of God like A.W. Tozer and Leonard Ravenhill who were a voice from God in the Church.

From my understanding it seems like they are sincere in their convictions. It's true that our fellowship should be only in the light and in the family of God because friendship with the world is enmity against God but that does not necessarily mean a physical separation from unsaved family members.

I'm trying to rightly divide the Word of God and be as objective as I can in this matter. Do I believe that they are a cult? I don't, even though they have some tendencies that resemble a cultish group, like being exclusive and isolated etc. Their commitment to the Gospel, their desire to follow apostolic Christianity in my personal judgment or discernment excludes them from being a cult.

**Re: , on: 2016/1/27 21:07**

Hi brother Reddi,

One of the classic signs of being a cult is a denial that one is saved by faith alone. Whether it's Mormons or Jehovah's witnesses or even the Catholic Church, whether by doctrine or by practice or by over-arching and over-reaching authority, it is clearly laid down by these groups, and that would include the group from Wells, that unless you follow their practices and advice, then you will not get your salvation.

Brother Greg and I both have personal experience with these young men and certain people within this group, and the cutting off of families is tragic. Of course I agree that if our families reject us because we become Christians then that is their choice and we cannot change who we are because family members disagree. That is one thing and that is Biblical, it is quite another thing and cultish, to cut off all meaningful communications with any family members who do not agree with our Christianity. Believe me when I tell you that these young leaders are bound and chained by works, those works being reading the Bible for several hours a day and praying for several hours and so on. Of course reading one's Bible and praying is a beautiful thing, but when that is turned into a work and by that work a person is measured and then rejected if one does not measure up, then it has become a snare and a chain with which to bind, classic religiosity and classic cult.

tish behavior.

We see similar traits with the Amish and other groups like it whereby if one does not conform completely to their system then they are shunned by the community and this shunning is the punishment, the snare, the chain that keeps the people imprisoned. A genuine faith and walk with Jesus is a beautiful thing which brings much joy and love and peace, He who the Son sets free is free indeed, not snared by the chains of men and their own rules.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. (Gal 5:1) Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. (Gal 5:4)

One time I had to witness some of these young people crawl under pews on their bellies because they were " vile worms ." It is quite a thing to compete with one another to prove who is the vilest and somehow turn that into a virtue. The one leader that I spoke to, for several hours, became completely unglued because I spoke of the love of God, and how much He loves us and how many were His thoughts towards us and how we were children of the living God and what a joyous thing that was. Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty, there is freedom, there is joy and peace and love and security. The young leader had no answer to that and blamed his confusion on a lack of sleep, having not read his Bible for the obligatory several hours that day and not having prayed enough.

In a house I was staying at were several leaders and speakers from various backgrounds, elders and mature saints that Greg had invited to speak at one of his conferences, many would know the names and their sermons are included on SI. This young "leader" could not accept that any of us in that house were even Christians and refused to pray with us. Very sad situation.....bro Frank

**Re: - posted by elected (), on: 2016/1/28 10:45**

Thanks brother for shedding more light in this matter. I understand better their position, it seems like they are under the law and not grace, even though they use the language of grace and of the gospel. Jesus came to set us free and the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace etc. I hope and pray that God will set them free by his truth and deliver them from legalism and the judgmental spirit.

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2016/1/28 11:06**

A while back I studied this group in much detail and I would say that they do indeed have some heretical teachings. I don't have time right now to go into detail but will try later on if I get a chance. But I would agree with elected that much of what they do and teach is biblical. To me it seems that the three elders may be true believers who have been misled and fallen into some serious errors in their beliefs and practices. May God break through to them and bring them to repentance.

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2016/1/28 11:16**

After reading this thread a question came to me, "How could this have happened?" I know the wife of one of these leaders - she was/is a sweet girl; I have met her family. They were sincere in their zeal of doing God's work.

Then I read Redi's post and he suggested that legalism and a judgmental spirit pervaded their ranks and took over. Given the fact that we are called to discernment, to identify the wiles of the devil and work to disable these, how can one do it before sinking into legalism? As I muse on this issue an answer is emerging but would love to hear your take on this question.

Sandra

**Re: I know these guys personally - posted by havok20x, on: 2016/1/28 12:49**

So I live just a couple miles (19 miles to be exact) from these guys and have had the opportunity to engage with them.

Here are a couple of Observations:

- 1) They are generally very grounded in the scriptures, although not necessarily proper application.
- 2) Their strategy is largely based on a person's lack of knowledge of what the bible actually says.
- 3) On one particular encounter, I talked to 2 of the guys after I told them I liked the verse written on their SUV. One of the guys I got along with well. After really grilling me about where I stood with the Lord, he decided that he believed I was genuinely a brother, but wanted me to join their church. He anticipated that I, like many other believers, longed for a better, deeper, more full form of fellowship than just going to church. The other guy, standing right next to him, clearly did not agree with him and spent the rest of our conversation trying to use various scriptures, logic, and my lack of perfection to convince me that I actually was not saved.
- I believe this is a pretty clear strategy. Appeal to those who are lost or confused by convincing them they aren't saved. If that doesn't work and they appear to be mature, appeal to the lack of real, godly fellowship in the American church and offer that. Taking either bait is a victory for them.
- 4) This church is led by young men who are very zealous for their way of thinking and do not allow that they could be doctrinally wrong or doctrinally immature in ANY area. There are no real "elders" there as far as age is concerned, from what I can see. There are older people, but I haven't seen them in authority (which they should be in authority in my opinion).

Those are just some observations.

I do believe we have brethren who go to the Church of Wells, but I believe they've been tricked by the enemy into going. However, I am NOT convinced that they share the true Gospel, because no matter how much I pleaded with some of those guys that I have cast myself upon Jesus and believe on Him for my salvation--I was unsaved in their eyes. Apparently I needed Jesus + the Church of Wells.

**Re: I know these guys personally, on: 2016/1/28 14:49**

Excellent observations havok. ....

"I am NOT convinced that they share the true Gospel, because no matter how much I pleaded with some of those guys that I have cast myself upon Jesus and believe on Him for my salvation--I was unsaved in their eyes. Apparently I needed Jesus + the Church of Wells." Totally agree with those sentiments.....bro Frank

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2016/1/28 16:42**

Besides their extreme views on discipleship, the following are a few other errors they believe and teach (they share those views in this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0Mvdg3kUMc>):

1. The Church of Jesus Christ has been under God's curse for the past 2,000 years and only a very small number of true Christians have survived the general great apostasy. The leaders of the Church of Wells denounce even many solid and sound churches that have not apostatized. This is typical of many cults. They take the truth and reality of God's remnant to an extreme.
2. One can be a saved born again Christian and indwelt by the Holy Spirit while simultaneously be under God's eternal wrath if they are in a state of backsliding and willful sinning. Saved born again/Spirit-indwelt Christians can be dead in sin and walk in spiritual darkness and therefore on their way to hell unless they repent. If those saved born again Christians who are in this supposed state of spiritual death and darkness continue to refuse to repent of their backslidings, they can come to a point where they become "reprobated", which means they can no longer repent; they have no more hope of being delivered from God's eternal wrath in hell.

But how can one presently be saved and born again/regenerate and indwelt by the Spirit of God while at the same time be on their way to hell? It doesn't make any sense. Yet this is what the Church of Wells clearly teaches. They do not

equate being saved/born again/Spirit-indwelt with being saved from hell. Imo that is a weird and heretical teaching that I â€™ve never heard of before from anyone else. They use this heretical teaching to try to confuse new believers and convince them that they may be on their way to hell(though they may be saved/born again) unless they adhere to the Church of Wellsâ€™ teachings.

3.(closely related to point #2) In order to be completely saved from Godâ€™s eternal wrath and maintain that state of salvation one must be in a state of grace in which one does not sin willfully or knowingly.

My comments: True believers can and do indeed sin willfully and knowingly at times yet they are still saved through the blood of the Lamb. Yes, they will be convicted of their sin and repent if they are truly saved, but they will not be completely without known or willful sin in this life. They base this teaching on Hebrews 10:26 which says that if we go on sinning willfully there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins. However, the context of that passage is dealing with rejecting the gospel and relying on keeping the Mosaic Law for salvation. This teaching of theirs easily leads one to look to their own performance and law-keeping for salvation instead of looking to and trusting in Christ alone and His finished work on the cross.

Again, this group preys on new believers who are not that rooted and grounded in their faith, in sound doctrine.

Another interesting thing is that they are KJV-only ; not saying that that is heretical in itself, but itâ€™s interesting to note that there are quite a few cults out there that are KJV-only.

**Re: , on: 2016/1/28 17:31**

Good information Oracio, I ran into that when discussing with one of the leaders several years ago. I asked him about sin in his own life and he told me he was completely sanctified and had no sin.....bro Frank

**Re: , on: 2016/1/28 19:27**

Lots of red flags, for sure. But using the KJV version? The KJV does not create cults, if so, it should be banned then everything will be ok in Christendom.

**Re: - posted by havok20x, on: 2016/1/29 9:29**

Oracio,

I have also noticed a tendency for many cults within Christianity to be KJV-only. I think it may be because those cults are attempting to get back to "pure" Christianity, and in their eyes, the purest form of the scriptures is the KJV.

Fortunately for us, "pure" Christianity is rooted in Jesus Christ, and not all kinds of legalism or technicalities. Think about it, if the only way to get back to "real" or "pure" Christianity was to work really, really hard, then where is grace? I can't imagine that the dividing line between knowing the Lord and not knowing the Lord is only my unctious effort.

**Re: , on: 2016/1/29 10:10**

I can peruse a lot of churches and come up with different versions. I bet Joel Osteen's church (cult) uses every version "in the book". I have never heard him read KJV. I would be very careful about saying all cults use KJV. It is the Bible that evangelized the world for 300-400 years. It stands to reason that the most widely used Bible will be used by aberrant groups.

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2016/1/29 11:03**

Very true havok20x.

Again, being KJV-only is not cultish in itself. Being KJV-only gets cultish when they say that other versions are not the Word of God and that if you enjoy reading other versions you are unsaved.

**Re: , on: 2016/1/29 11:20**

I would agree with that, Oratio.

**Re: - posted by havok20x, on: 2016/1/29 11:26**

I am definitely not against the KJV or anyone who prefers it, but KJV-only people, by definition, seem to question your salvation if you don't use it.

I've had them tell me that if you don't use the KJV to lead someone to Christ, that the person can never actually be saved, because they didn't really hear the Word of God.

**Re: , on: 2016/1/29 12:57**

Well there are KJV-only people that are rigid and legalistic and there are people that prefer only the KJV.

But, I know where you are coming from.

It is futile to get into arguments or debate with people that seem to know whether you are saved or not based upon a book that you read or don't read. They care not about fruit, just their legalism. Time is too precious and I don't have the time for them.

**Re: - posted by yuehan, on: 2016/1/30 1:41**

A good tree bears good fruit. Bad fruit is thus symptomatic of error in doctrine (sometimes subtle) and a distorted understanding of God. I think that's a good rule of thumb when it comes to discernment.

The "Church of Wells" does present a challenge to consider our doctrine more carefully. Especially when it comes to the basics - how to be saved, what is repentance and how should that be done, how to pursue righteousness, what does a holy life look like, etc.

**Re: , on: 2016/1/30 9:51**

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-----by yuehan on 2016/1/30 1:41:06

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Bad fruit is symptomatic of an evil heart. People with good hearts sometimes, ignorantly believe in erroneous doctrine.

Mat 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART the mouth speaketh.

Mat 12:35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the EVIL TREASURE bringeth forth EVIL THINGS.

Heb 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an EVIL HEART of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

Eze 18:31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

The right doctrine without a new heart only results in putting "new wine in old wine skins."

**Re: - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2016/1/31 10:06**

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I've been pondering this thread and I'm wondering if these young men and women have fallen into an age old trap of fixing their eyes on themselves and their personal holiness and not fully on Jesus Christ and His Cross where He redeemed mankind.

There is a danger for all who have walked with the Lord honestly for any length of time to come to place their own desire for holiness before their desire to know God more deeply. The result is that we separate ourselves even from family instead of remembering that our primary call is to minister to the 'least of these'.

Just some musings this morning.

In Christ,

**Re: , on: 2016/1/31 11:11**

I think they are also upset with the complacency of Christianity. They see the extremes of religious hypocrisy not realizing that they have moved to the opposite extreme in an effort to differentiate and distance themselves from mainline Christianity. I have seen many through the years despise an extreme and then react to it by going to the opposite spectrum in their own extreme. Their Christianity is more like, "we are different than all of you. We are true disciples, and you can measure our walk and beliefs by yours and observe that we are more biblical".

Our walk cannot be reactionary based on what others are doing or not doing (as the case may be). Our walk must only be in response to the Holy Spirit leading and guiding us by His spoken and written Word (which are not contradictory).

2 Corinthians 10:12

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.