

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: Jesus drowned in a multitude of words.....****Jesus drowned in a multitude of words....., on: 2016/7/17 7:13**

The Bible is a wonderful book. It is the truth about the Truth. It is not the Truth. A sermon taken from the Bible can be a wonderful thing to hear. It is the truth about the truth about the truth. But it is not the truth. There have been many books written about the things contained in the Bible. I have written some myself. They can be quite wonderful to read. They are the truth about the truth about truth about the Truth. But they are NOT the Truth. ONLY JESUS CHRIST IS THE TRUTH. Sometimes the Truth can be drowned in a multitude of words.

...Richard Wormbrandt...

Read and read again, and do not despair of help to understand the will and mind of God though you think they are locked up from you. Neither trouble your heads though you have not commentaries nor expositions. Pray and read and read and pray for a little from God is better than a whole lot from men.

...John Bunyon...

...Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, LONG FOR THE PURE MILK of THE WORD, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord...1 Peter 2:1-3

... As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, just as it has taught you, you abide in Him... 1 John 2:27

... But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you...John 14:26

Brothers and sisters all we need is Jesus living in us by His Spirit and a New Testament to learn about Him. If we look to men and their commentaries and their systematic theologies and their sermons, we lose sight of Jesus. We fail to hear the Voice of the Shepherd. Or His Voice is drowned out with the voice of men who profess to speak for Him. Our longing should be for the pure milk of the word of God. Not for the word of men. Our longing should be for Jesus Himself who is the Word.

You may have all of this theology but give me Jesus.
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Simply my thoughts this Sunday morning.

Caps are for emphasis only.

From the bear cave.:)

Re: Jesus drowned in a multitude of words..... - posted by brothagary, on: 2016/7/17 7:15

Poppy cock ,

Some verses please

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2016/7/17 7:20

In context please please ,stope taring that bible up!!!

Ok if that is true ,blain brother you can make this you're last comment about what you think the bible teaches,, because a ll we need is jesus and the bible ,we dont need you brother!!!!

Re: Gary, on: 2016/7/17 7:26

My brother you're coming with the spirit of argumentation. I will not engage in such. If you have the Spirit of Jesus living in you. And you have a New Testament. Go with a teachable heart and see if what I say is true.

I have put verses in the OP. You pray over them and ask God to show your heart the truth of these verses. Be as John Bunyan who said read and pray and pray and read.

Gary don't come with an argumentative spirit. But come with a teachable heart. Ask God to show you the truth and to reveal Christ to you.

My thoughts bro.

Re: Gary, on: 2016/7/17 7:31

That is so true brother. I do not dispute that. You did not need me. You need Jesus and His Holy Spirit to show you the truth of His Word. I am simply sharing thoughts as God puts them on my heart. I'm not professing to speak for Christ.

Brother I sense the hostility in your post toward me. I urge you to go to Jesus with a teachable heart and ask Him to show you the truth of Himself. You will be blessed with a far greater revelation of what Jesus will show you. I will pray that God will give you a sweet revelation of a deeper reality of Jesus in your heart.

Gotta go bro. And you probably need to get some rest as it is probably night over there in Australia. May God grant you a sweet rest brother.:)

Brother Blaine

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 7:40

Lord Jesus I pray give my dear brother, Gary, a greater revelation of You through your Spirit. May Gary see the wonders of Jesus as displayed in the pages of your Word. Lord may verses that Gary has read just come alive and resonate in his heart. May my brother know that You are real. That you are the Living Word who lives in him. For Jesus I ask this in Your Blessed Name. Amen.

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2016/7/17 7:41

Brother i was laughing shaking my head with a smile , when i posted ,

But really i dont need you to teach me ,i just need jesus , you shouldn't say those things to me ,if i dont need to be taught ,that is hipocracy ,isnt it ,a contradiction,,,,

Hers some verses for those that might be confused about you post ,that shows we do need teachers ,,,

Acts 5:42

Verse Concepts

And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Matthew 28:19-20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Acts 4:2

Verse Concepts

being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

Acts 5:21

Verse Concepts

Upon hearing this, they entered into the temple about daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest and his associates came, they called the Council together, even all the Senate of the sons of Israel, and sent orders to the prison house for them to be brought.

Acts 20:20

Verse Concepts

how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house,

Acts 11:26

Verse Concepts

and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

Acts 15:35

Verse Concepts

But Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, teaching and preaching with many others also, the word of the Lord.

Acts 18:11

Verse Concepts

And he settled there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

1 Corinthians 4:17

Verse Concepts

For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.

1 Corinthians 14:19

Verse Concepts

however, in the church I desire to speak five words with my mind so that I may instruct others also, rather than ten thousand words in a tongue.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-2

Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more. For you know what commandments we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

1 Timothy 2:7

Verse Concepts

For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

2 Timothy 1:11

Verse Concepts

for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.

1 Timothy 4:6-16

In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which you have been following. But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. read more.

2 Timothy 2:23-25

But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels. The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,

Ephesians 4:11

Verse Concepts

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

Acts 13:1

Verse Concepts

Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

1 Corinthians 12:28-29

And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues. All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they?

1 Corinthians 14:29-34

Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment. But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, the first one must keep silent. For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted; read more.

Galatians 6:6

Verse Concepts

The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him.

1 Timothy 2:12

Verse Concepts

But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

2 Timothy 2:2

Verse Concepts

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Titus 1:9

Verse Concepts

holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

1 Timothy 3:2

Verse Concepts

An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

1 Timothy 5:17

Verse Concepts

The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and

teaching.

Colossians 3:16

Verse Concepts

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Romans 15:14

Verse Concepts

And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another.

1 Corinthians 14:26

Verse Concepts

What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation Let all things be done for edification.

From Thematic Bible

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2016/7/17 7:48

Father i pray for blain that he will see that the bible teaches that you have apointed teaches and paster to edafie and explain things that might be hard to understand , please father give him light in this area that he does not sumble any babe s in christ as i once was ,and as you know father was in the wildernesses with just you me your son and the spirit ,and h ow long it took to learn your word , father help him see .. In jesus name amen

Re: Gary, on: 2016/7/17 7:50

Brother you do well to quote a dozen verses. But what is Jesus saying to you. I have already shared what he said to my heart this morning. What is he saying to you?

Just take one of the verses you quoted to me and share with me what is he speaking to your heart. Or share something from your quiet time. I don't doubt you know the word. But what has the Shepherd spoken into your heart.

Gotta go bro. But look forward to hearing what Jesus has shared with you.

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2016/7/17 7:53

That we need teachers and pastors and propherts ,sothe holy spirit can use the bodyof christ for its porpus!!!!!!

Hes been saying that to me for the last ten years ,wile i resisted and stunted my growth, he still saying that ,,,,

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2016/7/17 7:56

Theres 26 verses you posted 2 ,, can you give a anothers five or six ,so i can mull over them ,and then compare them to the ones i posted

Would you suggest people put their Bible's away for a year and follow the Spirit, instead?, on: 2016/7/17 10:09

Gene Edwards once said that all Christians should put their Bibles away for one year and just follow the Spirit.

I found this a very troubling exhortation.

I have read many books about persecuted brethren and especially testimonies where if one finds a copy of the Bible they tear out the pages and distribute them to the saints so that each saint has a page to memorize. Christians shed tears at being given one page of the Bible even if it is from the book of Numbers. Saints have also smuggled Bibles into countries where they are banned at great peril to their lives.

Gene Edward's house church theology will be 40 years old in 2027 and he once said that a man's work should be judge

d after 40 years. So far, his work has produced bad fruit by and large. He did not suggest that people put away his writings for a year, only the Bible. Many people followed him blindly and have fallen into terrible ditches. A major sign of a cult leader is to de-emphasize the Word of God.

Re: Jesus drowned in a multitude of words....., on: 2016/7/17 10:11

I kind of see where both of you are coming from (I think), but if I may add a few thoughts:

The scriptures are clear that God gave the various parts of the Body for the Building up of the church. The Five Fold ministry and all the gifts of the Spirit (as God ordained) are for the building up and encouraging of the rest of the Body. This is clear from Romans, the Corinthian Letters, etc. In fact, it says "the eye can not say to the hand, 'I have no need of you'...if the whole body we're seeing, where would the hearing be?..." Etc. So there is a divine setting in place all the parts of the Body "somewhat" dependent on the others to come into the fullness of Christ. Not that God can't work when that truly isn't available (like in Wirmbrand's case in a Romanian cell), but that the rejection or minimizing of that when it is...that's another issue & can signify something in our own heart that still needs the wisdom, & especially humility, of Christ to touch on it.

As far as the verses in the OP, I do think some context is important:

1.) 1 John 2 "you have no need that any man teach you.." But wait? Wouldn't that be scripture contradicting itself? If that's true in how you are reading it, then why did God appoint teachers, tell teachers to teach, tell the Body all parts are needed and to be cherished, etc.? Because in 1 John there he is speaking of "false teachers" and false teaching. In its context, John is saying that the true believer has the Holy Spirit to "teach" between the true and the false. Between the Ekklesia in the Sunagaguae which pours out the fragrance of Christ from the anti-Christ & the wolves, the Gnostics (heretics they were already dealing with at that time), etc.

2.) 1 Peter there seems in context to be speaking to "babes", newborns in Christ. Specifically and especially that they should desire and crave pure spiritual milk of the Word. That they should drink it up night and day. I know I did as a babe in Christ & I still enjoy a good glass of refreshing milk on a fairly regular basis now too. My 2 month old, Micah Israel, craves milk every 4 hours, "straight from the spout" as it were. ðŸ˜Š But as for me, I actually prefer meat. Can't give Micah meat or he will choke on it, but I need to move on to the meatier things past the 6 foundations of the faith. Hebrews explains all of this full well in the context of all of scripture as a whole. That's what I believe 1 Peter is saying in its context.

3.) And the Holy Spirit Jesus sent no doubt "brings to our remembrance since all the things He said.." The Holy Spirit quickens me at times in ministering, in evangelism, in personal correction, etc. and applies the Word on a specific situation to bring wisdom, power and application. Thank God for that. But if He is going to quicken the Word to us (all the things Jesus spoke to His disciples as He was referencing & who He was speaking to in context), would that then contradict the Word in the epistles where Paul specifically states that Teachers are for the Body? God never contradicts Himself. And when there is a discrepancy in scripture, the answer is always - more scripture & the Holy Spirit's enlightenment on the text, & yes, sometimes, study & teaching, to help bring a better more accurate scripturally reconcilable understanding.

It's not an "either or" situation either. I mean, if I had to choose between the Word/Spirit and Teachers in the Body of Jesus, I would choose the former. But I don't have to. And God isn't asking me to. And if I am TOTALLY resistant to what God has ordained, maybe the root of some of that issue is partly something in me? Or in my understanding that's not yet complete? At least worth contemplating?

God Bless you Both brothers!

Jeff

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 11:21

What two brothers are you referring to, Jeff. Gary and Bear?

Sometimes, quotes are helpful.

Type open bracket, "quote", close bracket at the beginning of the quote.

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 11:35

Yes,
that is who I was talking about (the two in most of not all the posts in the thread). Point taken. I would quote more & even give exact scripture references (I usually say, like it says in Isaiah, "xyz.." Or similar). The main reason for that is just time. But yes, it would be more helpful and potentially clear where someone isn't following me, if I did it.
Thanks!
Jeff

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 12:01

I know it takes time, but it actually helps others quite a bit.

It takes time to write long posts, too. ;-)

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 12:02

"Brothers and sisters all we need is Jesus living in us by His Spirit and a New Testament to learn about Him."

Brothers this is what I quoted in the OP. I never said anything about throwing away your Bible or New Testament. But as in the case of our brother Richard Wurmbbrand he was sustained by Jesus himself without access to a Bible. But that is another discussion.

All I am sharing is that one can learn the truth about Jesus by sitting directly under the feet of Jesus Himself. Or rather being in His presence with the Holy Spirit and an open New Testament. Or the complete Bible if you wish.

We have the author of Scriptures living within us. If He is living within us than He is certainly capable of teaching us from the book He wrote.

My thoughts.

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 12:36

You may be misrepresenting brother Wurmbbrand a bit. He studied and knew and loved God's word and hid it in his heart. He did not get saved and go straight to prison having never had a bible.

A good example to hide the Word of God in our hearts.

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 12:43

Brothers and sisters where do we get this idea that we have to sit under a man who stands at the front of the church with a seminary degree to expound God's word to us. Where in the New Testament is there such a model?

Out of the passages that have been quoted to me buy those who dispute with me. I would like to look at two of them. In Ephesians Paul writes,

... And he gave some apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ...Ephesians 4:11-13

The above verses speak of positions in the body of Christ. These positions or offices are to be filled by men who have been called and gifted by the Holy Spirit to perform the task of apostle, prophet, pastor, teacher, and evangelist. (Paul is not saying one needs to go to Seminary).

But certainly one who is called to one of the five positions above needs to be gifted by the Holy Spirit. For Paul says in Ephesians 5:8,

... And he gave gifts to men...

It would seem that the fivefold ministry as this is some time called will be served by men who have a servant's heart to encourage the body of Christ. I don't think that we have the idea of a professional clergy involved in the above passages.

I find it interesting that 1 Corinthians 14:26 has been quoted to me as justification for sitting under the teaching ministry of a professional clergy. Let us look at the passage as Paul writes,

... What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification... 1 Corinthians 14:26.

How on earth one can get a one man clergy/laity out of this passage I have no idea. I look at that passage and I see body life. I see body ministry. I certainly am in agreement for Spirit-filled believers to come together with the psalm, teaching, revelation from God's word, a tongue, an interpretation, a word of knowledge, a prophetic insight, a Spirit-filled hymn, a prayer request, etc. For this truly is the New Testament model. This truly is what Christ desires for His bride.

The idea of one pastor educated in a seminary an expanding God's word to rows of people sitting in the pew is not a New Testament model. I will go as far as to say it is highly unbiblical.

But then to suggest such a thing as 1st Corinthians 14:26 will certainly offend the religious spirits that prevail in American Christendom.

Simply my thoughts.

Re: Julius, on: 2016/7/17 12:47

Brother can you show me in the OP where I said we throw away our Bibles. Look at the preceding post and you will see the gist of what I'm getting at.

Can you please show me in the New Testament where we get the clergy laity distinction? Can you please show me in the New Testament where we as believers in the New Covenant are to sit under a professional clergy? Can you please show me in the New Testament where such clergy must have seminary degrees.

These are the issues that I am raising in this thread. Again I have never said nor implied that one throw away their Bible. What I am trying to reason is that one need only their Bible and the Holy Spirit to teach them from the scriptures.

Hope I have clarified myself. I await your response to my questions above.

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 13:11

Blaine,
please provide quotes where someone endorsed clergy laity distinction, sitting under clergy, or clergy having seminary degree.

God giving teachers to the church is not clergy laity distinction.

Being teachable and listening to teachers that are called by God to teach is not sitting under clergy. Prayerfully study the Word to understand God and his will for us called theology is not the same as seminary degree. Teachers studying to be more skilled and capable to serve God better is not clergy getting seminary degree.

Don't judge by appearance, judge with righteous judgement.

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 13:24

I agree with Blaine. The Nicolaitian model we see (I know scholars are split down the middle on what that means) Jesus condemns in the letter to one of the churches in Revelation is not God's design/way. Not one who "Lords it over" the people. Not how most of the American church congregation model is setup. Not at all. I agree. Seminary isn't a requirement. I agree. If a man isn't full of the Holy Ghost He shouldn't be leading (or even "serving tables" in the Acts account). I agree.

But brother, as the last poster Toszu said, that's not as clear what you're referring to in your posts. They come across as demeaning the value, calling & necessity of Teaching/Teachers in the Body & as "I don't need anyone" lone rangerism. Been there, done that, got the T-Shirt. It's a reactionary theology imbalanced response to all that we see wrong in the typical current church model. But eventually we have to get past only calling out "what's wrong" & building "what's right".

God Bless,
Jeff

Re: Julius, on: 2016/7/17 13:28

I'm not totally disagreeing with you, but things that flow out of my heart naturally from study of the Word, experience, & thinking a lot on such things flow very quickly. Looking up all the scriptures, cut and pasting them verbatim, etc. takes ALLOT more time. I know it can be helpful, but as David Pawson points out, 2 bishops added chapters (1 did) & verse numbers (1 other did). Before that, people "searched the scriptures" and actually also got context in the meantime. When Jesus or the apostles quoted scripture, they just said "as it was said XYZ" or "as the prophet Isaiah XYZ". This made people be familiar with the scriptures and context. Also stopped a lot of eisegesis errors in using Google to provide "isolated pro of texts" free of context. But I'm not trying to be argumentative and I understand what you're saying. Just being honest with my thoughts. ðŸ˜Š

God Bless,
Jeff

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 14:17

Brethren I am reasoning from the New Testament model. The simplest definition of a church is found in Matthew 18:20,

... For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst ...

The above passages are in the context of what we call church discipline has Jesus expounds in Matthew 18:15-20. David Platt in his book Radical has rightly observed that Jesus was a mini church leader.

In other words three saints getting together in a Starbucks can constitute a church. Particularly if they are coming together with open New Testaments or Bibles with the intention to encourage and build up one another.

I might add that if one has been feeding them self from the word of God through the Holy Spirit. Then to meet with in such fellowship can be a blessing to the other saints.

We do not need to have a man stand between us and God to break open the word of God. For Paul tells us in 1 Timothy 2:5-6,

... For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time...

Because Christ is our mediator he has opened to us access to God. Paul tells us in Ephesians 2:18,

... for through him we both have our access in one Spirit to the father...

Because of this the writer of Hebrews tells us,

... Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need...

Because we have access to God. We have access to His Holy Spirit who lives in us to teach us the word of God. We do

not need the evangelical protestant priest standing before us to break open the scriptures. The Holy Spirit is quite sufficient to teach us His Word as we have the resident author of scriptures living in us.

Jesus has promised us the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit. Jesus tells us in John 14:26,

... But the helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I've said to you ...

In John 15:26 we read,

... When the helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about me ...

And in John 16:12-15,

... I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; but He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; he will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify me, for he will take of mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are mine, therefore I said that He takes of mine and will disclose it to you ...

Brothers and sisters this ministry is promised to us. The ministry, the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit, is promised to the saint who has a humble heart to listen to what the Voice of the Shepherd is saying.

For sure there may be brothers and sisters who will encourage us with insights that the Spirit has given them out of the Word of God. These are the things that are shared in the body ministry of what we call the church.

But to learn truth from Jesus should come in the prayer closet with an Open Bible sitting at the feet of Jesus Himself. And this presupposes that we are in relationship to Jesus through His Holy Spirit.

Brothers and sisters and my thoughts as revealed to me by the Spirit of Jesus.

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Re: , on: 2016/7/17 14:29

Quote:

-----by Tozsu on 2016/7/17 13:11:51

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Brother Blaine,

Did you just move the goalposts?

Where was clergy/laity and the Nicolaitan spirit brought up? Your response infers that everyone participating in this thread supports the Nicolaitan spirit which is a false premise, I believe.

Tozsu is correct in identifying God given and gifted teachers in the Body. One of your heroes, and mine, Richard Wurmb rand is such a one.

Brother Blaine, you yourself have learned truth from Jesus as He taught it to you through men. You don't deny this do you?

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 14:36

Blaine,
Where are the quotes?

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/7/17 15:21

What if Peter had said on the day of Pentecost to all the new converts- "you have Jesus and the HS- you don't need any thing else." (even Paul).

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 16:00

One last comment & I am personally bowing out of the discussion:

"3 guys at a Starbucks with an open Bible" can be a form Of Fellowship, but does not constitute the Biblical model of the "Ekklesia" that meets in the "Sunagagae" (the words used in the original Greek). 3 guys at a Starbucks don't do the type of Body Ministry among the Ekklesia found in 1 Corinthians Chapters 11-12 (Lord's Supper, Prophetic Words, Hymns, Spiritual Songs, "TEACHINGS", speaking in tongues and interpreting, all the other gifts, etc.). 3 guys at a Starbucks don't need all of the NT Instruction for the requirements of a Deacon, an Elder or a Bishop. 3 guys at a Starbucks with open Bibles is a good thing. And it can be a type & place for some good fellowship, but please don't confuse that with the "Ekklesia" meeting/assembling as/at "Sunagagae". Why then would so much specific instruction have been given for leaders, gifts, and functions in Paul's letters to Timothy, in Titus, etc. Let's not Add to the words of God as the "Nicolaitin" Clergy model does, but in an attempt to "react" to that type of wrong, let's not "take away from the Word of God"

Either and minimizing NT Body Ministry & Ekklesia to just 3 guys meeting at a Starbucks with their Bibles. Re-read the instructive NT Texts on these things brother. 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Romans, Ephesians, 1 Corinthians, etc.

God Bless,
Jeff

Re: Testing Out How To Quote in Post - posted by TrueWitness, on: 2016/7/17 17:20

Testing the QUOTE button found in the reply form:

Testing the open bracket method:

Quote:
----- In the beginning God created the heavens and the Earth.

So why is there a quote button if it doesn't work? I don't think it would take to much computer skills for someone to fix this on the server side. I know the frequent posters know about bracketing quotes but what about the newcomers? I am trying to offer constructive criticism and not just complaining to be complaining. Nudge, nudge.

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 17:38

I just copy and paste. Something I learned from a bro. Makes me dangerous and heretical in the forum. ;)

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 17:54

Yep. Quote button does not work. I wonder what that was there for.

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 19:29

... But do not be called Rabbi, for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers. Do not call anyone on earth your father, for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. Do not be called leaders, for One is your Leader, that is Christ. But the greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled, and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted...Matthew 23:8-12

We see in the above verses that Jesus never meant for the professional clergy/laity distinction to develop in His bride. Those who did serve leading His church were not to take upon themselves no the other title than to be called "brother". In essence there's only one who leads the church. Those who follow Jesus are simply known as brother and sister.

The church in its most simplest form is found in Matthew 18:20,

... For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst ...

In the above verses Jesus defined His church. A church can be as few as two or three people. Thus three people meeting together at a Starbucks with open Bibles can be considered a church. Particularly if that is the only these 3 individuals are getting.

The important things in gathering together in what we call church is fellowship and encouragement. In its most radical simplest form church is simply Jesus being in the midst of two or three people. They need not have pastors, deacons, a church building, a church fund, etc. They simply need Jesus.

I realize the religious mind cannot comprehend this. But I came out of the Jesus movement 40 years ago. For many of us young converts that came to Christ during that time. Our church was a fellowship of two or three people gathering together with the Lord Jesus in our midst. The traditional Church did not come on our radar. And when it did. Often the Spirit was not present.

Two years ago I met with a precious brother and his wife and family. For a season we would meet on Wednesday evenings sharing a meal and then fellowship afterwards. We never had a structure. Sometimes we would read the Word. Other times he would worship and sing. Other times would simply pray. Sometimes he would listen to a message. But Jesus was in our midst and those times were sweet. It reminded me so much of what we encountered during the Jesus movement.

What I am sharing will make absolutely no sense for those who are in the traditional clergy/laity structure. But for those who have gathered in intimate house fellowships will understand what I'm talking about. Indeed hearts will cry out for more of the the Spirit-filled fellowship of small gatherings. But gatherings where Jesus is present.

But such gatherings are an abomination to the religious structure. Indeed it will be the religious structure that will persecute and seek to destroy the the house fellowships. But I believe such house fellowships will continue to thrive and survive. Even in the midst of persecution.

Again simply my thoughts. Longing for the sweet Fellowship of the Jesus movement. Longing for that sweet fellowship that I shared with Rich and Jody.

Perhaps as persecution increases in this nation God will bring that fellowship back into our midst.

Simply my thoughts.

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 19:54

There is in the Sermon Index archives an audio message given by a brother who came out of the Jesus movement. The message is entitled, "A Testimony of the Jesus Movement and the Need for Gatherings". If you key that into the search box, it will direct you to the audio message.

I believe the audio message will convey more clearly what I am trying to convey in this thread.

Bro Blaine

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2016/7/17 20:07

I hope it would blain because it seems clear that you go againts paul description of the church and how it operates with propherts paster teachers ,ectra ,

Are you againts that model set forth by paul ,including elders and deacons

Re: Gary, on: 2016/7/17 21:41

Sorry brother. Got to leave this thread. Three police officers ambushed in Baton Rouge, LA. Louisiana is my hone state.

You Aussie's have it pretty calm down there in down under. But all hell is about to break loose here in the United States. Honestly Gary I hope Australia is spared the hell that's breaking loose in America.

Got to go bro.

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 22:24

Crime in Australia

http://www.ncpa.org/sub/dpd/index.php?Article_ID=17847

Re: , on: 2016/7/17 22:48

Quote:

by bearmaster on 2016/7/17 14:17:33

David Platt in his book Radical has rightly observed that Jesus was a mini church leader.

Platt graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.A. in journalism. From there he attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. There he received the degrees of M.Div, Th.M, and also a PhD. After he finished his doctorate, Platt served at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary as Dean of Chapel and Assistant Professor of Expository Preaching and Apologetics.

Wikipedia

Platt, David (2010), *Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream*, Colorado Springs: Multnomah Books, Wikipedia

Blaine I see a contradiction here: You read and quote "Professional theologians" and at the same time you are telling us not to listen to "professional theologians" but just listen to Jesus.

What is even more odd: These "professional theologians" seem to know best and teach us how to be simple and uneducated.

Re: Toszu , on: 2016/7/18 6:37

Dear sister let me get this straight. Right now four families are grieving over the loss of loved ones in Baton Rouge Louisiana. And you're looking to score points in a theological debate?

Really...

Re: , on: 2016/7/18 10:03

Since you brought this up, Bear. I pray the President apologizes for creating the false narrative regarding cops and pray he stops fanning the flames. Surely, this is not part of his agenda to remake America or is it?

Re: , on: 2016/7/18 10:06

Quote:

by bearmaster on 2016/7/18 6:37:17

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Bear,

She has a fair question and it seems you are appealing to emotion now to get out of answering her question. What does Baton Rouge have to do with your thread, anyway?

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/7/18 11:10

Saints,

This is the second topic or third on this subject that blaine has raised. I believe the point is made we can gather what we want from it. I am locked the thread as we are starting to accuse each other more then simply talking and sharing on the subject.

In the end yes, simple faith is much more valuable then higher learning and all possession of knowledge. Yet if we forgo knowledge then we can never attain to wisdom which is a right application of it.

this thread is locked.