

**General Topics :: about Pastor John MacArthur****about Pastor John MacArthur, on: 2017/7/9 15:44**

I've just watched a clip of Pastor John MacArthur, him saying that it is okay for christian baker to bake a wedding cake for a homosexual couple.

... his preaching style is changing now, and he is trying to please people.

But I still believe that some of Pastor John MacArthur sermons are biblical...

Here is the video exposing him:

<https://youtu.be/YOxaQnZZFL0>

What you think, saints?

Re: about Pastor John MacArthur - posted by Lysa (), on: 2017/7/9 16:29

At the 1:35 min mark John said, "No, it's not sinful for a cake maker to make a cake for a gay wedding anymore than it's sinful for a guy that owns a restaurant... I actually think that we need to show love to everyone and do good to all those outside the kingdom as well as inside..."

John MacArthur moved up a couple notches in my estimation over this comment.

Thank you so much for sharing it!!!

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/7/9 16:34

I agree Lisa.

"People are people so why should it be--you and I should get along so awfully."

Re: about Pastor John MacArthur - posted by dohzman (), on: 2017/7/9 17:23

Since I can not see Jesus as a carpenter carving a statue of two men or two women standing hand in hand in Holy Matrimony nor can I see Him attending such an event there by giving homage to such an occasion I have to agree with the personal conscience choice that the christian bakery took. As I understand this specific cake done the exact way requested would have been a stark violation of these bakery owners conscience. If the matter was just a plain cake stacked with the typical piers 3 or 4 high there probably would not have been a problem, add the other "stuff" on the cake and there lies the subtle compromise. You can love the sinner but hate the sin.

No kingdom divided against itself can stand, this issue is a divisive issue which can never lead to love and unity of The Holy Spirit and so I see its very nature with in the church as one that weakens the churches leadership role and causes harmful divides among evangelicals to the extent that we lose the real issue here and that is how best to win the "gay" community to Jesus Christ.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/7/9 17:30

I agree that a Christian baker should not HAVE to bake a cake for anybody he doesn't want to. A heathen baker should not have to bake for a Christian couple if he doesn't want to. But if the Christian baker doesn't have a problem with it he/she is not sinning.

Re: Other rhings that JM has said , on: 2017/7/9 18:58

There have been statements that John MacArthur has made that should cause us concern. We know that he denies the reality of the Holy Spirit. Dr. John MacArthur believe said the spiritual gifts have ceased after the first century.

But one thing that should cause us concern is that John MacArthur believes that one can take the mark of the beast during the tribulation and still be redeemed. This clearly in contrast to the teaching of scripture. One has to wonder where Dr. MacArthur has gone these days.

Bro Blaine

Re: Interview With Jimmy DeYoung , on: 2017/7/9 19:09

In the link below there is an interview with Jimmy DeYoung. The interviewer plays it Q&A where Dr John MacArthur answers the question about one having the mark during the tribulation and can be saved. Evidently Jimmy DeYoung believe that one can have the mark and be saved.

<https://youtu.be/iU3tjRq6tX4>

Bro Blaine

Re: Am I Missing Something?, on: 2017/7/9 19:14

Revelation 14:9-11

Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

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I am a bit puzzled. Did Dr. MacArthur for all of his theological credentials miss the above verses? Or am I missing something here?

Just curious.

Bro Blaine

Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2017/7/9 20:20

John MacArthur only matters to me when he says something right and even then only when it is a remarkable right. He has had a select one or two of those IMO. In other words I don't care what he thinks.

But I do believe it is no sin to make a cake for a gay couple's wedding IF you can do it while walking in earnest honesty with Christ, living in the word, and no pause from the Holy Spirit is given. That can happen. Whether it does or will is any one's guess. If a person IS given pause or if for conscience's sake they cannot bake that cake, don't. But there is no objective, definitive word from the Bible not to bake that cake in every instance.

Yet I cannot imagine it being a small thing in the conscience of any intentional and serious believer of Jesus.

MacArthur is beside the point.

Re: about Pastor John MacArthur - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2017/7/9 22:58

In John MacArthur's line of reasoning it would be okay for a Christian baker to bake a cake for a homosexual couple, as long as he isn't praying in tongues while doing so.

Re: about Pastor John MacArthur - posted by proudpapa, on: 2017/7/9 23:35

IT appears that his logic in the edited OP clip provided, contradicts, his clear logic in this clip : <https://www.gty.org/library/blog/B140605/john-macarthur-on-christians-business-and-gay-marriage>

add : Does anyone know where we can find an unedited full version of the statements in the OP clip ?

clarity

Re: about Pastor John MacArthur, on: 2017/7/10 6:02

Saints,

I regret posting this and sharing this...

I will not do this again, if I saw a preacher got exposed for something he said.. I will not share here in sermonindex again ...

I think the better thing to do as a radical follower christian is to focus on devotion to Jesus Christ and stick to listen to preachers men of God who is very firm in their faith and beliefs..

Sharing this matter just cause division and opinion among you...

Have a bless Monday to all of you!

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2017/7/10 6:33

"I think the better thing to do as a radical follower christian is to focus on devotion to Jesus Christ and stick to listen to preachers men of God who is very firm in their faith and beliefs.."

I agree with you, and there is nothing wrong with questioning and examining something that a well known teacher like John MacArthur has said. The Holy Spirit dwells within us so that we would know the difference of what is of the truth and what is not.

Where many are missing it is that they take phrases from articles or sermons of something that a minister has said and use that to condemn the man's ministry.

Jesus said that we would know them by their fruits.

Re: AbideinHim - posted by Lysa (), on: 2017/7/10 7:56

Quote:
-----by AbideinHim
In John MacArthur's line of reasoning it would be okay for a Christian baker to bake a cake for a homosexual couple, as long as he isn't praying in tongues while doing so.

LOLOLOL You gave me my morning chuckle, Mike!!!

Thank you so much!!!
Lisa

Re: about Pastor John MacArthur - posted by Lysa (), on: 2017/7/10 8:08

I know a lot of people on here disagree with me, but if I were a baker, I personally wouldn't have a problem baking a cake for homosexual wedding. If some or most Christians cannot do that, I judge them not.

And know that I would pray over that cake (speaking in tongues as well) but it would be made in love for them; love to see them walk in the fullness of Christ that God has for them... as I would a half-hearted Christian too!!

God bless us all!!
Lisa

Re: - posted by havok20x, on: 2017/7/10 12:34

Is this the place in the forum where we bash our brothers and sisters in Christ?

How many of you would stand in the spotlight under the meticulous eye of every single believer and start saying doctrine ?

I don't agree with everything MacArthur says, but who are you to judge a fellow servant. When he denies Christ, then we can talk.

To: Brother havok20x ..., on: 2017/7/10 13:27

Brother havok20x,

I regret sharing this. Please forgive me doing this, it causes division, I started this talk, it is my fault, I will not do this again...

Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2017/7/10 13:38

Hi Evangeline,

Thank you for sharing. Please continue to share on SermonIndex. While there is a plethora of different opinions among those who participate in discussions on SI forums, I think that the pursuit of Biblical truth is the motivation of each person.

This isn't anything new. After all, Paul and Barnabas had a disagreement that was so sharp that they even parted company over it (Acts 15:36-41). How's that for "early church unity?" It is an unfortunate part of our flawed human nature and being confined to this side of that "glass darkly" (I Corinthians 13:12).

Please don't allow this to discourage you from sharing or participating in discussions (unless you're following the Lord's leading). Conversations can sometimes become one-sided when people are discouraged from sharing their own insight. Believers certainly will never agree on every matter under the sun, but we can love and encourage one another despite any disagreements or squabbles.

Personally, I haven't listened to many sermons by John MacArthur. Thus, I can't readily compare and contrast his current sermons and teaching messages with older ones. I have enjoyed some of his teaching messages in the past (even if I disagree with a few of the things that he has taught).

That said: I strongly support the Colorado baker who faced a loss of his business if he didn't open up his bakery to decorate cakes for homosexual "weddings."

Unfortunately, there is quite a bit of misinformation about the infamous case that is currently being considered by the United States Supreme Court. This family-owned bakery did offer to sell a cake to the homosexual couple. However, they declined to participate by creating a cake for the sole purpose of celebrating a homosexual marriage.

Acts 1:8

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Blessings to all!

Re: about Pastor John MacArthur - posted by dspks, on: 2017/7/10 23:23

â€œThese six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.â€ Proverbs 6:16-19, KJV.

emestiu - posted by havok20x, on: 2017/7/11 9:41

emestiu,

Here is something the Lord has taught me. Whenever there is something that I am unsure about that another brother has said, I don't use their name. I just describe the situation and leave the names out. That way I don't unintentionally malign their integrity if I am the one who is confused. Or, if the brother/sister is wrong in what they said, I can confidently go to them one-on-one, as Matthew 18 shows, without have already opened the issue to the public.

The topic of whether or not a Christian baker can/should bake cakes for homosexual events is a worthy topic to be discussed--and it should be discussed.

Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2017/7/11 9:49

As a hairdresser, I perform services on people of all walks without exception but to participate in an open celebration of sin would violate my conscience and could not participate. When I have an unbeliever in my chair it affords me an opportunity to share the gospel but in a celebration of sin it would not and for me to participate is (for me) tantamount to approving of it and as a representative of Jesus then by extension I'm saying He would too-

Re: a great discussion - posted by roadsign (), on: 2017/7/11 10:41

I was blessed by this discussion. Thank you for posting the topic. It is relevant, and on our minds. I appreciate the amicable tone here - something that has not always been the case on SI. Is this an indication of growth in the Body of Christ? It is not easy to judge a person's decision, because we do not know all the facts. I am reminded of 2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

and: Romans 15:23 "... everything that does not come from faith is sin."

How much of our own giving is the outwork of pressure on our conscience - so we'll keep the peace, not make waves, get them off our back, do what's expected? This would not be giving by faith - and would come under the category of sin. Yes, even our good deeds can fall under the radar of sin! This could be a rather large "log" in our own eye - which makes it especially difficult to see the "speck" in the other's eye - especially someone we only know from the media!!

The only thing I would have liked differently in this thread is the title - as that points to a particular person who is not really the focus of this discussion. As they say, discuss ideas, not the person.

Bless you all!!!

Diane

Re: To: Brother havok20x (2), on: 2017/7/11 15:02

// Here is something the Lord has taught me. Whenever there is something that I am unsure about that another brother has said, I don't use their name. //

Brother havok20x,

I learned my lesson now. I also learned from Zac Poonen preaching that he do not use other preachers names when he is exposing them...

so Jesus as well ' generalizing in one category ' by saying "Pharisees" and not giving an exact name...

I forgot about it when I posted this topic.. Thank you so much for reminding me and correcting me, Brother, to consider things very carefully before I share it to brethren...