

**General Topics :: Help! Is this all biblical? Im getting opposition...****Help! Is this all biblical? Im getting opposition... - posted by coops (), on: 2005/7/18 9:10**

Hey guys, I mentioned my site in another post url and didnt check these forums for a while, and found a heap on encouragement from you all. All the more so, given the reason I haven't been on:

Im having trouble with my site! Basically, I took what was said in this thread: Law and Evangelism and opened up discussion on using the law in evangelism (i know, it could have had a bit of opposition, but i think it just got out of hand!)

Ive noticed (at least around my area) that most youth have a tendency toward humanism, and sort of think using the law as one way to evangelise is wrong. I got a big backlash from just two people. In fact it went from there and they sent many PMs attacking things I have said on the site, finishing with this:

Quote:
-----Btw, should warn you, your site is losing more and more members... And there are pastors onto that too.. Your articles etc are now under scrutiny from real Bible experts, and they are warning other people away from the site. Thought I might warn you. You either change your message, or it will shut down completely... It has gone very wrong. And the Kingdom now knows it. Don't think it's just me. There are more people than me praying about this, and there are more people than me who are concerned. Don't think this is a personal thing from me, it's not. You've been warned. Delete my registration on the site please...The pastors are onto it, so I don't need to be.

guys, this is hard. ive never had so much personal attack, and i really need to know from someone who isnt so angry, is there anything on the site that need changing?

In regard to the law: I said there are many roads to the cross, and one of them is law. When people come to it by law they often get on the cross. Lets not avoid it when it needs to be used.
The topics regarding it all have been moved to a private area of the forum because it just got bitter and I dont want anything to poison the site.

I honestly dont care for defending myself. I honestly just want to help high school students reach out to their classmates and encourage them to seek God for revival. This thing about the other local pastors: thats not nice, because they were going to consider promoting the site at youth groups...

This is not a "plug" but a plea... Can one (or some) of you have a browse around? (No need to join or anything...) But please just if you have advice then its more than welcome. I want to make sure everything is biblically correct and full of truth. Please alert me of anything, and if you cant find anything then let me know.

I wanted to help, but im getting attacked... this is new for me...

p.s the site is: <http://www.revivalschool.net>

thanks guys

pps. prayer would be nice too :-)

Re: Help! Is this all biblical? Im getting opposition... - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/7/18 9:33

Hi Coops,

Took a browse through and couldn't find specifically what you were referring to here but will give it a more thorough look today at lunch.

In the mean time I wouldn't take these words to heart because they sound more threatening than borne out of real concern, despite the alluding to that.

Your PPS is always the starting and finishing point and were I will add my support. This is a lofty task you have taken on brother and you well know that it is an utter impossibility lest the Lord go before you. Put your trust fully in Him.

Re: - posted by coops (), on: 2005/7/18 9:41

Quote:
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Yeah i took the threads down because they got just plain bitter and had alot of flaming. It was going around in circles and those opposing the law would not consider looking at the resource I suggested (Ray Comfort's main message).
So I figure thats not the way to go about it (probably obviously to everyone else!). Not sure what to do now, but would like to first make sure theres nothing now on the site than can be unbiblical, or if theres any advice: please go ahead guys!
Thanks so much

Re: - posted by _Disciple_ (), on: 2005/7/18 9:51

He coops
just a question, why can you post as a guest? i mean it can be a door to some who want to mess the place up, i don't know if you have trouble with "guest posts"
but he i browsed your site, looks good!
btw you made a post on your opposition, and it sounds familiar to me, because there are people who say to me "it's about love" and things like you don't have/use love.
it's hard also because you get it from your brothers/sisters. it's like enduring enemy-fire and friendly fire.
but bro, i'll pray for you, and we will suffer persecution when we want to live a godly life in Christ (2 Tim 3:12) but He is your Light and your Salvation, whom shall you fear? (Psa 27:2)!
be encouraged and keep looking at Jesus Christ!
William

Re: - posted by coops (), on: 2005/7/18 9:59

William, its so people can ask questions about life anonymously. its only in that one section and i havent had trouble with it...
yeah there was alot of "its all about love, you are tricked and loveless" and stuff like that in the discussion, but i replied that love is often amplified when we get an understanding of how sinful we are before God, and He still loves us! Anyway i didnt mean to stray off topic :-)
You are right, one if from a sister in Christ, another is from someone who used to be a leader of mine, so they sting a little.
Thanks for your encouragement, and everybody please feel free to put it under scrutiny and test it, i'd love to make sure its all truth, so let me know any advice!
Thanks all

Re: - posted by _Disciple_ (), on: 2005/7/18 10:09

Hi David!

Amen, love is not always mentioned it's mostly the reason why speaking The Truth!

Quote:

-----You are right, one if from a sister in Christ, another is from someone who used to be a leader of mine, so they sting a little.

i made a topic on this once, because i experienced it a little the same:

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id5984&forum36&3) Hell

but i will take a closer look on later on God willing.

be of good courage!

William

Re:, on: 2005/7/18 10:16

coops,

I'll be praying for your wisdom through all this.

Re:, on: 2005/7/18 10:24

Churches today cater to the youth. Many churches don't feed the youth, they entertain them... therefore it shouldn't be a ny wonder why the youth are opposed to truth. They've never heard it. They have bought into the idea that in order to evangelize you have to entertain, and make Jesus cool to the culture. Even tho the youth posting on your site probably wont admit it... the ones giving you a hard time probably rarely open their Bibles.

To say that "Bible experts" disagree with you, and that pastors are catching on to you is nothing more that immaturity and intimidation on the part of the poster. How do they know pastors are against you? It's probably some youth pastor they know who disagrees with you. Big deal.

When you stand for truth you can expect to be attacked. I wouldn't let it bother me, if I was in your shoes. It's some kid who feels empowered by the fact that he has a keyboard and can say whatever he wants without anyone to hold him accountable.

If this is your site you have the ability to block those users, right? If they are posting bitter and hateful posts... ban them and their IP address. It's a free country. What are they gonna do? Sue you?

Krispy

Re:, on: 2005/7/18 10:33

Let me also add that as the owner of this site you have a responsibility to police the forum and keep it civil... there are many many people who read your forum who will judge how Christians behave by what they read on there. I believe you have an obligation to shut these people out, not just a right.

I'm aware of at least one anti Christian site that specifically takes quotes (usually completely out of context) from forums like these and puts them up on their site for a everyone to get a good laugh. It's called something like "Christians say the dumbest things", or something like that.

Krispy

Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2005/7/18 10:46

Hello Coops...

I was about to suggest Ray Comfort's book, *Hell's Best Kept Secret*, but I noticed that you might have mentioned it through your post.

There are many Scriptures that make it clear that the Law is necessary to convict sinners. Ray Comfort's messages offer wonderful explanations about the importance of the Law. Sadly, as Mr. Comfort states, many of today's youth (and adults for that matter) are fed a very humanistic and rather cheapened Gospel message.

Many of these youth choose "Christ" as just an alternate lifestyle out of a supposedly "remote" fear of going to Hell, promises of prosperity here on earth ("Jesus adds *pizazz* to your life!" type of messages) -- or perhaps because they just want to join the Christian "club" out of a desire to belong.

I've seen so many youth give testimonies that never mentioned a realization of how lost they were without Christ, or a unquenchable hunger and thirst to *know* the Lord. Instead, many ministers offer Christianity as an *alternate lifestyle* for these youth. They just replace a few friends, song lyrics and lifestyle choices, and *presto*, the child is now a "Christian."

I've seen youth who were "leaders" in their youth group who did not know whether the book of Ephesians was in the Old or New Testament. Yet these teens had been saved for over five years, and were mentioned from the pulpit as being "examples of the faith" to other youth. Their lifestyles and attitudes are often indifferent from those in the world, yet they are encouraged to go to Bible School in order to become Pastors and Youth Pastors.

This is particularly close to my heart because I became a Christian at the age of 15. I was not lonely, depressed, sad or unhappy. I was popular in school, athletic, intelligent and I cared about others. I attended Church every service, and the Pastor often bragged on me to others as a strong Christian young man. In the eyes of the world, I was a *good kid*. In fact, most people (including my Pastor) thought that I already *was* a believer. I was baptized and encouraged to attend Bible School. But I didn't know Jesus.

It wasn't until I read the Word and realized how hopeless that I was that I began my search. I became incredibly thirsty to know the Lord. I came to a point that I was willing to give up anything and everything to know Christ. One night, while walking in a field alone at a Christian summer camp, I gave my all to the Lord. I told the Lord that I would trade all that I was, and all that I was ever going to be, if I could just know Him and be His friend. Immediately, I began an intimate relationship with the Lord.

Like you mentioned, someone who mentions this problem to parents, youth or ministers (especially a lot of today's youth pastors) will become quite unpopular.

I have been praying for a holy hunger to grip the hearts of youth everywhere -- especially within the Church! Anyway, I will be praying for your situation. Please keep us updated on how this is going!

Re: - posted by Bomar, on: 2005/7/18 11:01

Hey brother -

Satan has millions going to hell who are completely deceived. The law wakes them up, so he doesn't want you preaching it. You are being tested.

Do you want to please the men, or go with the Guy who was raised from the dead? I'm going with the Guy who was raised from the dead.

I will warn you - when I started using the law, I got completely ostracized by a ton of people - for a while, I was all alone. But, after I stood faithful, the Lord brought many amazing brothers in my life who are a true blessing, and go out preaching with me, instead of trying to discourage me without ever looking into their own Bibles.

"Buy the truth, and do not sell it"

Re:, on: 2005/7/18 11:01

mm mm mmm... great testimony. You expressed a lot of grace and burdon for the youth that my post didn't. Not that I do n't have any for them, I certainly do. Especially since my two oldest will be considered "youth" in a couple of years. If you combine your post with mine, I think we have something here.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Bomar, on: 2005/7/18 11:03

By the way - my old church wouldn't even let me teach a class to people who volunteered to come. I left.

Right now, I'm in an undisclosed 3rd world country, and I've been able to teach these truths to several Bible school students, teachers, and many pastors.

I'm glad I didn't let myself quit when nobody back home wanted to listen - Praise God!

If you make much of the word of God, the word of God will make much of you!

Re: - posted by PSKelligan, on: 2005/7/18 11:28

If these people criticizing your message believe that Jesus is the Word made flesh, and I hope it is obvious to them that the Law is part of the Word, then it appears that they do not want all of Jesus. Only the comfortable parts. The Word still says that the "law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ". (bring us to Christ = evangelisim in my mind...) (Galatians 3:24).

I believe that in part, it is this type of thinking that has caused the the church to allow God's Law to be evicted from our schools, court houses and society at large.

Patrick

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/7/18 12:04

All the negative comments you are probably getting is spiritual warfare to try and get you down. I would simply press on. You WILL have to warn people and even ban them if you are going to have the site run somewhat smoothly. Do not refrain from sharing the truth even if people disagree.

Re: Help! Is this all biblical? Im getting opposition... - posted by letsgetbusy (), on: 2005/7/18 12:57

In his book, "The Soulwinner," Spurgeon said that every time he made spiritual progress, there arose opposition.

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Re: - posted by Eli_Barnabas (), on: 2005/7/18 13:31

God bless, brother! My heart goes out to you and so do my prayers. I know the feeling of getting rejected by your own friends, it's tough, but there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother: His name is Jesus and He is the ONLY person you need to please!

Don't worry, you're just stirring up stagnant water... this is all expected.

In Christ,
-Eli

Re:, on: 2005/7/18 14:12

Lets all go over to this other forum and shed a little Light of Truth over there...

They'll all either repent or run!

Krispy

Re:, on: 2005/7/18 14:33

I was not serious when i posted that last post, y'all... just want to make that clear.

Krispy

not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord - posted by aeryck (), on: 2005/7/18 15:19

Hi Coop,

What I am going to say now might not bare any relevance to your situation. We all have to start somewhere. Preaching the Law? Preaching Christ and him crucified?

'And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.'

Sadly so much preaching is completely dependant upon gimmicks, we are to preaching with the power that the Holy Spir it gives.

'And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and o f power:'

Being in full time ministry for some years now, I have many times gone up to minister after spending very little time alone with Jesus, and quite frankly it was a flop.

I have read Keith Green's article on what is wrong with the Gospel where he refers to the preaching of the law, and listen ed to Dave Wilkersons sermons on the same topic.

I have visited your site and intend to come on board. Remember that in this honourable task we have of declaring the majesty of GOD, to the world we will need more than stategies and words, we need to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit, and there are no shortcuts, to quality time alone with Jesus, warming your heart beside his love.

'And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.'

Paul the apostle, much like Apollos, were strong preachers, but both learned 'a more excellent way' may I be so bold to assert that this was:

'For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.'

Sometimes when we experience opposition, is it because our message has become to fleshly.

And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no m an forbidding him.

Though presenting the law might be a strategy used by some, and it certainly will draw opposition, I am not so sure Paul

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would have agreed with this style:

And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offense of the cross ceased.

I have listened too many testimonies by Jehovah's Witnesses who lived as Gentiles under the oppressive doctrine of law s, it produced only fear in them. I suggest you rethink your theology, and consider the wisdom of the Apostle Paul.

'But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.'

In Jesus,
Aeryck
:-P

In Acts 5 and 6. You will read of Stephen, a man 'full of the Holy Ghost'...you can also read the sermon he preached...it contains all of the elements one might wish to copy to make the perfect sermon ... relying on the fullness of the Holy Spir it is relying on God not on sermon outlines, I hope that I have not been to harsh it is not in my heart to stand as a judge, merely to arouse your heart to a 'more excellent way.'

Re: Help! Is this all biblical? Im getting opposition... - posted by Christisking (), on: 2005/7/21 12:11

I've been to your site and I also believe your aproach is Biblically sound.

Press on and don't let Satan get you down. The blood of Jesus gives us the power to overcome. Remeber, He took the k eys away from that lieing snake!