

## General Topics :: A fake and counterfeit Jesus???

### A fake and counterfeit Jesus??? - posted by Christisking (), on: 2005/8/18 1:06

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Here is a great discussion topic. Please read the following quote and respond with your thoughts. When I read this in light of what I (and many on this forum) see happening in the churches today, it was like a smack in the face. My jaw hit the floor. I have never heard it put like this before, but God help us - how true it is?

Quote:

“Of course, most churches today acknowledge that as Christians we enter into relationship with Jesus. But the relationship they talk about is not the relationship Jesus talks about. The relationship of modern popular theology is usually a fake relationship with a counterfeit Jesus.

One of the greatest sins of the Roman Catholic Church is its idolatrous devotion to Mary. The Mary of Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy is extremely popular because Mary is never angry, she never punishes sin, and she has no commandments to give. Her grace covers every sin. And all she wants in return is popular devotion. Devout Catholics imagining that they have an ongoing relationship with this make-believe Mary.

Although Bible-believing Christians criticize Catholics for worshipping Mary, the truth is that most of them worship Mary as well. WHAT??? They worship Mary??? YES, THEY DO! But they call HER Jesus. The popular Jesus of easy-believism is simply a warmed-over version of the Catholic Mary. This fake Jesus is never angry, He never punishes sin, and He has no commandments. He is all grace, and He loves and expects nothing more than to be praised and worshiped. A relationship with this counterfeit Jesus is no more real than a Catholic's imagined relationship with Mary! David W. Beretson - "The Kingdom That Turned The World Upside Down"

The fake and counterfeit Jesus preached today by the Joel Osteen's, Rick Warren's, and other seeker sensitive, purpose driven pastors of modern western Christianity is just a warmed-over Catholic Mary and every bit as fake! :cry:

### Re: A fake and counterfeit Jesus??? - posted by letsgetbusy (), on: 2005/8/18 5:45

I thought I was the only one that thought that (ha ha). Seriously, the vast majority of today's 'churches' I believe have very few born-again believers. If you know you are born of the Spirit, we must get on our face and pray that God cleanse us and use us to guide these others. We must pray that the Holy Ghost will fall down on us and rebuke us all of our wrongdoing. Once we realize how wrong others may be, if we just sit back and criticize them, we are accountable.

I agree with the post, and feel responsible to reach these people.

### Re: - posted by Christisking (), on: 2005/8/18 16:18

Quote:

"Once we realize how wrong others may be, if we just sit back and criticize them, we are accountable.

I agree with the post, and feel responsible to reach these people."

I agree completely - 110%. What are some ways you or others you know are trying to reach these people. And what ways have you been successful and unsuccessful. I ask this because I am always looking to do more and maybe you or someone else is doing something I haven't thought of, or could be doing or should be doing to reach these people.

Dave Hunt says "the hardest people to get saved are people who already think they are saved." I think I agree with him.

Re: Counterfeit Jesus?, on: 2005/8/18 16:33

# Pray!

Re: - posted by Christisking (), on: 2005/8/18 17:50

Amen sister dorcas! Anything we would, could or should do that is not accompanied by prayer is of the flesh and our own humanistic efforts and thus in my opinion useless. What I am looking for is the things we should be doing to accompany prayer. Prayer is good, vital, absolutely essential, and 100% necessary - I agree with you also 110%. But we must do more than just pray and sit back and wait for God to do something. We are supposed to be fishers of men. What are some of these other things people are doing to reach out to and evangelism these people?

Re: - posted by LetUsPray (), on: 2005/8/18 20:18

Yes, there is a counterfeit religious spirit that responds to the name of Jesus. It comes complete with good feelings and goose bumps.

The only things we really can do are pray and ask God for Spirit-led opportunities to share the truth. It is not an easy thing to do, but thanks be to God: the battle is His!

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them (Eph. 2:10).

If He sees a way, there will be one. We just have to ask and be ready when the door opens.

Hans Prang

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2005/8/18 22:25

Lord have mercy on us all.

Where are the men who preach repentance?

Re: - posted by Mekdi (), on: 2005/8/19 1:22

Woe unto me! For I myself know not the true God! My recent prayers have changed-I so far knew the god of my own handiwork- The god of my own imaginations- The Blessed Holy Spirit came to me these past days with this conviction telling me that the God and the Jesus I know are fake! All my prayer titles are shifting now "Lord let me know the true God the true Jesus the true Holy Spirit!" How the article expresses my own conditions and the conditions of many in our days! Bro. Patrick What a leading of the Holy Spirit that makes you post this! May God help us all! Bro. Patrick please if there is any link that I can read more of this article forward it to me.

Your sis. Mek.

Re:, on: 2005/8/19 1:44

Quote:

-----by letsgetbusy

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That's a wisdom from above you've said there.

Also Patrick's other posts after the first one.

And Medki, you are so blessed to have the honesty of spirit, to seek and speak of God/Christ that way. God Bless you.

This whole thread really moved me too.

We all need to pray for wisdom & discernment, in order to walk very far in this age.

God help us, is right !

**Re: - posted by Christisking (), on: 2005/8/20 2:40**

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT!!!!**

So what are we doing to reach these people. Please let me know what you personally are doing or what you feel we should be doing to reach these people who have been so cleverly deceived.

It is true that it is God's battle, but we are His soldiers, are we not? We are His earthly warriors. Not warriors by means of man, God forbid, but warriors against the principalities and powers that have slipped in under our noses and now fight unchecked behind the pulpits claiming to be angels of light!!!

Demons disguised as angels of light have taken over the pulpits of the western churches preaching a false Jesus and a false gospel and I can not accept that we should just pray, wait for an open door and talk about how bad and deceived everyone else is. (I acknowledge that these are all necessary, but firmly submit for discussion that these are in no way enough, but by themselves just a cop out that we will be held accountable for!) Is that what Paul or Peter or James or John would have done? How about John the Baptist or Elijah, Jeremiah or Isaiah, or how about our example and Master Jesus Christ? What would they do in the face of these word of faith, seeker-sensitive, purpose-driven, christianity-light, sappy, self-serving, fake, counterfeit Jesus teachers? Think about it! Really think about it!! What would these men of God have done if they lived in modern America 2005???? What are you doing? What am I doing? What should we be doing???

**AGAIN, THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT SUBJECT!!!**

How about standing up and saying enough is enough?

How about open public confrontation?

How about preaching and teaching inside and outside the temples?

Shouldn't stand up and tell these people about the real Jesus?

Shouldn't we openly and publicly confront these demons disguised as angels of light exposing them for the liar and false teachers that they are?

Aren't false pastors and prophets supposed to be vigorously and publicly exposed???

If not - then what? I refuse to accept that the we are to just pray as we sit by and watch the church of Jesus Christ be ransacked and made a world wide mockery of by demonic pastors disguised as angels of light.

Ask yourself again, is this what Paul or Peter or James or John would have done? How about John the Baptist or Elijah, Jeremiah or Isaiah, or how about our example and Master Jesus Christ? What would they do in the face of these word of faith, seeker-sensitive, purpose-driven, christianity-light, sappy, self-serving, capitalistic, fake, counterfeit "Jesus" teachers? Think about it! Really think about it!! What would these men of God have done if they lived in modern America 2005???? What are you doing? What am I doing? What should we be doing???

There are very strong men and women of God on this forum who see the same things I see. Let us put our heads together and answer these questions. The questions I ask are serious questions and I am seriously seeking answers. This is a call to arms - not worldly arms - but spiritual arms. There is no demon in hell or Satan himself who can conquer the power of the Holy Spirit that lives within us! Unless we roll over and let them!

**ONCE AGAIN, THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT SUBJECT NOT TO BE IGNORED!!!**

**Re: - posted by LetUsPray (), on: 2005/8/20 10:07**

Jesus told us that many false prophets would arise and mislead many. Because people didn't want to obey God's word (lawlessness) the love of most would grow cold (Matt.24:11,12).

We are in the last days. I agree that we should do something. I have been doing it since the Lord told me to repent three and a half years ago. I have taught, preached, even confronted. Many Christians don't want to hear it, nor do they want to discuss Scripture. They think you are a fanatic, if you tell them that they should repent. As soon as you address a theological issue which conflicts with a denominational doctrinal point, the discussion ends. Several pastors have told me that it is easy for me to disagree with some doctrinal issue. They can't publicly, since they have a family to feed.

The reason that I said the things in my earlier post is that I have come to a point where all I can do is ask my Father. I started a website (click on the Father's Final Call on the side), wrote a book, and teach when I am allowed to. As far as I am able to discern from my Father, the greatest issue in the Church is disunity. I have spoken to a number of pastors, so me have even laughed at me when I suggested that we should attempt unity.

I have come to a place where I have the assurance that God is in control. I tell Him that I am available and will do anything He asks me to do. The website was an open door that He allowed. I tried it three years ago and it went nowhere. It is still God who has to bring people to read and respond. We certainly aren't able to. He is the One who sends a delusion on men when they are disobedient. Jesus said that no one could come to Him, unless His Father drew them, or granted it.

Prayer, I believe, is the most powerful weapon we have as Christians to ask a merciful God to delay judgment, so many may be saved (Ezekiel 22:30 and 31). I am all for spiritual warfare, but we have to remember that unless a man repents and allows himself to be filled with the Holy Spirit, the evil spirit will return with some of his buddies and the condition of that man will be worse than before. I believe that this also applies to groups of individuals who refuse to repent. Unless an assembly repents and turns around, they will continue to be deceived.

In His Love,  
Hans Prang

**Re: - posted by Christisking (), on: 2005/8/20 12:49**

Thanks for response Hans,

It is encouraging to know that there are some warriors for Christ out there. That is the kind of thing I am looking for. I hope others will respond with what they are doing or what they feel we need to do. I will continue to pray and also pray for you, my brother, that God will keep you strong and bold - and that the Lord will open many doors for you to help and preach the real Jesus and repentance to those who have been deceived.

Thank you for your response - may god bless you -

**Re: - posted by Christisking (), on: 2005/8/22 12:13**

Is Hans the only one who is trying to reach out and evangelize to these people? Is there anyone who is openly and confronting these false teachers?

If no one is trying to reach out to these people and no one is standing up to these false teachers. No wonder we find the church in the condition it is in today.

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2005/8/25 20:09**

Mek, God bless you, my dear! It is so rare for a person to see this in themselves and then repent! Most become defensive and react negatively.

David Bercot has a web site: [www.scrollpublishing.com](http://www.scrollpublishing.com)

ginnyrose