



General Topics :: Why people dispute balck and white truth?

Why people dispute balck and white truth? - posted by paula4jc (), on: 2006/3/5 12:10

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2Thes.1:9The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, 10and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

Re: Why people dispute balck and white truth? - posted by Greenquality, on: 2006/3/5 13:03

I think disputing the truth in a health way,could lead to learning what, why, who, you ,are!,many of men have died for wh at they believe in,weather it be in err or truth.

Re: Basketball and Fruit - posted by Compton (), on: 2006/3/5 13:34

Quote:

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When I played highschool basketball, one of the most important concepts in playing defense, was always watch the center mass of the man with ball and never get suckered by the clever movements of his dribbling.

Likewise today, we must see past the dazzling gifts of the spirit and find the quiet fruit of the spirit in one another.

MC

Re: Why people dispute balck and white truth? - posted by paula4jc (), on: 2006/3/5 13:37

God calls us to obey! We learn by listing then go and compare to the scripture. Dispute sows confusion which is of the devil. I never learn any truth of scripture by disputing, maybe from rebuked and admonished. I flea all dispute and arguing discussion because it robs me of peace.

Re: antenna - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/3/5 15:39

Quote:

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Having good antenna is invaluable. When our peace is gone, then we need to ask why. The problem may be within us, or without us, and it is good to know the difference.

Diane

Re:, on: 2006/3/5 17:49

Apostle Paul coveted Peace as much as the heart of God does.

But did Paul receive his peace from all of the Churches he tended to ?

Far from it. They would sometimes force him to become very unsettled.

I'm afraid we may be coveting a 'peace' more than Truth and that is what the Bible says will happen. They will cry Peace, Peace and the MOST {in Greek} will "fall away" {Greek - from Truth}.

We forget how Paul **strove** for the sake of the truth and against the heretics trying to come into the Church. He was willing to give his very life for the protection of the Body and sound doctrine for them.

If we put Peace above Truth ... we could never have traveled with Paul for very long. He got most of his stripes and jail time, etc. etc. for standing up to religious people.

We would have had to leave his presence, because of the total lack of peace when he had to deal with the things trying to rob his Churches of the true foundation that he had laid.

He said he knew, that as soon as he left, that ravenous wolves would come, not sparing the flock and that in places he fought the hardest, pleading and crying tears, for up to three years with some, for what he knew would immediately hit the Church in the area of NON-Truths.

Defending truth is not a "peaceful" ministry, but I thank my God in Heaven for those like Paul, Luther, and so on, who did not base their entire walk on some sort of peace.

God's Peace does not leave us ... even if we're thrown in Prison for defending Truth which we are all called to do, despite how it usually always inevitably will lead to disruptions.

Paul said 1Co 11:18, 19 For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.

There are some brethren who are Apologists on this forum ... and they know what it is like to defend truth and the cost paid by those who have done what they are called to do. They've had to count the cost.

Bottomline ... The Truth is what has caused the many persecutions and imprisonments and martyrdom of our Brethren since Christ rose.

We will more than likely face the same one day and will have to choose between our own personal peace or the truth. Actually, we make this decision each and every day and are being held accountable for each decision in this regard.

Shalom-Shalom.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/3/5 19:21

Paula,

I understand your distaste for controversy. I do not like it either. However, as long as we live, we must always realize that if we belong to God, want to be obedient to Him, we will by its very nature be controversial because we are the battlefield upon which the forces of evil are fighting to regain control what belongs to God.

Having said that, it does help a lot if you refuse to get emotionally involved in discussions. We females are more emotional, think emotionally which does not help us at all. You can retrain yourself, with God's help, to back off emotionally, when you see a disagreement coming down the pike. Then ask yourself: is this issue one worth fighting for? If the answer is 'yes', you must know what the Bible says and stand on it but do not get emotional! Opinions are always debatable, but ab

solutes are not.

Hope helps...it also helps to have lived a long time!! ;-)

ginnyrose

Re: black and white - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/3/5 20:11

Quote:
-----When our peace is gone, then we need to ask why. The problem may be within us, or without us, and it is good to know the difference.

I didn't do any explaining, so here I "flesh out" my thought.

Peace is a God-given gift that comes from being at rest with him, totally trusting him, regardless of what's going on around us. When our peace is robbed, it is not always others that rob us of it. It may be we ourselves. Our insecurities can trigger fear - like when we sense controversy. And so we "run away" or try to squelch any more dialogue.

Some people are threatened. But I do not believe that women have more trouble with that. Men get very threatened too - maybe even more, though they may have different ways of revealing it, or (hiding it)

As far as the original question: Why do people dispute black and white truth. I hate to say it, but people have very different views of what's black and white. They draw the dividing line in different places.

Diane

Re: Why people dispute black and white truth? - posted by ccchhhrrriiss (), on: 2006/3/5 21:48

Hi paula4jc...!

Quote:
-----If these days so many among us are quick to dispute the truth, then can you imagine what it will be like when God sends that strong delusion on the world so that they believe the lie.

I totally agree that there are individuals that dispute "undisputable" truths. Many of these individuals are willing to belittle the way of the cross in order for it to fit their own particular lifestyle choices. Obviously, many of these are not "true" believers. Instead, they are *believers of convenience*. They will search the Word of God for a singular passage in an attempt to argue as a support for their particular lifestyle or religious tradition.

However, there seems to be another problem with the concept of "truth." There are many different beliefs within the Church today. In fact, it is difficult to find two believers that agree on every subject. In fact, if you were to attend a Church with very well defined beliefs -- you will still find disagreements about certain matters amongst individuals in the congregation.

There are matters that we can all accept as so clear that they can become our accepted doctrine. Regardless of our denominational (or nondenominational) backgrounds, as believers, there are some truths that we can and should all believe in. Among these are things such as the deity of Christ, the Trinity, the need for salvation by faith, baptism, sanctification, the reality of eternity (both Heaven and Hell), etc... The problem arises when someone believes that some less defined beliefs are truth -- and all others are deceived. There are even arguments about such beliefs in this forum, which is filled with believers hungry for the all-consuming fire of God.

There are just some things are worth discussing -- but not worth parting company over. Believers can argue over what type of music is acceptable to God, whether all believers baptised in the Holy Spirit will speak in tongues, or whether the Rapture will be pre-trib or post-trib. But such discussions are in vain if one side of an argument views the other side only as "misguided" or "misinformed."

The important thing is that we continue to study the Word of God, allowing the Word to mold our beliefs -- even if our traditions and beliefs might be predisposed to think otherwise. As Paul stated, "*Prove all things; hold fast that which is good*" (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

:-)

Re:, on: 2006/3/5 22:12

Chris and all,
Don't we "pick our own battles" sometimes though.

I've noticed on this, that those who say stop splitting hairs on "this" topic, go over to another thread and start splitting hairs on something even more trivial.

Aren't we judging by saying "my battle is good but yours is wrong" ?

I've seen every single one who's posted on this thread debate or defend a topic. I've cheered them on ... so aren't we being a bit myopic here in saying we can't handle "any" of it, when we ourselves are involved in it either here or off the board somewhere's.

Don't know how it doesn't hit us one time or another or somewhere's or another.

I get off of threads after usually countering something twice, unless it's something life threatening.

Eschatology for one is a doctrine that is a Doctrine of the Church, so I wouldn't put that into the minors though. That is His Second Coming, and more is written on that than any other doctrine of the Church.

Other than that ... I think we all know that we have our pet things that we defend ... and that's why for the most part, we should choose our threads to post on very carefully.

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Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2006/3/5 22:50

Hi MeAgain...!

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There is nothing wrong with discussing, debating or even defending a topic. However, when we move from a position of belief to a position where we openly question the "spirituality, maturity or spiritual discernment" of another believer, then we have probably gone too far. We should all be convinced in areas of doctrine. But we should be careful that we never allow our "certainty" to be a means to judge someone of differing opinion on such matters. Of course, this pertains to matters that are not completely evident.

For instance, if I were to make a list of everything that I personally believe -- I would be hard pressed to find a single person that completely agreed with me. Not only that, but there will probably be somebody somewhere that will want to question my relationship with Christ because of such differences. The same is probably true with nearly every believer on this website. The important thing is that we exhibit patience with those that believe differently than ourselves. Not only is there here a possibility of hindering the growth of younger believers by our words, but such debates can lead to unhealthy divisions amongst the Body of Christ. And of course, we may state something as a "fact" that we later decide was incorrect.

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I agree. Unfortunately, there are some individuals that are often "one-topic wonders." They vigorously begin and defend multiple threads with a particular position on a single issue -- and then continue to post and repost their controversial and disputable material as "fact" for months. I do my best not to continually get involved in those threads, unless I feel the need to simply allow other readers to know that there is another side to the discussion.

:-)

Re:, on: 2006/3/5 22:57

Quote: I do my best not to continually get involved in those threads, unless I feel the need to simply allow other readers to know that there is another side to the discussion.

Yes, have seen you do that and was very proud to just sit back and watch.

:-)

Re: - posted by Greenquality, on: 2006/3/5 23:24

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Re:, on: 2006/3/6 0:50

Hi Sean, my name is Annie. :-)

I agree so much with you.

Did you just get a word of knowledge or something :-D ?

Yeah, I went from the most active nut in town to the least active nut in town about 3 1/2 years ago. Hardly an exaggeration either. oh-hum.

We should consider that I suppose, huh ?

Some people are basically using this because they are alone and the Lord has sent them here to have folks to fellowship with.

We should put that in our signatures though I doubt it would matter a hill of beans. Ha.

I agree with the rest of what you've said also.

"just talking"

Very good Sean.

Thanks.

Annie

Re: black blobs on our white screen - posted by roadsign (), on: 2006/3/6 8:28

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Hi, Sean, Your words deserve our respect. We do need to allow for this outlet for people to share and get feedback. I consider the freedom here to do so a rare privilege.

I once heard someone say that words are only 7% of the message. The other 93% comes through inflections, tone of voice and non-verbal means. Do hang around. This is a great place to get better at learning to "see" and "feel" and "hear" what comes along with these black blobs on our white screen.

God bless you.

Re: - posted by paula4jc (), on: 2006/3/6 8:33

Me Again, I don't believe Paul disputes the scripture - he expound upon the scripture to show the Jews that Christ is the Messiah and to the Gentiles that He is God's Savior (Romans). I know believers have peace through the knowledge of Christ (2 Peter 1:2), but believers must witness in peace and seek to pursue Christ peace (1 Peter 3:11; James 3:18). Our peace disturbed as Paul experienced here (2 Cor 2:13).

I tried to keep all post to scripture and my experience to avoid those who feast on dispute and controversy (Tit 3:9). For example, I was trying to say if the bible clearly stated, Jesus is the "Son of God" and "every one" who called upon the name of Jesus will be saved. Then there's no room for dispute because it's clearly written in black and white.

My personal experience why I made the post is a customer on the phone told me he's Christian, but he didn't believe salvation is for every one. I say, the bible says, "Every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." He says that didn't include the Jews and the blacks. He rambled on about him being the true Jews, and today's so called Jews and blacks were numbered among the beast on the Ark.

I consider him an ignorant savage worse than his forefathers who slaughtered millions of Jews and brutally enslaved the blacks. Therefore it was useless to expound any scripture to him because Christ only can reach such a hard heart.

Re: disputes are good, face it!, on: 2006/3/6 10:10

Quote:
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If you have children: You must flee when someone might be attempting to take your children, or if you knew that a friend is a pedophile, to avoid any disputes for the sake of peace, you flee.

Know what you believe: If you believed strongly in the word of God, you will like Jesus our example stand and face the opposition head on. If they are right they are to be commended, if they are wrong, they are to be rebuked.

Don't be afraid of opposition, the peace of God is ever present, it's US who decide not to tap into it.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Jesus tells us "fear not", but it is up to us to disobey that command and fear and thereby when we do that we feel that we have lost our peace. We haven't lost it, we just taken our hand off the source peace and placed upon fear.

That which you avoid sometimes is the very thing that God wants you to face. Meet it head on and deal with it.

I too used to avoid disputes, debates, and a host of other things. Avoiding wasn't the answer. When I faced them, I was able to defeat and also I have learned some things. A dispute led to reconciliation between my neighbour and thereby peace was generated between us.

It's easy to spread cream cheese on a bagel, but it's not easy being cheesy.

What I mean is, if you want to go further in God and be a son of God, then you must be spreadable.

If you're afraid of it, face it. Even our sin that so easily besets us, we must face it. Lest:

Job 3:25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

Have fun! :-)