



"Recognizing Christ as the Ultimate Saviour of All!"

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What's the Big Deal?

Throughout my life I have avoided controversy. I enjoy times of peace, and try not to "rock the boat" unless absolutely necessary.

I grew up in the church (primarily Methodist). Jill and I raised our children within the church. Through our 28 years of marriage we met most of our friends in church. Our lives revolved around the life of the church.

Eleven years ago we moved our family from Clearwater, Florida to Wilmore, Kentucky so that I could attend Asbury Theological Seminary. While at seminary and then afterwards, for 8-1/2 years we served several churches as pastor, first within the United Methodist Church and then the Free Methodist. I was ordained as Deacon in the UM church, and Elder in the FM church. I graduated from seminary in 1996 with an M.Div. degree.

Most of our friends came from within the church, our lives revolved around the life of the church, I thoroughly enjoyed being a pastor, and I do not like to "rock the boat." So why did we find it necessary to pull out of the "traditional church?" What's the big deal that would prompt the Evelys to do such a thing?

The Wrong Gospel

First, after in depth study I found that most of the "traditional church" is proclaiming the wrong gospel. There is a great misunderstanding of Scripture, and even those that hold up Scripture as their sole guide are actually following the traditions of men more than the Word of God.

Most Christian churches today proclaim that salvation is the free gift of God. On that I will wholeheartedly agree.

But most churches go on to proclaim that to gain salvation one must believe in Jesus Christ as Saviour **in this lifetime**, and that those who die outside of Christ are lost forever, with no hope. The unbeliever is destined to burn forever and ever in hell as their punishment for rejecting the Saviour.

This message is an insult to God. It presents Him as a God who will forgive up to a point, but who will then refuse to forgive thereafter. It presents Him as a God who is quite willing to spend eternity with many of His creation, while permitting many others of His creation to burn in torment forever.

This is **totally unscriptural!**

Based on the Bible

Since mankind has sought after an easy-to-read version of the Bible, truth is forfeited. Translators take several **totally different** words from the original Greek and Hebrew, and combine them into a single English word. This is not a translation ... it is an interpretation. It is mankind telling the reader that the differences between these Hebrew & Greek words is insignificant, and they mean the same thing.

But at the same time translators take a single Hebrew or Greek word (aionian) and translate it into different English words **having drastically different meanings** (eternal, age-abiding, world).

Therefore the modern translations have brought great confusion to the study of Scripture.

Traditions of Men

Furthermore, the teachings of “The Church” have been elevated to the position of “truth,” and any who would challenge these things are declared “heretical.” Since “The Church” in the 5th Century declared that anything other than “eternal punishment” was heresy, this teaching has been passed down to the church today.

What’s the Big Deal?

Why do I find it necessary to stand up against most within “The Church” today, if the only difference is “eternal punishment” versus “age-abiding correction?” Because the truth as found in a careful study of Scripture is “age-abiding correction” followed by the salvation of ALL (see 1 Corinthians 15). Anyone can see that this is a BIG difference from “eternal torment” with no hope for those trapped within “hell.”

What is worse ... any who would stand up and teach or even talk about God’s plan to save ALL would be asked to leave for stirring up disunity.

How Can Most Within the Church Be Wrong?

When you think about it, throughout the Old and New Testaments the truth was NEVER in the majority. Those who heard Peter or Paul preach in the book of Acts might well have asked the same question: “Are you expecting me to believe you are right, when the scholars and priests appointed by God are teaching that Jesus Christ was not the Son of God?”

Church tradition would be a wonderful thing if the teachings within the church are correct. But if these teachings are wrong, how can they ever be corrected if no one challenges “The Church?”

Complacency

The problem today is complacency.

Many within “The Church” see that “age-abiding correction” followed by the salvation of all makes great sense when considering the teachings of Scripture as a whole. There are ample study materials and Bible versions that enable the reader to find this truth, if he/she is willing to look.

But those within “The Church” are happy and complacent. Many are not willing to spend the time to study and test the possibility of the ultimate salvation of all. Many are happy within the church and don’t want that to change.

Stand Up & Be Heard

It is time to stand up and be heard. If you are not sure you believe God will ultimately save all, at least take the time to look at the possibility. This is crucial. The incorrect gospel is slandering God. It is confusing many people who cannot see how God could be willing to keep His creation in hell forever. It is keeping people away from Christ.

Rise up and be heard. Many have no idea that the ultimate salvation of all is proclaimed throughout the Word of God.

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- Bob Evely -