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The Decline of Faithful Christianity into A Dishonorable Church

There is a gospel song, or chorus with the following words:

“Every promise in the book is mine,
Every chapter, every verse, every line.”

Can that be automatically claimed, or is there something required of us for it to be literally true, in our experience? The answer may seem simple, and obvious, but the practice of most Christians defies, or contradicts it. I will explain in the following discussion.

Of course, most of the promises, and assurances that relate to eternity are unconditional, and will be fulfilled in the future, after our earthly life is over. But promises of resources, recourses, blessings, empowerments, protections, etc., are usually based on obedience, or faithfulness.

If, and when, we meet God’s conditions, or do things fully on his terms, He will grant us whatever He promised. What, then, can seriously affect our rights to have what has potentially been provided for us? Is everything on a case by case basis? Or, can we put ourselves in a situation where we are continually out of His will (unfaithful to Him) for some significant failure to obey Him?

Would it not be a simple, but true example of the latter situation, that if we allow Satan to have access to our minds, that we would break fellowship with God—until we did something to change that compromised, disloyal relationship? Without doing so, we would continue to be subject to some degree of control, or influence of the devil. Nothing else can adequately explain the church’s false gospel obsession, or delusion!

If we don’t deal with the basic problem of going astray, in the first place, by confessing it to the Lord, and resisting Satan’s power over us, we cannot stop him from any additional attempts he makes to affect us (at his will).

A real example that came to my attention recently, should serve as a case in point. My wife received an Email in which the sender intended to show a way to resist the devil. He (Satan) had apparently “knocked at the door” of a particular Christian, who said to the Lord, “get that for me, will you Jesus?”

Now, while that has some basis in how banishment of the devil happens, it is oversimplified in a couple of ways. First off, is the use of unwise levity, or flippancy in a serious matter, plus ignoring the Christian’s responsibility to “resist the devil” himself, by use of the “whole armor of God”, designed for us to use to protect ourselves from attacks of the devil.

But, more importantly, why should Satan knock at the door of an Arminian Christian, when he already has gained access to him. When a Christian accepts his false gospel indoctrination, Satan has him and all the other ones he deceived where he wants them—drawn away from God, by following his perverted doctrine. Even though it is man who tampered with the gospel, remember it is Satan who is the father of lies!

Carrying the act of betraying God, by introducing false gospel teaching into the church, to its full destructive effect, consider if the following logical conclusion can honestly be denied, or disproved. The radical Arminian misinterpretation of the gospel, makes it man's word that prevails in the church, instead of God's literal salvation truth. How can it be denied, then, that man has, in effect, usurped the authority of a major doctrine of God's word? Why is it not equivalent to mutiny? It is a matter of disrespect, and disobedience of authority, whether intentional or ignorant. There can be no exceptions, or alibis for such actions against God!

And neither should anyone think that the disloyalty stops with the corrupted gospel. If one is unfaithful in one area, he will fail in others, as well. That is essentially because he is not living in the “Spirit”, but in the “flesh.” And, he doesn't hardly realize or understand the difference. Nor, does he ever really try to prove what he believes, by objective, unbiased scriptural study.

Thus, most Christians remain deceived, and falsely comforted by consensus, with all the other errant believers. Most of God's gospel truths have been subverted, or modified by them. An appropriate line could be added to the little chorus quoted at the beginning of this commentary. Restated, it would read:

“Every promise in the book is mine,
Every chapter, every verse, every line,
To be selectively interpreted.”

And, if you think that is an exaggeration, that is precisely what has been done in the modern church's neo-gospel!

Instead of spiritual cooperation, and consultation with God, there is often only fleshly, intellectual consideration of doctrine which, though barely plausible, at best, is heavily biased in favor of man!

And so, when you are driven to believe what you want to believe, unproven assumptions can too easily become constitutional beliefs. But, never having tried to prove whether your “jumps to conclusions” are true or not, you continue to gamble that you, and a falsely supportive majority of compatriots, cannot have been wrong all these years about such a major doctrine as the gospel.

Christians sing songs that are doctrinally correct, even though their beliefs, and lives contradict some of the truths expressed in those songs. Then, they preach, teach, and write books, and songs that are based on false interpretations—ignorantly thinking and acting as if they are faithfully serving the Lord, when in fact, by every untrue belief uttered, they are, however unwittingly (but culpably), betraying God, and serving the devil, instead!

Most readers will no doubt be offended, and dismissive about such harsh judgments and accusations, thinking that I (and other literal gospel believers) have no right or justification to say such things about fellow Christians. Never seeming to be guided and controlled by the fact that scriptural doctrine is the exact science that God established it to be. So, they go on propagandizing their illogical theology, assuming that it is the truth, without ever being able to prove it.

Or, as I suspect of many, finding that the bible does not support, or validate their interpretations of principles—capitulate to their old-nature presumptions, and wishful thinking, and ignore and reject the literal gospel truth that is the very foundation of their salvation—sacrificing it for the drivel of a humanly devised, contradictory concept of God’s holy word. The resultant belief system is nothing more than the stuff of cults, or apostasy. And while a Christian does not technically apostasize, the false doctrine he espouses has the same traitorous effect.

For a long time now, I have wondered how most Christians could believe a radically modified gospel, that any truly conscientious Christian, could and should study, and prove to be a false product of the natural vs. spiritual mind. That is, of the “old” man, not the “new” man that God has created in every true believer—but that does not operate in us automatically. We must consciously, and frequently make the decision to “walk in the Spirit, and not to fulfill the “lust (will, etc.) of the flesh.”

And, it seems that after they have gone too long in the wrong direction, that most believers are unwilling to further examine their beliefs, or listen to anyone who tries to convince them of their errors, and critical need of reformation. Instead, the messenger is usually treated as a radical extremist, or heretic that shouldn’t be listened to, or heeded.

In principle, the test which Adam faced and failed, is similar in effect to the one which most Christians are confronted with, and in which they have likewise disobeyed God. And, both cases have had devastating temporal, and eternal consequences, because the will of God was wilfully and irresponsibly disobeyed!

The results of man’s original sin are fully revealed to us in Genesis, and other scriptures, as well as being evident throughout history. The responsibilities that Christians are entrusted with are clearly defined by the word of God. They involve first, honor to God in everything of life, and there is no better way to show Him honor, and love than to willingly obey every principle, command and desire that He has established, or that he may otherwise communicate.

Of which, learning the true meaning of His word, is paramount. We have to know what is right, to be able to do what is right! If there is any question about the extent of that requirement, consider the degree to which the heart and mind of Daniel was continually devoted to pleasing God. “Dare to be a Daniel”, is not just a desirable challenge, but should be the unwavering will of every child of God to be that committed to honoring and obeying Him. But, the lack of spirituality of the greatest part of the contemporary church, leaves no doubt that there are very few Daniels among God’s people today.

That unfaithful majority is mainly composed of Arminian false gospel believers, who because of their doctrinal defection could never be called “Daniels.” In fact, “Judases” is a more fitting name, because of the shameful betrayal of their gospel trust. I am sure most of you think that label is too extreme, or undeserved, but in light of the damage that the corrupted gospel has done, by virtually destroying the integrity of the church, it is not only just, but needs to be exposed for the work of the devil, and the unfaithfulness of most of Christianity, that it is!

Think, if you would, of some of the things which have affected the decisions made by Christians throughout the church’s history. The original, and early churches were unified in sound doctrine, and faithful lives and practices. But, we came in in the middle of the ensuing historic picture, not having had the apostles around directly, though still having the same gospel in the scriptures, that was given to them (the apostles) by God, which is established to be the permanent doctrinal foundation for every church to fully, and faithfully uphold!

The fundamental mistake made by nearly every Christian, for centuries now, is that universal disposition in mankind, called assumption, which in this case, was taking for granted that the gospel interpretation presented to them, is the authentic meaning of related scripture. That basic, careless presumptuous thinking—not tested and proven to be true, or false—is the seedbed for the whole Arminian, free will supposition that permeates the modern church, effectively supplanting the literal gospel, inspired by God in the scriptures, and once faithfully exemplified by the early churches.

Why are there so few “Daniels”, and “Pauls”, and “John Calvins”, “John Gills”, “Charles Spurgeons”, and the like who were such consistently reliable stalwarts of the faith, in their lives, and their preaching, and writing?

As for Adam (rightly understanding our organic complicity with him), he was the cause of original sin, which resulted in man’s fall from grace-- but the disloyalty to God of those, who are the great majority of Christians, historically, who have believed in a corrupted form of the literal gospel are the cause of the degeneration, and decline of the church!

As for whether a Calvinist, true gospel believer has any right to strongly criticize and denounce an Arminian, free will gospel believer—endeavoring also to help him see the truth, and be reformed—there should be no consideration given for wrong doctrine, or any hesitation to attack it for the infectious effect it has had on the church. It is fully justified as an integral part of the “defense and confirmation of the truth.”

Ironically, that is what the “free willists” think they are doing, but if you have never learned the truth in the first place, you can’t defend it by misrepresenting it. So, even when bible truths are quoted verbatim, if their meanings are wrongly interpreted, those who are guilty of mishandling the gospel, are not “keepers of the faith”, but betrayers of it! The destructive result in the church, ever since the introduction of the erroneous doctrine, has been the “leavening of the whole lump.”

Imagine the disservice to God, of centuries of spewing out lies about His precious gospel! A theology born of the flesh, and not the Spirit, should be continually exposed, and discredited for its practically irreversible corruption of the church, throughout much of its history.

As long as the defectors from the truth (which nearly all Christians are) go on betraying God, complacently reassuring and comforting each other with the “gospel” according to man, they won’t know the havoc they have wrought, until they stand before the Lord, at His judgment seat! Then, there will be “weeping and wailing, and gnashing of teeth” for an unrelenting, and unrepentant lifetime of being traitors to gospel truth, and subservient slaves to Satan, the enemy of God, and their souls. And, all you can plead (if at that time, you can make excuses) to no avail, will be, “But, Lord, it is what we were taught, and believed it was the truth.”

The defenseless reason being that they “thought” in the flesh, or their old natures; never having spiritually “searched the scriptures to see if those things they were taught, be so”, like the faithful Berean Christians did. Which, should be a precedent for every Christian to follow-- to ensure that they learn the truth of every doctrine, or principle that God has established for us to know! No man, or prevailing system can be trusted, without subjecting their teaching to careful biblical examination, to prove whether or not it is authentic!

Obviously, the results of my studies of the scriptures relating to the age-old gospel controversy at issue, have put me in a small minority position compared to the church status quo. And, as I have stated in another commentary, I do not like to be at odds with a great majority of fellow Christians. Yet, it is a far worse thing to be at odds with God, because of never coming to know the truth of any subject of His word. But, by His grace (inherently available to every believer), I now fully believe the literal gospel principles that He instituted for all of His children to faithfully learn, and represent, for the desired, and required unity of His church!

Instead, the opposite is true. There is only unity in error, and little hope of any improvement of the dire situation, that has existed for centuries. Revelation prophecy regarding the end-time of the church age, which we are in, verifies our dilemma in the deplorable account of the Laodicean church.

The downfall of the church is a matter of record to a discerning believer, but the millions of Christians who have been contributing factors to its demise and failure, incredibly ascribe progress and positive results to their history—even thinking they are “growing in grace.” With a wrong frame of reference, like hyper-evangelism, and mega-churches, motivated by an Arminian, free will psychological “gospel”, it is a prodigious human accomplishment, but in reality is the product of systemically unspiritual churches, reproducing after their own kind!

Someone, asked me in regard to my continuous writing on the issue of the gospel controversy, how many ways can I say the same thing? I have had the same thought myself before, but it is really easily justified as being necessary, as long as the problem continues.

Put another way, the church world has been barraged, and saturated with mega-millions of words declaring, or representing the Arminian false theology.. Whereas, contending for, and disseminating true gospel doctrine is only being done by a small minority of the total church.

With the overwhelming preoccupation of Christianity with a corrupted gospel,, there needs to be clear contemporary voices speaking, and publishing the forsaken truth, as much as possible. And, even if nothing seriously changes the universal condition for the better, proclaiming the truth is always in order, even as Noah preached to the world (to no avail), for 120 years! God's truth will ultimately prevail, according to His sovereign will, and program.

A Christian's responsibility to God is faithfulness in the conduct of his life. Man cannot affect the eternal destiny of a single soul, not even his own That is already established as (1) eternal condemnation in consequence of original sin, or (2) salvation from that decree for certain ones He has elected to redeem. God's gospel principles are absolute, specific, and unconditional. There are no relative, or extenuating factors, or human action required for the fulfillment, or consummation of His plan of salvation.

If the foregoing statements are essentially true, then Arminian gospel theology is invalid as a true interpretation of salvation doctrine! Simply put, whenever anything relative, or conditional is incorporated into literal gospel principles, they are no longer pure, and absolute. The result is a synthetic product, combining or uniting man's word with God's. It is nothing less than audacity, and insolence toward God, for man to tamper with the literal meaning of scripture. Nor, will God ever consider it unintentional ignorance, or in any way innocent, or excusable.

The solemn warning against adding to, or taking away from the words of prophecy (or by implication any of God's words) in Rev. 22:18-19, while not addressed to believers, as threatening their eternal life, applies in principle as a forbidden act for Christians to seriously heed, as well.

Everything spiritual, by which the Arminian view of the gospel must be measured, weighs conclusively against its assumed credibility. In other words, none of its deviant "gospel" principles ever came from the mind of God, and are, therefore, only a product of the unspiritual thinking of a vast majority of Christians. Who, having betrayed their God-given trust, have allowed Satan to captivate their minds!

And so the church, in general, remains a mere shell of the original, and early church model. Having sold the truth, and bought the devil's lies, they show little sign of ever realizing, or even caring to hear about their pitiful state, from which they critically need to repent, and be reformed!

