## Debunking the Myth Of Today's Neo-Gospel

I have been engaged for many years, in relentless denunciation and criticism of the Arminian "gospel"indoctrination of the church. The arguments against the false theology are self-validating, because they are true expressions of related scriptural principles. There is, therefore, no justification for any toned-down objections, or respect for other opinions, or beliefs. Not when the heterodox, even heretical doctrine dominates the contemporary church. As such, it warrants words strong enough to expose and castigate if for what it is–a betrayal of trust, regarding the true gospel, and the main cause of the church's downfall.

Thinking of how Jesus dealt with <u>false teachers</u>, calling them scathing names, and warning believers to be on guard against them, and to resist them--ought to make Christians (especially leaders and teachers) very careful, and wary of the possibility of being guilty of contending against the truth. Particularly when the true meaning of the doctrine contained in the scriptures was faithfully upheld and followed by the early churches, and has been maintained by <u>literal</u> gospel believers throughout the church's history.

The conflict between the two sides of the controversy is not a matter of legitimate debate, but <u>dispute,and refutation</u> by the true faction, which is Calvinism. Divergent beliefs of doctrine cannot both be spiritually learned, or determined. The "new" man will not misinterpret doctrinal truth, as long as he purposely, and consciously "walks (thinks, and acts) in the Spirit." It is against the core principle of his new nature, when he is faithful to it, that he would fail to learn the absolute truth that God requires him to know.

What that implies, and has to be faced by Arminian believers, is that they did not learn what they have adopted as the gospel, from God. Which means that it comes from unspiritual, <u>manoriented</u> thinking, and from the devil, whom any Christian should realize is always trying to deceive us, and cause us to turn away from God–even as Israel was so often drawn into idolatry, by listening to, and following other voices than God's! There is no real difference in principle, or effect, between the two acts of unfaithfulness!

The problem that has existed for centuries is characterized by the perennial war of "flesh", and "Spirit", per Rom. 7, Gal. 5, etc. Summarily, then, Arminianism represents a corrupted form of the gospel produced by the mind of the flesh, or unspiritual, natural intellect! Which is, unfortunately, how most Christians live their lives, not seeming to know the difference between the two life principles. One, is according to the "<u>law</u> of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus", and the other, after "the <u>law</u> of sin and death."

Having been given the new life principle of the former, and <u>potential</u> deliverance from the latter (as they apply to our earthly existence), gospel liberalists choose instead, to continue living mostly the same way they always have! Knowing the customary language, and culture of the Christian life, but not truly committed to all the requirements of it. Especially, the importance

of learning doctrinal truths, and the principles for living faithful lives.

Representing false theology as the truth of God is not only reprehensible disobedience and disloyalty to God, it is the root of the universal unfaithfulness which has caused the church to be in spiritual decline for many centuries, having long ago lost the integrity and testimony of the early church era. In a few words, it is the unending, insidious work of <u>liberal gospel activism</u>, that has commandeered the church into its present corrupt state! And with a lot of it either orchestrated by Satan, or with him being delighted that he can taunt God that he has drawn so many believers away, with his wiles and craftiness. Although, it doesn't seem as if he had to work very hard to do it!

It is sad, and troubling to observe the fact that Arminian believers do not usually show any signs of turning to the true gospel, and renouncing their obsession with a radical misconception of it. Which belief system is not only full of erroneous, illogical assumptions, it is an unconscionable misrepresentation of the nature and character of God Himself, rendering Him to be subject to the will of man, even in man's fallen sinful condition. That would be a compromise of principle, or act of condescension, that can never rightly be ascribed to, or implied of God.

The concept defies the absolute monergistic principle involved in every doctrinal element of the gospel. Which means that every part of the salvation process, from conception to consummation, is a sovereignly independent work of God. There is no human factor involved that has any effect on it, including the fallacy of human belief being required, in order for one to become a Christian. God drafts chosen ones into his army of believers. No one can enlist, or otherwise gain admission! He makes them believers, by the direct, unconditional act of regeneration.

Why there seems to be an impenetrable wall between Calvinists and Arminians never ceases to baffle, and sometimes disturb me. Especially because I know with deep conviction, and certitude that one side is true, and the other is in radical error! Except for which is which, that should be an agreeable conclusion to you, too.

Once I got on the right side of the issue, it opened the door to eventually being able to see the consistently logical, and systematically harmonious principles of the gospel, as well as other doctrinal subjects. By which, I mean a fundamentally sound knowledge, regarding which, no serious change, or adjustment would ever be necessary, or even right to consider!

My extreme minority position in the gospel controversy, would, if it were a telling factor, make that claim appear very questionable, and doubtful. But, of course, it isn't-because truth stands on its own merits. It needs no human confirmation to establish its authenticity! The unending failure of the vast majority of the church to come to know the fully understandable truth, is frustrating to me. But, think of the incomparable disappointment it must be to God!

By His grace, I have been able to refute, and disprove every argument differing from the Calvinist gospel interpretations, which is not a competing interpretive position, but literally true gospel theology. And, there are volumes of expository writing down through the centuries that fully, and accurately show the fallacy of the whole Arminian scheme. And, so should every believer be able to prove the same thing. Because, other than the flimsy grounds of theoretical plausibility, which will not stand the scrutiny of careful examination, none of its faulty contentions have not been fully addressed, and settled, as false doctrine.

But, true to form, the gospel "according to man" continues to be the anathema of the unfaithful modern-day church, which plods on in its woeful ignorance, and betrayal of God's trust!

How sad it is, to note the parallel between Adam, and the church. Adam walked with God, spiritually, and then betrayed Him, breaking the innocent fellowship he had with Him (in the garden of Eden), by disobeying the choice he was given to become immortal, and in eternal cohabitation with Him. Most Christians, in whom the Spirit of God has been restored, may have briefly walked with God, but betrayed Him by perverting His gospel, thus breaking spiritual fellowship with Him, and participating in the doctrinal corruption of the church.

We have never walked, and talked with God personally, on earth. But a Christian's communion with him is in a spiritual dimension or realm, and no less real if we are faithful to Him. Can we at least establish that a wrong doctrinal belief, i.e., the gospel, misrepresents His word, and thereby dishonors Him? Doesn't that unfaithful act break fellowship with Him?

How can we obey His will in any other way, then, if we have disobeyed Him in that serious responsibility, and have never acknowledged, or repented from it? If "ignorance of civil law is no excuse", how much more binding on a Christian is the required obedience to the spiritual "law" of His word?

I have tried about every way I can think of to be a contemporary voice of truth, against Arminianism. And all to apparently no avail, because they have virtually insulated themselves against the very truth they falsely claim to represent! Ignorant, closed-minded, illogical, contrarian, and incorrigible, are all characteristics of the manner in which they represent their humanly contrived misconception of the gospel!

I read a particular statement in the bible today, in 1 Kings 8:14, what it says about David, "who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in mine eyes." Now, that doesn't mean that he never failed to keep that commitment, because we know he did–committing adultery with Bathsheba, and slaying her husband, Uriah! But, he repented from his sin, and was restored to his faithful relationship with God.

In comparison, or contrast, by my coming to know the literal truth of the gospel, and knowing that Arminians have not-tells me that there never was a continuing <u>spiritual</u> commitment by them, like David made to the Lord, or there would have been eventual realization of their unfaithful act, and subsequent repentance and reformation.

Which takes us back to the <u>root cause</u> of such a colossal, collective failure of practically the entire church. It is because most Christians continue to live according to the dictates of their old nature, the flesh, not by walking in the Spirit, which is their new nature.

That, by and large, has been the spiritually unhealthy, degenerate state of the church in general for centuries! To whom, God says, "(thou) knowest <u>not</u> that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and <u>blind</u>, and naked: I counsel thee to.....anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see." Rev. 3:17-18.

Though the church in general is as unaware of it, as it is of its gospel ignorance, there is not much more than superficial interest in spiritual matters. They think and act like they always did, and "never coming to the knowledge of the truth"–particularly the gospel.. I know that reference is related to apostates, but it definitely applies to the Arminian gospel dilemma!

And, from a well-known proverb, which to me is key to understanding the reason for the whole ongoing debacle, "There is none so blind, as he who <u>will not</u> see". That is, <u>refuses</u> to see! In other words, they want to keep their beliefs, and will not surrender their position, or even concede any of its faults. Because, if they really <u>wanted to know</u> the truth, they would come to it!

There should be no question that God would not make His word difficult to fully comprehend. It isn't even logically plausible that there is any uncertainty in any of His doctrines. To think that way is to cast aspersions against God's perfect ability to convey the intended meanings of His revelations.

There is no rational explanation for a Christian not to come to the right understanding of any doctrine except his own failure to learn it originally, and allowing himself to be influenced, and indoctrinated with false teaching (instigated, or exploited by Satan).