

Introductory Statement

What you will read—more like encounter—in the following writings will immediately stand out in sharp contrast to the conventional interpretations of the particular doctrines at issue. The position is not new, or a matter of personal opinion, but a contemporary presentation of the truths stated in earlier classic literary works by such notable authors as Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Gill, Charles Spurgeon, etc. While, therefore, the interpretations are not new, the effect is potentially revolutionary, in a church world entrenched in Arminian (free will) theology.

Please also believe that I take no pleasure in being at odds with most of the universal church. It has, in fact, often been a lonely and disheartening experience not to have had more mutual support and fellowship in these labors for the last nearly forty years.

On the surface—under the circumstances of the modern church gospel theology to the contrary—such unusually strong dissension with the status quo, radically strains normal credulity to think that such unconventional beliefs could be right, and the status quo wrong..

Until I became convinced of the correctness of what I had learned, I had similar feelings of doubt and wavering on the various issues. But now, having diligently and conscientiously studied the controversy for these many years, I believe that my conclusions are irrefutably sound interpretations of gospel doctrine. And this should not be anything unique to me, but a unified doctrinal position of the entire universal church!

Speaking again to the extreme minority position that I am in, I would offer a statement of justification that may sound pretentious or presumptuous—but the personal association I make is both humbling and a serious responsibility to maintain. This is because it involves the reformational effect of being realigned with the scripturally clear truth known as the apostles' tradition, established in the early church.

In other words, the pure gospel—transmitted intact from God, through Jesus, to the apostles, and from the apostles to the first church, in Jerusalem! And recorded in the scriptures for all subsequent churches (believers) to perpetuate.

Therefore, I ask you to honestly judge what I have written, and contend to be the truth, that the church is virtually bereft of, and sorely needs to reform itself from its Laodicean degeneracy.

Yes, it is hard truth (which is largely why it has been rejected, and modified for centuries), but it is God's word! Not only is it difficult to accept personally, or internally, in its literal meaning—it defines the language in which it must be expressed in the world. Any philosophizing, tampering with, or revising of it is strictly prohibited.

Try to comprehend the audacity of man editing the word of God! And yet that is exactly what has been done throughout the church's history. And finally, what good is the "comfort" (complacency) of majority consensus—when the creed (premise) itself is false?

The question, then, remains—whether you will stay in the majority ranks of the “.....poor, and blind, and naked”(of the truth and related righteousness) of Rev. 3:17, or will you be one of the few who might respond to God's call of: “Whosoever hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches”. Rev. 3 & 4.

In afterthought, I believe that most Christians—especially pastors, evangelists, teachers, etc. have seen the real truth as it is presented in the scriptures. And that they have struggled to accept it in its absolute terms—having also counted the cost of maintaining it openly in the church and the world.

They have lacked, or compromised the conviction and dedication to principle which is needed to be a proponent and promoter of the whole gospel, as it is literally rendered.

Rationalization, and subsequent capitulation has produced and perpetuated the revised, adulterated form of the gospel, historically known as Arminianism—which pervades and characterizes the church of today.

Only relatively few hold faithfully to the “apostles tradition”, which is the authentic gospel—unsullied and uncompromised.

But to its shame, most of the church does not have that testimony of fidelity to God's gospel truth, and to that extent, not to Him!

Once a Christian yields to his carnal side (his old nature), and allows his mind to doubt and critically question the strictest and strongest interpretation of God's word, he has taken steps on a dangerous path, or begun to slip his moorings!

Forsaking the “truth that set him free” (not the Lord directly, but His word), he has made himself subject to the wiles of that great deceiver, and enemy of our souls, Satan. Why do we seem to forget, or risk the fact, that the devil is always working to gain control of our thoughts; our minds?

That is how he worked on Adam and Eve, and succeeded—and has taken captive millions of believers, ever since.

If you properly believe in the sovereignty and immanent control of God over everyone, and everything, you know that Satan cannot have any ultimate, eternal effect on His plans, or administration of the universe.

But he (Satan) can radically affect the quality of Christian's lives, and church conditions—even at his will—but only if we let him. And we have let him, on an epic scale! Again, he cannot stop, or hinder God, but he can practically dominate, and ruin our earthly lives, and service to God, when we are out of His will, or fail to use our resources to resist him (Satan)..

He has lulled most of us into a false sense of wellbeing and security, who don't try to escape from him, because they don't even know that they are prisoners ("blinded", per Rev. 3:17).

Hopeless? Not ever; but we have to make the move to flee from him—away from doctrinal error, and back to the truth we abandoned and corrupted. It will not happen any other way!

May God help the church to recover its rightful heritage, and place of honor to Him!

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Position Summary

The material published herein is composed from a conservative vs. liberal position on the various issues discussed. The term “liberal” refers to the limited fundamentalism which characterizes the contemporary church; applying particularly to the radicalization of key salvation principles. Which development, if seriously wrong—as believed by the author, is a dishonor to God, and His word, and a corrupting indoctrination of the church.

Basis and authority:

The revelations of God, made known to man in the scriptures, which by logical thinking and reasoning under the spiritual tuition of God, are comprehensively complete and convincingly true—for the essential answers to the vital questions of life, which are common to all mankind.

Principles:

Absolute vs. relative; applying both to spiritual, and civil or constitutional matters affecting human affairs.

Essential elements of personal salvation:

1. Unmerited predestination of certain individuals.
2. Christ’s sacrificial atonement for the elect of item 1.
3. Regeneration of the elect, by direct independent act of God.

Gospel theology:

Calvinistic (original, monergistic) interpretations of scripture relating to salvation vs. Arminian (modern, synergistic) theological philosophy. That is, in other words, maintaining what the author believes to be the literal revelation of scripture. Which is that the sovereign grace of God is the only active factor in human salvation vs. the concept of the “free” will of man being a necessary and effectual component of the process.

Purpose of publication:

The cause of God, and His truth. That being a continual Christian responsibility, including “defense and confirmation of the faith”, and “rightly dividing the word of truth”; by diligent study, and uncompromising maintenance of a strict conservative position. Or, a voice for absolutist principles in a world dominated by various expressions of relativistic philosophy (including, sad to say, the historic humanizing of church doctrine, per Rev. 3 prophecy, etc.).

Most of the studies conducted and writings produced are interpersonal to the church at large, being essentially reformatinal in nature, and often controversial—dealing with the problems involved with the church degeneration, previously noted.

The world is full of Arminian, and other corruptions of biblical truths; which errors need to be

disputed. The writings of eminent authors (per preceding introductory statement) have been available for many years.

But sadly, again, there are relatively few contemporary voices continuing the cause. My commentary, therefore, is a current presentation of the truths contained in the aforesaid references.

Ideally, it would be advisable to keep these critical matters confined to the true church world, but the entrenchment of the erroneous theology, and resistance to dissension and reformative efforts make it practically impossible to accomplish anything correctional.

It has been my disappointing experience that most churches and individuals are not even approachable, let alone willing to conscientiously consider the arguments presented by the advocates of the Calvinist system of salvation theology (which is, by definition, biblical literalism)! And please believe, I have tried exhaustively—but to no avail.

They (the prevailing Arminian, free-willists) have not honestly nor logically debated their position (nor can they scripturally prove it), yet dismiss out of hand legitimate questions and dissenting commentary. Which, unfortunately, fulfills the negative church prophecy of Rev. 3:14-22; having, in fact, become the modern-day type of the degenerated Laodicean church.

May the reader (in such state—which is the vast majority) take heed, and repent while he still has the opportunity to avoid the corresponding shameful judgment that must otherwise be faced in that “day” to come! If ignorance, or misunderstanding is no legitimate excuse for disobeying laws in this life, then no such pleading in defense of mishandling the truth of God’s word will even be considered when we stand before him then

Everyone who has misinterpreted and misrepresented gospel doctrine, i.e., espousing the false concept of Arminian philosophy—which has pervaded the church for centuries—will suffer the painful indictment of being judged an unfaithful steward of God’s word; at least to that major extent!